

September 15, 1997

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS (TAC NOS. M99125 AND M99126)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Docket Nos. 50-373, 50-374

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LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 120
License No. NPF-11

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee), dated July 1, 1997, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the enclosure to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C.(2) of the Facility Operating License No. NPF-11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 120 , and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 120

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ACTION

1.1 ACTION shall be that part of a Specification which prescribes remedial measures required under designated conditions.

AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE

1.2 The AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE shall be applicable to a specific planar height and is equal to the sum of the exposure of all the fuel rods in the specified bundle at the specified height divided by the number of fuel rods in the fuel bundle.

AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE

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CHANNEL CALIBRATION

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CHANNEL CHECK

1.5 A CHANNEL CHECK shall be the qualitative assessment of channel behavior during operation by observation. This determination shall include, where possible, comparison of the channel indication and/or status with other indications and/or status derived from independent instrument channels measuring the same parameter.

CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST

1.6 A CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST shall be:

- a. Analog channels - the injection of a simulated signal into the channel as close to the sensor as practicable to verify OPERABILITY including alarm and/or trip functions and channel failure trips.
- b. Bistable channels - the injection of a simulated signal into the sensor to verify OPERABILITY including alarm and/or trip functions.

The CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping, or total channel steps such that the entire channel is tested.

TABLE 3.3.2-1 (Continued)

ISOLATION ACTUATION INSTRUMENTATION

<u>TRIP FUNCTION</u>	<u>VALVE GROUPS OPERATED BY SIGNAL</u>	<u>MINIMUM OPERABLE CHANNELS PER TRIP SYSTEM (b)</u>	<u>APPLICABLE OPERATIONAL CONDITION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
5. <u>RHR SYSTEM STEAM CONDENSING MODE ISOLATION</u>				
a. RHR Equipment Area Δ Temperature - High	8	1/RHR area	1, 2, 3	22
b. RHR Area Temperature - High	8	1/RHR area	1, 2, 3	22
c. RHR Heat Exchanger Steam Supply Flow - High	8	1	1, 2, 3	22
6. <u>RHR SYSTEM SHUTDOWN COOLING MODE ISOLATION</u>				
a. Reactor Vessel Water Level - Low, Level 3	6	2	1, 2, 3	25
b. Reactor Vessel (RHR Cut-in Permissive) Pressure - High	6	1	1, 2, 3	25
c. RHR Pump Suction Flow - High	6	1	1, 2, 3	25
d. RHR Area Temperature - High	6	1/RHR area	1, 2, 3	25
e. RHR Equipment Area ΔT - High	6	1/RHR area	1, 2, 3	25
B. <u>MANUAL INITIATION</u>				
1. Inboard Valves	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	1/group	1, 2, 3	26
2. Outboard Valves	1, 2, 5, 6	1/group	1, 2, 3	26
3. Inboard Valves	4 ^{(c)(d)}	1/group	1, 2, 3 and **, #	26
4. Outboard Valves	4 ^{(c)(e)}	1/group	1, 2, 3 and **, #	26
5. Inboard Valves	3, 8, 9	1/valve	1, 2, 3	26
6. Outboard Valves	3, 8, 9	1/valve	1, 2, 3	26
7. Outboard Valve	8 ^(h)	1/group	1, 2, 3	26

TABLE 3.3.6-1

CONTROL ROD WITHDRAWAL BLOCK INSTRUMENTATION

<u>TRIP FUNCTION</u>	<u>MINIMUM OPERABLE CHANNELS PER TRIP FUNCTION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1. <u>ROD BLOCK MONITOR(a)</u>			
a. Upscale	2	1*	60
b. Inoperative	2	1*	60
c. Downscale	2	1*	60
2. <u>APRM</u>			
a. Flow Biased Simulated Thermal Power-Upscale	4	1	61
b. Inoperative	4	1, 2, 5	61
c. Downscale	4	1	61
d. Neutron Flux-High	4	2, 5	61
3. <u>SOURCE RANGE MONITORS</u>			
a. Detector not full in(b)	3	2	61
	2	5	61
b. Upscale(c)	3	2	61
	2	5	61
c. Inoperative(c)	3	2	61
	2	5	61
d. Downscale(d)	3	2	61
	2	5	61
4. <u>INTERMEDIATE RANGE MONITORS</u>			
a. Detector not full in	6	2, 5	61
b. Upscale	6	2, 5	61
c. Inoperative	6	2, 5	61
d. Downscale(e)	6	2, 5	61
5. <u>SCRAM DISCHARGE VOLUME</u>			
a. Water Level-High	2	1, 2, 5**	62
b. Scram Discharge Volume Switch in Bypass	1	5**	62
6. <u>RECIRCULATION FLOW UNIT</u>			
a. Upscale	2	1	62
b. Inoperative	2	1	62
c. Comparator	2	1	62

3/4.3 INSTRUMENTATION

BASES

3/4.3.1 REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM INSTRUMENTATION

The reactor protection system automatically initiates a reactor scram to:

- a. Preserve the integrity of the fuel cladding.
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This specification provides the limiting conditions for operation necessary to preserve the ability of the system to perform its intended function even during periods when instrument channels may be out of service because of maintenance. When necessary, one channel may be made inoperable for brief intervals to conduct required surveillance.

The reactor protection system is made up of two independent trip systems. There are usually four channels to monitor each parameter with two channels in each trip system. The outputs of the channels in a trip system are combined in a logic so that either channel will trip that trip system. The tripping of both trip systems will produce a reactor scram. The system meets the intent of IEEE-279, 1971, for nuclear power plant protection systems. Specified surveillance intervals and surveillance and maintenance outage times have been determined in accordance with NEDC-30851P-A, "Technical Specification Improvement Analyses for BWR Reactor Protection System", March 1988, and MDE-83-0485 Revision 3, "Technical Specification Improvement Analysis for the Reactor Protection System for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2", April 1991. The bases for the trip settings of the PRS are discussed in the bases for Specification 2.2.1. When a channel is placed in an inoperable status solely for performance of required surveillances, entry into LCO and required ACTIONS may be delayed, provided the associated function maintains RPS trip capability.

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As stated in Note * of Table 3.3.1-2, Neutron detectors are exempt from response time testing. In addition, for Functional Units 3 and 4, per Note ##, the associated sensors are not required to be response time tested. For these



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LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 105
License No. NPF-18

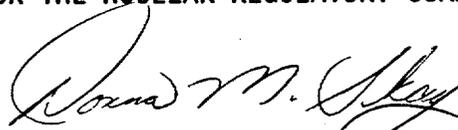
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 120 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-11 AND
AMENDMENT NO. 105 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-18
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-373 AND 50-374

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated July 1, 1997, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) submitted a request to modify the LaSalle, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed changes revise the definition of Channel Calibration and correct miscellaneous errors in the TS.

2.0 EVALUATION

2.1 Definition of Channel Calibration

The definition of Channel Calibration in Section 1.4 of the TS states that a calibration consists of the adjustment of the channel output such that it responds with the necessary range and accuracy. However, thermocouple and RTD sensors, which are required by TS to be calibrated, are not adjustable and in some cases not accessible. The current TS definition was derived from NUREG-0123, "BWR 5 Standard Technical Specifications." The licensee proposes to modify the definition to be consistent with the wording in NUREG-1434, "Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric Plants, BWR/6."

The revised definition of Channel Calibration will include the following statement: "Calibration of instrument channels with resistance temperature detector (RTD) or thermocouple sensors may consist of an in-place qualitative assessment of sensor behavior and normal calibration of the remaining adjustable devices in the channel." The licensee currently uses an in-place qualitative assessment for these sensors and, therefore, the change to the TS will not change current practice. The proposed change will allow compliance with the TS definition and is consistent with NUREG-1434. Therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

2.2 Editorial Corrections

Manually Initiated Isolation Valves

TS Table 3.3.2-1, Isolation Actuation Instrumentation - B. Manual Initiation, lists the valve groups which are manually closed to provide primary

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containment isolation. TS 3.3.2 requires that a minimum number of channels of actuation instrumentation for these valves be operable. The table lists valve group 7 under both inboard and outboard valves. Table 4.3.2-1 requires a channel functional test for these valves on a refueling outage frequency. The licensee proposes to delete group 7 from the outboard manual isolation function.

Valve group 7 contains the valves for isolation of the Traversing Incore Probe (TIP) system. TIP system isolation consists of two valves outside of primary containment for each of five penetrations. The inboard isolation valve is a ball valve that automatically closes due to reactor vessel water level low and drywell pressure high. The inboard valves also close on a manual initiation signal and valve group 7 is correctly listed under B.1, Inboard Valves. The outboard isolation valves for the TIP system penetrations are explosive squib valves. These valves would be actuated using a keylock switch in the main control room if the TIP does not withdraw to allow closure of the associated ball valve. These valves are not actuated by the primary containment manual isolation logic since they are only actuated if the TIP fails to withdraw following receipt of a valid isolation actuation signal. Therefore, inclusion of these under TS 3/4.3.2 is inappropriate. The outboard isolation squib valves will continue to be required to be operable by TS 3.6.3, "Primary Containment Isolation Valves" and verified operable by TS 4.6.3.5. Inclusion of valve group 7 under B.2, Outboard Valves, is an administrative error that has existed since initial licensing. Based on the above, the deletion of valve group 7 from Table 3.3.2-1, Trip Function B.2, is acceptable.

IRM Rod Block

TS Table 3.3.6-1, "Control Rod Withdrawal Block Instrumentation", Trip Function 4.a, Intermediate Range Monitors (IRM), Detector not full-in, provides the applicable conditions and minimum operable channels for this rod block. The purpose of the IRM detector not-full-in rod block is to assure that no control rod is withdrawn during low neutron flux level operations (during refuel and startup modes) unless proper neutron monitoring capability is available in that all IRM detectors are correctly located. The Table currently has a note (e) associated with trip function 4.a. Note (e) states that this function shall be automatically bypassed when the IRM channels are on range 1. The licensee proposes to delete the reference to note (e) in trip function 4.a.

The IRM detector not-full-in rod block is required to be functioning whenever the IRMs are required to be operable, this is, in operational conditions 2 and 5. There is no automatic bypass installed for this rod block other than the reactor mode switch in Run position which bypasses all IRM trip functions. Therefore, note (e) has never been applicable to this trip function and its inclusion in this TS was an administrative error. Based on the above, the deletion of note (e) from Table 3.3.6-1, trip function 4.a, is acceptable.

Bases Change

TS Bases Section 3/4.3.1, Reactor Protection System Instrumentation, has a typographical error. The fifth paragraph of this section refers to Note #, which is applicable to Table 3.3.1-2, Functional Units 3 and 4. TS Table 3.3.1-2, Functional Units 3 and 4, are modified only by note ##. Therefore, the reference to Note # is a typographical error. Therefore, replacing Note # with Note ## in this Bases section is acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Illinois State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change a requirement with respect to the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (62 FR 40848). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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