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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONILLINOIS POWER COMPANY, ET AL.DOCKET NO. 50-461NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TOFACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No.6 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-62 issued to the Illinois Power Company* (IP), Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. and Western Illinois Power Cooperative, Inc., (the licensees), for operation of the Clinton Power Station, Unit 1, located in DeWitt County, Illinois.

This amendment consists of a change to Technical Specification Section 4.11.2.7.2 concerning radioactivity rate of noble gases from the off-gas recombiner effluent. Specification 4.0.4 states that entry into an OPERATIONAL CONDITION or other specified applicable condition shall not be made unless the Surveillance Requirement(s) associated with the Limiting Condition for Operation have been performed within the applicable surveillance interval or as otherwise specified. Specification 4.11.2.7.2 requires the radioactivity rate of noble gases from the off-gas recombiner effluent to be determined at two specified frequencies: (1) at least once per 31 days, and (2) within 4 hours following an increase of 50% in the indicated nominal

*Illinois Power Company is authorized to act as agent for Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. and Western Illinois Power Cooperative, Inc. and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation and maintenance of the facility.

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steady state fission gas release from the primary coolant (with certain provisions). The APPLICABILITY of this Specification (i.e., the applicable OPERATIONAL CONDITION) is "during operation of the main condenser air ejector."

Although it is readily apparent that Surveillance 4.11.2.7.2 cannot be performed until after entering the special applicable OPERATIONAL CONDITION, an exemption to Specification 4.0.4 has been approved for this surveillance in order to ensure compatibility between Specifications 4.0.4 and 4.11.2.7.2. The exemption formally allows the plant to enter the applicable OPERATIONAL CONDITION without having first performed the required surveillance.

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.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 16, 1988 (53 FR 4478). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact related to this action and has concluded that an environmental impact statement is not warranted because there will be no environmental impact attributable to the action beyond that which has been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the facility dated May 1982.

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For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated October 30, 1987, (2) Amendment No. 6 to License No. NPF-62, and (3) Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W.; and at Vespasian Warner Public Library, 120 West Johnson Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. 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 Reactor Projects.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 8th day of August 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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