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ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

DOCKET NO. 50-461

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 18 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.

The amendment consists of proposed changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) related to four issues. The first proposed change would allow the Clinton Power Station (CPS) to perform its first reactor refueling, in which new types of reactor fuel will be utilized, and to proceed with subsequent reactor operation with the reloaded core.

The reload for Cycle 2 is generally a normal reload with no unusual core features or characteristics. Proposed TS changes relate to Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (MAPLHGR) and Linear Heat Generation Rate (LHGR) limits for the new fuel, MAPLHGR and Minimum Critical Power Ration (MCPR) limits for all of the fuel using Cycle 2 core and transient parameters.

The second proposed change would permit CPS operation in the maximum extended operating domain (MEOD) with (a) up to a 50°F reduction in feedwater temperature and (b) elimination of APRM setdown.

^{*}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.

The MEOD includes expansion of the normal power/flow map into new regions. One region, which involves operation at rated power at lower than rated core flow rates, is called the extended load line region (ELLR). The other region, which involves operation at core flows at up to 107% of rated flow is called the increased core flow region (ICFR). Operation in the ELLR and ICFR permits greater operational flexibility and an improved unit capacity factor.

Reduced feedwater temperatures can arise from the inoperability or degraded performance of individual feedwater heaters or string(s) of feedwater heaters or by deliberate reduction of feedwater heating.

The third proposed change would revise the Remote Shutdown System Controls to include additional control switches for valves 1E12-F068B and 1E12-F014B and circuit breaker 252-AT1AA1.

Current operation of these components, when the normal control switch is inaccessible, requires them to be operated manually. The circuitry is therefore being modified to add control switches for these components. The addition of these control switches will enhance the operation of the Remote Shutdown System to the acceptable methods recognized by the NRC for satisfying GDC-19.

The fourth proposed change consists of several changes to the surveillance requirements for the jet pumps. One would allow present Surveillance Requirement 4.4.1.2 to be performed with THERMAL POWER in excess of 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER instead of the present prior to exceeding 25% OF RATED THERMAL POWER.

Another proposed change also revises Surveillance Requirements 4.4.1.2 by deleting the requirement that the recirculation flow control valves be in the same position when performing the surveillance.

The proposed changes also include combining the sections which currently and separately address single and double loop operation into a single section.

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 licensee's amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 22, 1988 (53 FR 47285). 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 determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the Environmental Assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of this amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated September 6, 1988 (2) Amendment No. 18 to License No. NPF-62, and (3) the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant

Impact. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC; 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, DC 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 31st day of January 1989.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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