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A copy of the Order is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reid, Chief
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY)	Dockets Nos. 50-280
Surry Power Station, Units Nos. 1 and 2)	and 50-281

ORDER FOR MODIFICATION OF LICENSE

I.

Virginia Electric and Power Company (the Licensee), is the holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-32 and DPR-37 which authorizes the operation of two nuclear power reactors known as Surry Power Station, Units Nos. 1 and 2 (the facility) at steady state reactor power levels not in excess of 2441 thermal megawatts (rated power). The reactors are pressurized water reactors (PWR) located at the Licensee's site in Surry County, Virginia.

II.

On August 24, 1977, the Commission authorized the installation of flow-limiting orifices in the discharge of the outside recirculation spray pumps for the facility and imposed limitations on certain operating parameters for the facility. These limitations were designed to assure adequate minimum flow of the containment recirculation spray pumps for design basis Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) conditions. One of these limitations was a minimum service water temperature of 55°F. The service water cools, through heat exchangers, the recirculating

containment spray water. Adequate service water cooling serves to limit the recirculating containment spray water temperature. The lower limit on temperature was intended to assure that containment depressurization rate did not result in an inadequate net positive suction head (NPSH).

By letter dated September 12, 1977, the licensee submitted the results of more complete analyses regarding the available net positive suction head for the low head safety injection pumps for interim operation of the plants. The methods used to calculate the containment pressure, containment sump temperature, and available NPSH have been reviewed for the North Anna plant and found to be acceptable. The same methods were used in the calculations for Surry. The licensee has shown acceptable NPSH to be available for the pumps, operating at a discharge flow rate of 3500 gpm, with a minimum service water temperature of 35°F. Based on our review of this information the staff concludes that there will be adequate NPSH available with a service water temperature of 35°F with the low head safety injection pumps limited to 3500 gpm discharge flow. The licensee's evaluation of long term operation is required to be submitted no later than November 22, 1977.

For the foregoing reason, it is concluded that a decrease in the minimum service water temperature from 55°F to 35°F will still provide adequate recirculation spray pump flow to assure that continued operation will not impose an undue threat to public health and safety.


Copies of the following documents are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and at the Swen Library, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia: (1) Letter from Licensee dated September 12, 1977, and (2) This Order for Modification of License, In the Matter of Virginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station Units Nos. 1 and 2, Dockets Nos. 50-280 and 50-281.

III.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's Rules and Regulations in 10 CFR Parts 2 and 50, IT IS ORDERED THAT Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-32 and DPR-37 are hereby amended by supplementing our August 24, 1977 Order for Modification of License to include the following limits on operation, effective immediately:

Service Water Temperature	35°F to 85°F
Containment Temperature	100°F - 125°F
Containment Air Partial Maximum Pressure	9.3 PSIA at 85°F service water temperature and 45°F RWST temperature. This value will vary in a manner similar to existing Technical Specification 3.8.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


Victor Stello, Director
Division of Operating Reactors
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated in Bethesda, Maryland
this 17th day of October 1977.