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Dear Mr. Clayton:

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The amendment changes the low low steam generator water level reactor trip setpoint to compensate for high containment temperatures following a postulated high energy line break. A second change corrects an error in the minimum number of 600 volt load centers.

Copies of the Safety Evaluation and the Notice of Issuance are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. ¹⁵ to NPF-1
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Notice of Issuance

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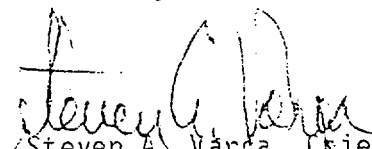
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ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-348

JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 15
License No. NPF-2

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Alabama Power Company (the licensee) dated August 30, 1980 (supplemented by letter dated March 31, 1980) and application dated June 2, 1980, comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment 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;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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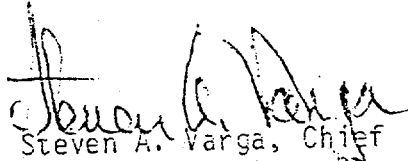
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 15, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Steven A. Varga, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #1
Division of Licensing

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: August 14, 1980

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 15 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-1

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Revise Appendix A as follows:

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TABLE 2.2-1 (Continued)

REACTOR TRIP SYSTEM INSTRUMENTATION TRIP SETPOINTS

<u>FUNCTIONAL UNIT</u>	<u>TRIP SETPOINT</u>	<u>ALLOWABLE VALUES</u>
13. Steam Generator Water Level--Low-Low	\geq 17% of narrow range instrument span--each steam generator	\geq 16% of narrow range instrument span--each steam generator
14. Steam/Feedwater Flow Mismatch and Low Steam Generator Water Level	$<$ 40% of full steam flow at RATED THERMAL POWER coincident with steam generator water level \geq 25% of narrow range instrument span--each steam generator	$<$ 42.5% of full steam flow at RATED THERMAL POWER coincident with steam generator water level \geq 24% of narrow range instrument span--each steam generator
15. Undervoltage-Reactor Coolant Pumps	\geq 2680 volts--each bus	\geq 2640 volts--each bus
16. Underfrequency-Reactor Coolant Pumps	\geq 57.0 Hz - each bus	\geq 56.9 Hz -- each bus
17. Turbine Trip		
A. Low Auto Stop Oil Pressure	\geq 45 psig	\geq 43 psig
B. Turbine Throttle Valve Closure	\geq 1% open	\geq 0.75% open
18. Safety Injection Input from ESF	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
19. Reactor Coolant Pump Breaker Position Trip	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

FARLEY - UNIT 1

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Amendment No. 15

TABLE 3.3-4 (Continued)

ENGINEERED SAFETY FEATURE ACTUATION SYSTEM INSTRUMENTATION TRIP SETPOINTS

<u>FUNCTIONAL UNIT</u>	<u>TRIP SETPOINT</u>	<u>ALLOWABLE VALUES</u>
6. Auxiliary Feedwater		
a. Steam Generator Water Level-Low-Low	\geq 17% of narrow range instrument span-each steam generator	\geq 16% of narrow range instru- ment span-each steam generator
b. Undervoltage - RCP	\geq 2680 RCP bus voltage	\geq 2640 RCP bus voltage
c. S.I.	see 1 above (all SI Setpoints)	

FARLEY - UNIT 1

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Amendment No. 15

ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

A.C. DISTRIBUTION - SHUTDOWN

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.8.2.2 As a minimum, the following train oriented A.C. electrical busses shall be OPERABLE and aligned to an OPERABLE diesel generator.

- 3 - 4160 volt Emergency Bus
- 4 - 600 volt Load Centers
- 2 - 120 volt A.C. Vital Busses

APPLICABILITY: MODES 5 and 6.

ACTION:

With less than the above complement of A.C. busses OPERABLE and energized, establish CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY within 8 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.8.2.2 The specified A.C. busses shall be determined OPERABLE and energized at least once per 7 days by verifying correct breaker alignment and indicated power availability.



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 15 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-2

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 50-348

1. Low-Low Steam Generator Water Level Reactor Trip Setpoint

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 30, 1980, supplemented by letter dated March 31, 1980 the licensee (Alabama Power Company) proposed changes to the Technical Specifications for the Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1. The changes would increase the low-low steam generator water level reactor trip setpoint from 15% to 17% of the narrow range instrument scale. The revised value of 17% includes an allowance of 5% for channel accuracy, 10% for post-accident environmental effects on the differential pressure transmitter, and 2% for reference leg heatup compensation.

DISCUSSION

High energy line breaks inside containment can result in heatup of the steam generator water level instrument's reference leg. Increased reference leg water column temperature will result in a decrease of the water column density with a consequent apparent increase in the indicated steam generator water level (i.e., indicated level exceeding actual level). This potential level bias could result in delayed protection signals (reactor trip and auxiliary feedwater initiation) that are based on low-low steam generator water level. For the case of a feedline rupture, this adverse environment could be present and could delay the primary signal arising from declining steam generator water level (low-low steam generator water level). High pressurizer pressure, over-temperature delta T, high containment pressure and safety injection are backup signals to steam generator water level with an adverse containment environment. For other high energy line breaks that could introduce a similar positive bias to the steam generator water level measurement, steam generator level does not provide the primary trip function and the potential bias would not interfere with needed protective system actuation.

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EVALUATION

Westinghouse (NSSS vendor for the Farley Plant) has advised that the potential temperature-induced bias described above can be compensated for by raising the steam generator low-low water level setpoint. Westinghouse has recommended a change in the allowable water level setpoint sufficient to accommodate the bias that could result from the highest containment temperatures possible prior to the occurrence of a containment high pressure trip. Based on the spectrum of steam line breaks for the Farley Nuclear Plant, this temperature is 238°F.

To correct the potential error, the licensee has added two inches of insulation to the reference leg to minimize the effect of adverse containment temperatures on the reference leg. The insulating material used is "Temp-Mat," a needled fiberglass insulation with no organic binder. The insulation is wrapped to prevent damage from condensation during an accident, protected from high energy line break jet impingement forces by physical location, and is qualified for use in a post-accident containment environment. Analyses, shown in the licensee's letter of March 31, 1980, have shown that with a boundary condition of 245°F, that after 5 minutes (the period of interest where the reactor trip function is needed) the total error resulting from the reference leg heatup is less than 2%.

Thus, the 2% increase in the low-low water level setpoint will provide a reactor trip and auxiliary feedwater initiation following a feedline rupture. The proposed change in setpoint will ensure that the trip setpoint maintains conservatism and compensates for the potential temperature induced error.

CONCLUSION

Based on our review of the licensee's submittals, the proposed changes to Table 2.2-1 and Table 3.3-4 of the Technical Specifications are acceptable.

2. Correction of Number of 600 Volt Load Centers

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated June 2, 1980, the licensee proposed a correction to Technical Specification 3.8.2.2. Another change relating to definition of the term "operable" contained in this same letter will be completed by separate amendment.

EVALUATION

Technical Specification 3.8.2.2 lists the train-oriented AC electrical buses which shall be operable during Modes 5 and 6. The list contains five 600 volt load centers. Farley Plant has only four 600 volt load centers. Thus, the licensee has proposed a pro-forma change. We concur that this was an obvious typographical error which is now being corrected.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

We have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4), that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Date: August 14, 1980

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-348ALABAMA POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 15 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-2 issued to Alabama Power Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Houston County, Alabama. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment changes the low-low steam generator water level reactor trip setpoint to compensate for high containment temperature following a postulated high energy line break. A second change corrects an error in the minimum number of 600 volt load centers.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since this amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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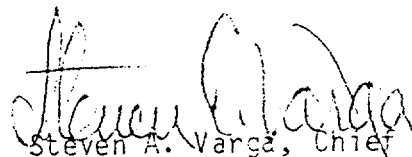
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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated March 30, 1979, supplemented by letter dated March 31, 1980 and your application dated June 2, 1980, (2) Amendment No. 15 to License No. NPF-2, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the George S. Houston Memorial Library, 212 W. Burdeshaw Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 14th day of August 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Operating Reactors Branch #1
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