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Sincerely,

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DUKE POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-369

McGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 167
License No. NPF-9

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility), Facility Operating License No. NPF-9 filed by the Duke Power Company (licensee) dated December 12, 1995, as supplemented by letter dated June 10, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as 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 set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - 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.

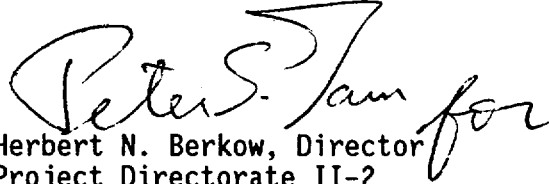
2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 167, are hereby incorporated into this license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Herbert N. Berkow, Director
Project Directorate II-2
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

Date of Issuance: July 2, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 167

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-9

DOCKET NO. 50-369

Replace the following page of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed page. The revised page is identified by Amendment number and contains vertical lines indicating the areas of change.

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POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

c. Performing the following calculations:

1. For each core location, calculate the % margin to the maximum allowable design as follows:

$$\% \text{ Operational Margin} = \left(1 - \frac{F_Q^M(X,Y,Z)}{[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP}} \right) \times 100\%$$

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where $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{OP}$ and $[F_Q^L(X,Y,Z)]^{RPS}$ are the Operational and RPS design peaking limits defined in the COLR.

2. Find the minimum Operational Margin of all locations examined in 4.2.2.2.c.1 above. If any margin is less than zero, then either of the following actions shall be taken:

(a) Within 15 minutes:

- (1) Control the AFD to within new AFD limits that are determined by:

$$(\text{AFD Limit})_{\text{negative}}^{\text{reduced}} = (\text{AFD Limit})_{\text{negative}}^{\text{COLR (3)}}$$

$$+ [\text{MARGIN}_{\text{OP}}^{\text{MIN}}] \text{ absolute value}$$

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$$- [\text{MARGIN}_{\text{OP}}^{\text{MIN}}] \text{ absolute value}$$

where $\text{MARGIN}_{\text{OP}}^{\text{MIN}}$ is the minimum margin from 4.2.2.2.c.1, and

- (2) Within 8 hours, reset the AFD alarm setpoints to the modified limits of 4.2.2.2.c.2.a, or
- (b) Comply with the ACTION requirements of Specification 3.2.2, treating the margin violation in 4.2.2.2.c.1 above as the amount by which F_Q^{MA} is exceeding its limit.

(3) Defined and specified in the COLR per Specification 6.9.1.9.



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DOCKET NO. 50-370

McGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 149
License No. NPF-17

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (the facility), Facility Operating License No. NPF-17 filed by the Duke Power Company (licensee) dated December 12, 1995, as supplemented by letter dated June 10, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
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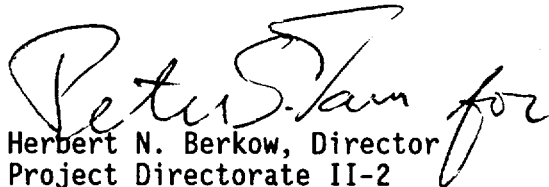
2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-17 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 149 , are hereby incorporated into this license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Herbert N. Berkow, Director
Project Directorate II-2
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Technical Specification
Changes

Date of Issuance: July 2, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 149

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-17

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 167 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-9
AND AMENDMENT NO. 149 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-17
DUKE POWER COMPANY
MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-369 AND 50-370

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 12, 1995, as supplemented by letter dated June 10, 1996, Duke Power Company (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise the absolute value in Axial Flux Difference (AFD) Equations to reflect the proper AFD limit reduction in the current TS.

During the processing of a TS amendment (Amendments 128/110 dated November 27, 1991), the licensee inadvertently made a typographical error and omitted the absolute value symbol on certain terms of the formula for the McGuire AFD Equations. The variance in the formula went undetected by the licensee personnel and the NRC throughout the submittal's review and approval by the NRC and it remained undetected until the latter part of 1995. However, the plant procedures in effect always implemented the AFD limit reduction correctly because the formula in the procedure did not contain this typographical error. The licensee submitted, by letter dated December 12, 1995, as supplemented by letter dated June 10, 1996, a proposed change to correct the inadvertent error in the formula in the TS.

2.0 EVALUATION

The formula in the TS is for monitoring core peaking factors to ensure accident analysis assumptions are satisfied during unit operation. The way this is done is by assuring that when the core peaking factor exceeds the TS surveillance limit the formula will reduce the core operating space so that any accident will remain within the bounds of the analysis. The use of absolute values for certain terms in the formula will ensure the proper reduction of operating space is reached.

3.0 STAFF CONCLUSION

The staff finds that the licensee's request for approval of the TS change because of the inadvertent error is acceptable for the reasons stated above.

4.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the North Carolina State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (61 FR 18166 dated April 24, 1996). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Principal Contributor: V. Nerses

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