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Subject: Core Operating Limits Report for Quad Cities Unit 2 Cycle 17

On February 12, 2002, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 was shutdown for Refuel Outage 16 (Q2R16). In accordance with Technical Specifications Section 5.6.5.d, the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for Quad Cities Unit 2 Cycle 17 is provided in Attachment A.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. W. J. Beck at (309) 227-2800.

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Attachment A: Core Operating Limits Report for Quad Cities Unit 2 Cycle 17

cc: Regional Administrator - NRC Region **III** NRC Senior Resident Inspector - Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Attachment A

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Quad Cities Unit 2 Cycle 17 2957MW_{th} Rated Power

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1. Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate

1.1 Technical Specification Reference

Sections 3.2.1 and 3.4.1.

1.2 Descriotion

Tables 1-1 and 1-2 are used to determine the maximum average planar linear heat generation rate (MAPLHGR) limit for each fuel type. Limits listed in Tables 1-1 and 1-2 are for dual reactor recirculation loop operation.

For single reactor recirculation loop operation (SLO), the MAPLHGR limits given in Tables 1-1 and 1-2 must be multiplied by a SLO MAPLHGR multiplier. The SLO MAPLHGR multiplier for ATRIUM-93 fuel is 0.84 (Reference 3 Section 16). The SLO MAPLHGR multiplier for GE14 fuel is 0.77 (Reference 3 Section 16).

Table 1-1

MAPLHGR Limits for SPC ATRIUM-9B Fuel ATRM9-P9DATB372-1 **1** GZ-SPCI OOT-9WR-144-T6-3916 ATRM9-P9DATB358-1 **1** GZ-SPC1 OOT-9WR-144-T6-3917 ATRM9-P9DATB383-1 **1** GZ-SPCI OOT-9WR-1 44-T6-3918 ATRM9-P9DATB381-13GZ-SPCIOOT-9WR-144-T6-3919 (Bundles 3916, 3917, 3918, & 3919, Bundle Types 3, 4, 5, & 6) (Reference 3 Section 16)

Table 1-2 MAPLHGR Limits for GE14 Fuel GE14-Pl ODNAB409-15GZ-10OT-145-T6-2507 GE14-PIODNAB406-16GZ-10OT-145-T6-2508 (Bundles 2507 & 2508, Bundle Types 20 & 21) (Reference 3 Section 16)

2. Minimum Critical Power Ratio

2.1 Technical Specification Reference

Sections 2.1.1.2, 3.2.2, 3.4.1, and 3.7.7.

2.2 Description

The various MCPR limits are described below.

2.2.1 Manual Flow Control MCPR Limits

The operating limit MCPR (OLMCPR) is determined from either Section 2.2.1.1 or 2.2.1.2, whichever is greater at any given power and flow condition.

2.2.1.1 Power-Dependent MCPR

For operation at less than 38.5% core thermal power, the OLMCPR as a function of core thermal power is shown in Table 2-4. For operation at greater than 38.5% core thermal power, the OLMCPR as a function of core thermal power is determined by multiplying the applicable EOOS condition limit shown in Table 2 1 or 2-2 by the applicable MCPR multiplier **Kp** given in Table 2-4. For operation at exactly 38.5% core thermal power, the OLMCPR as a function of core thermal power is the higher of either of the two aforementioned methods evaluated at exactly 38.5% core thermal power.

2.2.1.2 Flow-Dependent MCPR

Tables 2-6, 2-7, and 2-8 give the MCPR_F limit as a function of flow based on the EOOS condition. The MCPR_F limit determined from these tables is the flow dependent OLMCPR.

2.2.2 Automatic Flow Control MCPR Limits

Operation in the automatic flow control mode is only allowed during dual recirculation loop operation.

Automatic flow control limits are only provided for Option A scram speeds.

The operating limit MCPR (OLMCPR) is determined from either section 2.2.2.1 or 2.2.2.2, whichever is greater at any given power and flow condition.

2.2.2.1 Power-Dependent MCPR

For operation at less than 38.5% core thermal power, the OLMCPR as a function of core thermal power is shown in Table 2-5. For operation at greater than 38.5% core thermal power, the OLMCPR as a function of core thermal power is determined by multiplying the applicable EOOS condition limit shown in Table 2 3 by the applicable MCPR multiplier **Kp** given in Table 2-5. For operation at exactly 38.5% core thermal power, the OLMCPR as

a function of core thermal power is the higher of either of the two aforementioned methods evaluated at exactly 38.5% core thermal power.

2.2.2.2 Flow-Dependent MCPR

Table 2-6 gives the MCPR $_F$ limit as a function of flow. The $MCPR_F$ limit determined from this table is the flow dependent OLMCPR.

2.2.3 Option A and Option B

Option A and Option B refer to scram times.

Option A scram time is the Improved Technical Specification scram time. The core average scram insertion time for 20% insertion must be less than or equal to the Technical Specification scram time to utilize Option A MCPR limits. Reload analyses performed by Global Nuclear Fuel (GNF) for cycle 17 Option A MCPR limits utilized a 20% core average insertion time of 0.900 seconds (Reference 12 Page 6).

To utilize the MCPR limits for the Option B scram time, the core average scram insertion time for 20% insertion must be less than or equal to 0.694 seconds (Reference 12 Page 6). If the core average scram insertion time does not meet the Option B criteria, but is within the Option A criteria, the appropriate MCPR value may be determined from a linear interpolation between the Option A and B limits with standard mathematical rounding to two decimal places.

2.2.4 Recirculation Pump Motor Generator Settings

Cycle 17 was analyzed with a maximum core flow runout of 110%; therefore the recirculation pump motor generator scoop tube mechanical and electrical stops must be set to maintain core flow less than 110% (108.0 Mlb/hr) for all runout events (Reference 9 Section 15). This value is consistent with the analyses of Reference 5.

Table 2-1 MCPR Option A Based Operating Limits Manual Flow Control Operation (References 3 and 5)

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Table **2-3** MCPR Option A Operating Limits Automatic Flow Control Operation (References 3 and 5)

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Table 2-4 MCPRp for GE and SPC Fuel Manual Flow Control Operation

(Reference 5 Figures 2-1, 2-3, and 2-5, and Section 2.3.9)

Notes for Table 2-4:

• Values are interpolated between relevant power levels.

"* For thermal limit monitoring at greater than 100% core thermal power, the 100% core thermal power multiplier **Kp** should be applied.

- Allowable EOOS conditions are listed in Section 5.
- \bullet MCPR_P is independent of scram speed.

Table 2-5 MCPRp for GE and SPC Fuel Automatic Flow Control Operation

(Reference 5 Figure 2-1 and Section 2.3.9)

Notes for Table 2-5:

- Values are interpolated between relevant power levels.
- "* For thermal limit monitoring at greater than 100% core thermal power, the 100% core thermal power multiplier **Kp** should be applied.
- \bullet MCPR_p is independent of scram speed.

Table 2-6 MCPR_F limits for GE and SPC Fuel Dual Reactor Recirculation Loop Operation Except TCV Stuck Closed (Reference 5 Figure 3-2 and Section 2.3.9)

Table 2-7 MCPR_F for GE and SPC Fuel Single Reactor Recirculation Loop Operation Except TCV Stuck Closed (Reference 5 Figure 3-2 and Section 2.3.9)

Table 2-8 MCPR_F limits for GE and SPC Fuel Single Reactor Recirculation Loop Operation with TCV Stuck Closed (Reference 5 Table 2-16 and Section 2.3.9)

Notes for Tables 2-6, 2-7, and 2-8:

- * Values are interpolated between relevant flow values.
- Rated flow is 98 Mlb/hr.
- \bullet MCPR_F is independent of scram speed.

3. Linear Heat Generation Rate

3.1 Technical Specification Reference

Section 3.2.3.

3.2 Description

The LHGR Limit is the product of the LHGR Limit from Tables 3-1, 3-2, or 3-3 and the minimum of either the power dependent LHGR factor, LHGRFAC_P, or the flow dependent LHGR factor, LHGRFAC_F. The applicable power dependent LHGR factor (LHGRFAC_P) is determined from Tables 3-4 and 3-5. The applicable flow dependent LHGR factor $(LHGRFAC_F)$ is determined from Tables 3-6 and 3-7.

Table 3-2 LHGR Limits for GE14 Fuel GE14-P10DNAB406-16GZ-100T-145-T6-2508 (Bundle 2508, Bundle Type 21) (Reference 4 Page 3.4)

Table 3-3

LHGR Limits for SPC ATRIUM-9B Fuel ATRM9-P9DATB372-1 1GZ-SPC1OOT-9WR-144-T6-3916 ATRM9-P9DATB358-1 **1** GZ-SPC lOT-9W R-144-T6-3917 ATRM9-P9DATB383-1 1GZ-SPC1 OOT-9WR-144-T6-3918 ATRM9-P9DATB381-13GZ-SPCI OOT-9WR-144-T6-3919 (Bundles 3916, 3917, 3918, & 3919, Bundle Types 3, 4, 5, & 6) (Reference 6 Figure 2.1)

Table 3-4 **LHGRFACp** multipliers for **GE** and **SPC** Fuel Manual Flow Control

(Reference 5 Figures 2-2, 2-4, and 2-6)

Notes for Table 3-4:

- Values are interpolated between relevant power levels.
- For thermal limit monitoring at greater than 100% core thermal power, the 100% core thermal power LHGRFAC_p multiplier should be applied.
- * Allowable EOOS conditions are listed in Section 5.
- \bullet LHGRFAC_p is independent of scram speed.

Table 3-5 LHGRFACp multipliers for GE and **SPC** Fuel Automatic Flow Control (Reference 3 Page 62)

Notes for Table 3-5:

- Values are interpolated between relevant power levels.
- For thermal limit monitoring at greater than 100% core thermal power, the 100% core thermal power LHGRFAC_P multiplier should be applied.
- \bullet LHGRFAC_p is independent of scram speed.

Table 3-6

LHGRFAC_F multipliers for GE and SPC Fuel Except TCV Stuck Closed

(Reference 5 Figure 3-3)

Table 3-7 LHGRFAC_F multipliers for GE and SPC Fuel TCV Stuck Closed

(Reference **5** Table 2-17)

Notes for Tables 3-6 and 3-7:

- * Values are interpolated between relevant flow values.
- 98 Mlb/hr is rated flow.
- ***** For thermal limit monitoring at > 100% rated flow, the 100% rated flow multiplier should be used.
- LHGRFAC_F is independent of scram speed.

4. Control Rod Withdrawal Block Instrumentation

4.1 Technical Specification Reference

Table 3.3.2.1-1

4.2 Description

The Rod Block Monitor Upscale Instrumentation Setpoints are determined from the relationships shown below (Reference 7 Page 11):

The setpoint may be lower/higher and will still comply with the rod withdrawal error (RWE) analysis because RWE is analyzed unblocked.

The allowable value is clamped with a maximum value not to exceed the allowable value for a recirculation loop drive flow (W_d) of 100%

 W_d – percent of recirculation loop drive flow required to produce a rated core flow of 98 Mlb/hr.

5. Allowed Modes of Operation (B 3.2.2, B 3.2.3, B 3.7.7)

The allowed modes of operation with combinations of equipment out-of-service (EOOS) are as described below:

¹ Each OOS Option may be combined with up to 18 TIP channels OOS (provided the requirements for utilizing SUBTIP methodology are met) with all TIPS available at startup from a refuel outage, a 100°F reduction in feedwater temperature throughout the cycle (Final Feedwater Temperature Reduction or Feedwater Heaters **OOS),** and up to 50% of the LPRMs OOS with an LPRM calibration frequency of 2500 Effective Full Power Hours (EFPH) (2000 EFPH +25%).

² The base case condition requires the opening profiles for the Turbine Bypass Valves provided in Reference 10 (as evaluated per Reference 11) to be met. The base case condition also supports **1** Turbine Bypass Valve OOS (TBPOOS) if the assumed opening profiles (Reference 10) for the remaining group of Turbine Bypass Valves is met. If the opening profiles are not met (with 8 or 9 operating Turbine Bypass Valves), or if more than one Turbine Bypass Valve is OOS, utilize the TBPOOS condition.

3 Coastdown operation is defined as any cycle exposure beyond the full power, all rods out condition with plant power slowly lowering to a lesser value while core flow is held constant (Reference 8 Section 4.3.1.2.8). Up to a 15% overpower is analyzed per Reference 5.

⁴ This thermal limit set conservatively implements the TCV Slow Closure limits.

⁵The thermal limit sets indicated as applying to SLO (single loop operation) can be applied during dual loop operation (DLO). If the SLO set is used, then the limits are conservative relative to DLO.

6 If the Base Case (Option A or B) limit set is being used and the PLU is taken OOS for a surveillance and the surveillance is done at ≥80% rated reactor power and ≥80% rated reactor flow, an administrative limit of 0.89 on MFLCPR and 0.98 on FDLRX/MFPLD can be used instead of the PLUOOS SLO thermal limit set.

 $\frac{7}{1}$ Operation up to 108% rated core flow is licensed for this cycle.

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6. Methodology (5.6.5)

The analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits shall be those previously reviewed and approved by the NRC, specifically those described in the following documents:

- 1. NEDE-24011-P-A-14 (Revision 14), "General Electric Standard Application for Reactor Fuel (GESTAR II)," June 2000.
- 2. Commonwealth Edison Topical Report NFSR-0085, Revision 0, "Benchmark of BWR Nuclear Design Methods," November 1990.
- 3. Commonwealth Edison Topical Report NFSR-0085, Supplement **1** Revision 0, "Benchmark of BWR Nuclear Design Methods - Quad Cities Gamma Scan Comparisons," April 1991.
- 4. Commonwealth Edison Topical Report NFSR-0085, Supplement 2 Revision 0, "Benchmark of BWR Nuclear Design Methods - Neutronic Licensing Analyses," April 1991.
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- 18. ANF-524(P)(A), Revision 2 and Supplements 1 and 2, "ANF Critical Power Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors," November 1990.
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