



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

PSEG NUCLEAR LLC  
DOCKET NO. 50-354  
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION  
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. NPF-57

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
  - A. The application for a license filed by the Public Service Electric & Gas Company, acting on behalf of itself and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees), complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
  - B. Construction of the Hope Creek Generating Station (the facility) has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-120 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act and the regulations of the Commission;
  - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);
  - D. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);
  - E. PSEG Nuclear LLC is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this license in accordance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - F. The licensee has satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations;
  - G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;

- H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of Facility Operating License No. NPF-57, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth in the Environmental Protection Plan attached as Appendix B, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
  - I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70.
2. Based on the foregoing findings and approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at a meeting on July 21, 1986, the License for Fuel Loading and Low Power Testing, License No. NPF-50, issued on April 11, 1986, is superseded by Facility Operating License NPF-57 hereby issued to PSEG Nuclear LLC (the licensee), to read as follows:
- A. This license applies to the Hope Creek Generating Station, a boiling water nuclear reactor, and associated equipment (the facility) owned by PSEG Nuclear LLC. The facility is located on the licensee's site on the east bank of the Delaware River in Lower Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey. The facility is located approximately eight miles southwest of Salem, New Jersey and is described in the PSEG Nuclear LLC Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended, and in the Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses:
    - (1) PSEG Nuclear LLC, pursuant to Section 103 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, use and operate the facility at the above designated location in Salem County, New Jersey, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
    - (2) Deleted
    - (3) PSEG Nuclear LLC, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended;

(13) Safety Parameter Display System (Section 18.2, SSER No. 5)

Prior to the earlier of 90 days after restart from the first refueling outage or July 12, 1988, PSE&G shall add the following parameters to the SPDS and have them operational:

- a. Primary containment radiation
- b. Primary containment isolation status
- c. Combustible gas concentration in primary containment
- d. Source range neutron flux

(14) Additional Conditions

The Additional Conditions contained in Appendix C, as revised through Amendment No. 135, are hereby incorporated into this license. PSEG Nuclear LLC shall operate the facility in accordance with the Additional Conditions.

(15) PSE&G to PSEG Nuclear LLC License Transfer Conditions

- a. PSEG Nuclear LLC shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the decommissioning trust is maintained in accordance with the application, the requirements of the Order Approving Transfer of License and Conforming Amendment, dated February 16, 2000, and the related Safety Evaluation dated February 16, 2000.
- b. The decommissioning trust agreement shall provide that:
  - 1) The use of assets in both the qualified and non-qualified funds shall be limited to expenses related to decommissioning of the unit as defined by the NRC in its regulations and issuances, and as provided in the unit's license and any amendments thereto. However, upon completion of decommissioning, as defined above, the assets may be used for any purpose authorized by law.
  - 2) Investments in the securities or other obligations of PSE&G or affiliates thereof, or their successors or assigns, shall be prohibited. In addition, except for investments tied to market indexes or other non-nuclear sector mutual funds, investments in any entity owning one or more nuclear power plants shall be prohibited.
  - 3) No disbursements or payments from the trust shall be made by the trustee until the trustee has first given the NRC 30 days notice of the payment. In addition, no disbursements or payments from the trust shall be made if the trustee receives prior written notice of objection from the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

APPENDIX C

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS  
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-57

PSEG Nuclear LLC shall comply with the following conditions on the schedules noted below:

<b>Amendment Number</b>	<b>Additional Condition</b>	<b>Implementation Date</b>
97	The Licensee is authorized to relocate certain Technical Specification requirements to licensee-controlled documents. Implementation of this amendment shall include the relocation of these technical specification requirements to the appropriate documents, as described in the licensee's application dated January 11, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated February 26, May 22, June 27, July 12, December 23, 1996, and March 17, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's safety evaluation attached to this amendment.	The amendment shall be implemented within 60 days from March 21, 1997
103	The licensee shall relocate the list of "Motor Operated Valves - Thermal Overload Protection (BYPASSED)" from the Technical Specifications (Table 3.8.4.2-1) to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, as described in the licensee's application dated July 7, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's safety evaluation attached to this amendment.	The amendment shall be implemented within 60 days from September 16, 1977.
105	The licensee shall use the Banked Pattern Withdrawal System or an improved version such as the Reduced Notch Worth Procedure as described in the licensee's application dated June 19, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's safety evaluation attached to this amendment.	The amendment shall be implemented within 60 days from September 30, 1997.
110	The licensee shall relocate the suppression chamber water volume, as contained in Technical Specifications 3.5.3.a, 3.5.3.b, 3.6.2.1.a.1 and 5.2.1 to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, as described in the licensee's application dated August 20, 1997, and evaluated in the staff's safety evaluation attached to this amendment.	The amendment shall be implemented within 60 days from November 6, 1977
114	The licensee is authorized to perform single cell charging of connected cells in OPERABLE class 1E batteries as described in the licensee's application dated September 8, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated December 8, 1998, and evaluated in the staff's safety evaluation attached to this amendment.	The amendment shall be implemented within 60 days from February 9, 1999.