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Issues for Discussion in Upcoming Telephone Conference  
Related to PSEG License Change Request H00-07, dated November 29, 2000  
Hope Creek Generating Station  
Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM)

- 1) The submittal proposes to delete text in Technical Specifications (TSs) 3.4.1.1, 3.4.1.1.b, 3.4.1.1.c, and 3.4.1.1.d; Surveillance Requirements (SRs) 4.1.1.1.d, 4.1.1.4; and Bases 3/4.4.1. These changes relate to current restrictions on operation related to the power/flow map shown in TS Figure 3.4.1.1.1. Proposed Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.3.10.5 requires that the OPRM be verified to be enabled when power is greater than or equal to 30% of rated thermal power and the recirculation drive flow is less than or equal to 60% of rated core flow. Since the limits in SR 4.3.10.5 are different than those specified in Figure 3.4.1.1.1, clarify how operation using the OPRM will provide at least the same level of protection as that provided by the regions defined in Figure 3.4.1.1.1.
  
- 2) The submittal proposes to change TS 6.9.1.9 to state that core operating limits related to TS 3/4.3.10 (OPRM) will be documented in the core operating limits report (COLR). This TS relates to instrumentation requirements rather than core operating limits. Please identify those cycle-specific core operating limits, or setpoints applicable to this proposed change to the COLR.