



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

July 16, 1986

Docket Nos: 50-373  
and 50-374

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Dear Mr. Farrar:

Subject: Notice of Denial of Amendments - La Salle County Station,  
Units 1 and 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Notice of Denial of amendments. These proposed amendments would have changed the Technical Specifications: (a) to add fire detectors in fire zones 2C, 4C2, 3C, 4C3, and 6E to Unit 1 to demonstrate compliance with Operating License NPF-11 License Condition 2.C.(25)(c); and (b) for Units 1 and 2, to delete Action Statement 3.3.7.9b which requires return of instruments to an operable status or submitting a Special Report to the Commission when less than the minimum number of instruments (fire detectors) in a fire area are operable for more than 14 days. The staff has denied the latter change because no supportable bases have been provided for deleting the reporting requirement, and because the proposed change is not consistent with the present General Electric Standard Technical Specifications which require the above stated items, i.e. return of instruments to an operable status or submitting a Special Report to the Commission.

Sincerely,

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Notice of Denial

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY  
LA SALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2  
DOCKET NOS. 50-373 AND 50-374  
NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENTS TO  
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied in part requests by the licensee for amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18, issued to the Commonwealth Edison Company (licensee), for operation of the La Salle County Station, Units 1 and 2 located in La Salle County, Illinois. The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments was published in the Federal Register on April 9, 1986 (51 FR 12247).

The amendments proposed by the licensee would change the Technical Specifications: (a) to add fire detectors in fire zones 2C, 4C2, 3C, 4C3, and 6E to Unit 1 to demonstrate compliance with Operating License NPF-11 License Condition 2.C.(25)(c); and (b) for Units 1 and 2 to delete the Action Statement 3.3.7.9b. The licensee's reason for this proposed item b change is that: a) they will have the required special fire watch patrol at least once per hour in each such area with a deficient number of fire detection instruments, and b) this change is consistent with the General Electric (GE) Standard Technical Specifications (STS). However, the presence of the required special fire watch (3.3.7.9a) does not address the requirement for returning instruments to operable status or submitting a Special Report to describe the actions taken to restore the operability, the cause of the inoperability, and plans and schedule for restoring the instruments status if instruments are not operable after 14 days. In addition, the proposed

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change is not consistent with the present GE STS, NUREG-0123, Revision 3 which requires return of instruments to an operable status or the Special Report previously described. We discussed the deficiencies above with representatives of the licensee by phone. They acknowledged using outdated standard Technical Specifications. Further, the licensee concluded that modifying their request to include the excluded section of the Standard Technical Specification was not necessary at this time since they intended to withdraw all fire related Technical Specifications in accordance with the voluntary aspect given in Generic Letter 86-10, "Implementation of Fire Protection Requirements". The staff, therefore, denied the deletion of Technical Specification 3.3.7.9b on the basis of the above. Therefore, the licensee must abide by the previously issued Action Statement 3.3.7.9b.

By Aug. 21, 1986, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denials described above and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must comply with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 10 CFR Part 2, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Nicholas Reynolds, Esquire, Bishop, Liberman, Cook, Purcell and Reynolds, 1200 Seventeenth Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

For further details with respect to this action, see application for amendments dated March 4, 1986, as supplemented on March 20, 1986, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and at the Public Library of Illinois Valley Community College, Rural Route No. 1, Oglesby, Illinois 61348.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1986.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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