



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-354

Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
Vice President and Chief Nuclear
Officer
Public Service Electric and Gas
Company
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Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE RELATING TO STAFF QUALIFICATIONS,
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, (TAC NO. 77231)

On July 17, 1990, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) requested a waiver of compliance from the provisions of Technical Specification 6.3.1; Unit Staff Qualifications.

Specifically, PSE&G requested temporary relief to the Technical Specification requirement that the General Manager - Hope Creek Operations (GM-HC) hold a NRC Senior Operator License (or have held a license or been certified at the plant or at an appropriate simulator.) This waiver will temporarily allow an individual who does not meet this requirement to fill this position, while the present GM-HC attends an off-site Management Development Program. PSE&G considers this replacement highly qualified and experienced. The requested period of the waiver is August 15, 1990 through December 1, 1990.

The conduct of operations at Hope Creek Generating Station is managed through a GM-HC (comparable to Plant Manager described in ANSI/ANS 3.1-1981), an Operations Manager, an Operating Engineer, and a Shift Supervisor. Except for the Plant Manager, these positions would remain filled by an individual possessing a SRO license.

PSE&G stated, in its July 17, 1990 submittal, that the education and experience of the intended replacement, which exceed the minimum requirements of ANSI/ANS 3.1-1981 for the position of Plant Manager, compensate for the lack of a SRO License. This situation, coupled with the depth of technical expertise available within the Operations Department, supports the continued safe operation of the Hope Creek Station.

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The staff has completed a review of your July 17, 1990 request and finds that:

1. Your basis for determining that the proposed change involves no significant hazards considerations is acceptable.
2. The proposed change does not involve any significant irreversible environmental impact.
3. The licensing basis is not adversely affected, and, therefore, your proposed temporary waiver of compliance is acceptable.

Accordingly, this waiver of compliance from the requirements of Technical Specification 6.3.1, Unit Staff Qualifications is granted. This waiver applies only to the General Manager - Hope Creek Operations position and is subject to the temporary replacement having the qualifications detailed in your July 17, 1990 submittal. This waiver of compliance is effective August 15, 1990 and expires on December 1, 1990.

Sincerely,



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