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BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 DOCKET NOS. 50-325 AND 50-324/LICENSE NOS. DPR-71 AND DPR-62 APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REGARDING MISSED SURVEILLANCE USING THE CONSOLIDATED LINE ITEM IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.90, Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company is submitting a request for amendments to the Technical Specifications (TSs) for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The proposed license amendments would modify TS requirements for missed surveillances in Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.0.3.

Attachment 1 provides a description of the proposed change, the requested confirmation of applicability, and plant-specific verifications. Attachments 2 and 3 provide the existing Units 1 and 2 TS pages marked up to show the proposed change. Attachments 4 and 5 provide revised (typed) Units 1 and 2 TS pages. Attachment 6 provides a summary of the regulatory commitments made in this submittal. Attachment 7 provides the existing TS Bases pages marked up to show the proposed change (for information only).

CP&L requests approval of the proposed license amendments by September 9, 2002, with the amendments being implemented within 60 days of issuance of the amendments.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application, with attachments, is being provided to Mr. Mel Fry of the State of North Carolina.

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Please refer any questions regarding this submittal to Mr. David C. DiCello, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (910) 457-2235.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 1. Description and Assessment

- 2. Proposed Technical Specification Changes for Unit 1
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John S. Keenan, having been first duly sworn, did depose and say that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief; and the sources of his information are officers, employees, and agents of Carolina Power & Light Company.

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My commission expires: 8/29/04

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#### **DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT**

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# 1.0 DESCRIPTION

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The proposed amendment would modify Technical Specifications (TSs) requirements for missed surveillances in Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.0.3.

The changes are consistent with NRC approved Industry/Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) STS change TSTF-358 Revision 5, as modified by Federal Register Notice 66FR32400, of June 14, 2001, and in response to public comments. The availability of this TS improvement was published in the *Federal Register* on September 28, 2001, as part of the consolidated line item improvement process (CLIIP).

# 2.0 ASSESSMENT

## 2.1 Applicability of Published Safety Evaluation

Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company has reviewed the safety evaluation dated September 28, 2001, as part of the CLIIP. This review included a review of the NRC staff's evaluation, as well as the supporting information provided to support TSTF-358. CP&L has concluded that the justifications presented in the TSTF proposal and the safety evaluation prepared by the NRC staff are applicable to Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and justify these amendments for the incorporation of the changes to the BSEP, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 TSs.

## 2.2 Optional Changes and Variations

CP&L is not proposing any variations or deviations from the TS changes described in the fully modified TSTF-358 Revision 5 or the NRC staff's model safety evaluation dated September 28, 2001.

# 3.0 REGULATORY ANALYSIS

# 3.1 No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination

CP&L has reviewed the proposed no significant hazards consideration determination (NSHCD) published in the *Federal Register* as part of the CLIIP. CP&L has concluded that the proposed NSHCD presented in the Federal Register notice is applicable to BSEP, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and is hereby incorporated by reference to satisfy the requirements of 10 CFR 50.91(a).

# 3.2 Verification and Commitments

As discussed in the notice of availability published in the *Federal Register* on September 28, 2001, for this TS improvement, plant-specific verifications were performed as follows:

CP&L has established TS Bases for SR 3.0.3 which state that use of the delay period established by Surveillance Requirement 3.0.3 is a flexibility which is not intended to be used as an operational convenience to extend surveillance intervals, but only for the performance of missed surveillances.

The modification will also include changes to the Bases for SR 3.0.3 that provide guidance for surveillance frequencies that are not based on time intervals but are based on specified unit conditions, operating situations, or requirements of regulations. In addition, the Bases changes will state that CP&L is expected to perform a missed surveillance at the first reasonable opportunity, taking into account appropriate considerations, such as impact on plant risk and analysis assumptions, consideration of unit conditions, planning, availability of personnel, and the time required to perform the surveillance. The Bases will also state that the risk impact should be managed through the program in place to implement 10 CFR 50.65(a)(4) and its implementation guidance, NRC Regulatory Guide 1.182, "Assessing and Managing Risks Before Maintenance Activities at Nuclear Power Plants," and that the missed surveillance should be treated as an emergent condition, as discussed in Regulatory Guide 1.182. In addition, the Bases will state that the degree of depth and rigor of the evaluation should be commensurate with the importance of the component and that missed surveillances for important components should be analyzed quantitatively. The Bases will also state that the results of the risk evaluation determine the safest course of action. In addition, the Bases will state that all missed surveillances will be placed in the licensee's Corrective Action Program. Finally, CP&L has a Bases Control Program consistent with Section 5.5 of the Standard Technical Specifications.

#### 4.0 Environmental Evaluation

CP&L has reviewed the environmental evaluation included in the model safety evaluation dated September 28, 2001, as part of the CLIIP. CP&L has concluded that the staff's findings presented in that evaluation are applicable to BSEP, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and the evaluation is hereby incorporated by reference for this application.

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PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGES FOR UNIT 1

# 3.0 SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT (SR) APPLICABILITY

#### SR 3.0.1

SRs shall be met during the MODES or other specified conditions in the Applicability for individual LCOs, unless otherwise stated in the SR. Failure to meet a Surveillance, whether such failure is experienced during the performance of the Surveillance or between performances of the Surveillance, shall be failure to meet the LCO. Failure to perform a Surveillance within the specified Frequency shall be failure to meet the LCO except as provided in SR 3.0.3. Surveillances do not have to be performed on inoperable equipment or variables outside specified limits.

# SR 3.0.2

The specified Frequency for each SR is met if the Surveillance is performed within 1.25 times the interval specified in the Frequency, as measured from the previous performance or as measured from the time a specified condition of the Frequency is met.

For Frequencies specified as "once," the above interval extension does not apply.

If a Completion Time requires periodic performance on a "once per . . . " basis, the above Frequency extension applies to each performance after the initial performance.

Exceptions to this Specification are stated in the individual Specifications.

SR 3.0.3

Arisk evaluation shall be performed for any Surveillance delayed greater than 24 hours and the risk impact shall be managed.

If it is discovered that a Surveillance was not performed within its specified Frequency, then compliance with the requirement to declare the LCO not met may be delayed, from the time of discovery, up to 24 hours or up to the limit of the specified Frequency, whichever is tess! This delay period is permitted to allow performance of the Surveillance.

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PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGES FOR UNIT 2

# 3.0 SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT (SR) APPLICABILITY

#### SR 3.0.1

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**REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION PAGES FOR UNIT 1** 

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**REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION PAGES FOR UNIT 2** 

# 3.0 SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT (SR) APPLICABILITY

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If the Surveillance is not performed within the delay period, the LCO must immediately be declared not met, and the applicable Condition(s) must be entered.

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# **REGULATORY COMMITMENTS**

The table below lists actions committed to by Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company in this document. Any other actions discussed in this submittal represent intended or planned actions by CP&L. They are described for the NRC's information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Manager – Regulatory Affairs at the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant of any questions regarding this document or any associated regulatory commitments.

REGULATORY COMMITMENT	DUE DATE/EVENT
CP&L will establish Technical Specification Bases for SR 3.0.3 as adopted with the applicable license amendments.	Implemented with amendments.

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PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION BASES CHANGES FOR UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

# BASES (continued)

SR 3.0.3



SR 3.0.3 establishes the flexibility to defer declaring affected equipment inoperable or an affected variable outside the specified limits when a Surveillance has not been completed within the specified Frequency. A delay period of up to 24 hours or up to the limit of the specified Frequency, whichever is less, applies from the point in time that it is discovered that the Surveillance has not been performed in accordance with SR 3.0.2, and not at the time that the specified Frequency was not met.

This delay period provides adequate time to complete Surveillances that have been missed. This delay period permits the completion of a Surveillance before complying with Required Actions or other remedial measures that might preclude completion of the Surveillance.

The basis for this delay period includes consideration of unit conditions, adequate planning, availability of personnel, the time required to perform the Surveillance, the safety significance of the delay in completing the required Surveillance, and the recognition that the most probable result of any particular Surveillance being performed is the verification of conformance with the requirements.



When a Surveillance with a Frequency based not on time intervals, but upon specified unit conditions or operational situations, is discovered not to have been performed when specified, SR 3.0.3 allows the full delay period of 24 hours to perform the Surveillance.

SP/3.0.3 also provides a time limit for completion of Surveillances that become applicable as a consequence of HODE changes imposed by Required Actions.



Failure to comply with specified Frequencies for SRs is expected to be an infrequent occurrence. Use of the delay period established by SR 3.0.3 is a flexibility which is not intended to be used as an operational convenience to extend Surveillance intervals.

If a Surveillance is not completed within the allowed delay period, then the equipment is considered inoperable or the variable is considered outside the specified limits and the Completion Times of the Required Actions for the applicable LCO Conditions begin immediately upon expiration of the

# Brunswick Unit 1 TS Bases Page B 3.0-13 Inserts

#### Insert 1

When a Surveillance with a Frequency based not on time intervals, but upon specified unit conditions, operating situations, or requirements of regulations (e.g., prior to entering MODE 1 after each fuel loading, or in accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, as modified by approved exemptions, etc.) is discovered to not have been performed when specified, SR 3.0.3 allows for the full delay period of up to the specified Frequency to perform the Surveillance. However, since there is not a time interval specified, the missed Surveillance should be performed at the first reasonable opportunity.

SR 3.0.3 provides a time limit for, and allowances for the performance of, Surveillances that become applicable as a consequence of MODE changes imposed by Required Actions.

#### Insert 2

While up to 24 hours or the limit of the specified Frequency is provided to perform the missed Surveillance, it is expected that the missed Surveillance will be performed at the first reasonable opportunity. The determination of the first reasonable opportunity should include consideration of the impact on plant risk (from delaying the Surveillance as well as any plant configuration changes required or shutting the plant down to perform the Surveillance) and impact on any analysis assumptions, in addition to unit conditions, planning, availability of personnel, and the time required to perform the Surveillance. This risk impact should be managed through the program in place to implement 10 CFR 50.65(a)(4) and its implementation guidance, NRC Regulatory Guide 1.182, "Assessing and Managing Risk Before Maintenance Activities at Nuclear Power Plants." This Regulatory Guide addresses consideration of temporary and aggregate risk impacts, determination of risk management action thresholds, and risk management action up to and including plant shutdown. The missed Surveillance should be treated as an emergent condition as discussed in the Regulatory Guide. The risk evaluation may use quantitative, qualitative, or blended methods. The degree of depth and rigor of the evaluation should be commensurate with the importance of the component. Missed Surveillances for important components should be analyzed quantitatively. If the results of the risk evaluation determine the risk increase is significant, this evaluation should be used to determine the safest course of action. All missed Surveillances will be placed in the Corrective Action Program.

# SR 3.0.3 (continued)

delay period. If a Surveillance is failed within the delay period, then the equipment is inoperable, or the variable is outside the specified limits and the Completion Times of the Required Actions for the applicable LCO Conditions begin immediately upon the failure of the Surveillance.

Completion of the Surveillance within the delay period allowed by this Specification, or within the Completion Time of the ACTIONS, restores compliance with SR 3.0.1.

#### SR 3.0.4

SR 3.0.4 establishes the requirement that all applicable SRs must be met before entry into a MODE or other specified condition in the Applicability.

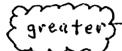
This Specification ensures that system and component OPERABILITY requirements and variable limits are met before entry into MODES or other specified conditions in the Applicability for which these systems and components ensure safe operation of the unit.

The provisions of this Specification should not be interpreted as endorsing the failure to exercise the good practice of restoring systems or components to OPERABLE status before entering an associated MODE or other specified condition in the Applicability.

However, in certain circumstances, failing to meet an SR will not result in SR 3.0.4 restricting a MODE change or other specified condition change. When a system, subsystem, division, component, device, or variable is inoperable or outside its specified limits, the associated SR(s) are not required to be performed per SR 3.0.1, which states that Surveillances do not have to be performed on inoperable equipment. When equipment is inoperable, SR 3.0.4 does not apply to the associated SR(s) since the requirement for the SR(s) to be performed is removed. Therefore, failing to perform the Surveillance(s) within the specified Frequency, on equipment that is inoperable, does not result in an SR 3.0.4 restriction to changing MODES or other specified conditions of the Applicability. However, since the LCO is not met in this instance, LCO 3.0.4 will govern any restrictions that may (or may not) apply to MODE or other specified condition changes.

# BASES (continued)

SR 3.0.3



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This delay period provides adequate time to complete Surveillances that have been missed. This delay period permits the completion of a Surveillance before complying with Required Actions or other remedial measures that might preclude completion of the Surveillance.

The basis for this delay period includes consideration of unit conditions, adequate planning, availability of personnel, the time required to perform the Surveillance, the safety significance of the delay in completing the required Surveillance, and the recognition that the most probable result of any particular Surveillance being performed is the verification of conformance with the requirements.



When a Surveillance/with a Frequency based not on time/intervals, but upon specified/unit/conditions or operational/situations,/is discovered not to have been performed/when specified,/SR 3.0.3 allows the full delay period of/24 hours to perform the Surveillance.

SR 3.0.3 also provides a time limit for completion of surveillances that become applicable as a consequence of MODE changes imposed by Required Actions.



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If a Surveillance is not completed within the allowed delay period, then the equipment is considered inoperable or the variable is considered outside the specified limits and the Completion Times of the Required Actions for the applicable LCO Conditions begin immediately upon expiration of the

# Brunswick Unit 2 TS Bases Page B 3.0-13 Inserts

#### Insert 1

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SR 3.0.3 provides a time limit for, and allowances for the performance of, Surveillances that become applicable as a consequence of MODE changes imposed by Required Actions.

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