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Docket Nos. 50-237

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Dear Mr. Kovach:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT (TAC NO. M83400)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 117 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-19 for Dresden Unit 2. The amendment is in response to your application dated April 24, 1992, as supplemented May 13, 1992.

The amendment clarifies the reporting requirements of Section 2.G of Facility Operating License No. DPR-19.

A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. The Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 117 to DPR-19
2. Safety Evaluation

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COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-237

DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 117  
License No. DPR-19

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for amendment by the Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) dated April 24, 1992, as supplemented May 13, 1992, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and 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 rules and 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;
  - 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, paragraphs 2.C.(2) and 2.G. of Facility Operating License No. DPR-19 are hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 117, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

- G. The licensee shall report any violations of the requirements contained in Section 2, Items C(1), C(3), and C(4) of this license in the following manner: initial notification shall be made within 24 hours to the NRC Operations Center via the Emergency Notification System with written follow-up within 30 days in accordance with the procedures described in 10 CFR 50.73(b), (c), and (e).
3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Richard J. Barrett, Director  
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Division of Reactor Projects - III/IV/V  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:  
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No. DPR-19

Date of Issuance: July 24, 1992

These exemptions granted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12 are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. With these exemptions, the facility will operate, to the extent authorized herein, in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

- E. Commonwealth Edison Company shall implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the approved fire protection program as described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report for the facility and as approved in the Safety Evaluation Reports dated March 22, 1978 with supplements dated December 2, 1980, and February 12, 1981; January 19, 1983; July 17, 1987; September 28, 1987; and January 5, 1989, subject to the following provision:

The licensee may make changes to the approved fire protection program without prior approval of the Commission only if those changes would not adversely affect the ability to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire.

- F. The licensee shall fully implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the Commission approved physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans including amendments made pursuant to provisions of the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements revisions to 10 CFR 73.55 (51 FR 27817 and 27822) and to the authority of 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p). The plans, which contain Safeguards Information protected under 10 CFR 73.21, are entitled: "Dresden Nuclear Power Station Security Plan," with revisions submitted through October 30, 1990; "Dresden Nuclear Power Station Security Personnel Training and Qualification Plan," with revisions submitted through October 30, 1990; and "Dresden Nuclear Power Station Safeguards Contingency Plan," with revisions submitted through October 30, 1990. Changes made in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55 shall be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth therein.
- G. The licensee shall report any violations of the requirements contained in Section 2, Items C(1), C(3), and C(4) of this license in the following manner: initial notification shall be made within 24 hours to the NRC Operations Center via the Emergency Notification System with written follow-up within 30 days in accordance with the procedures described in 10 CFR 50.73(b), (c), and (e).
- H. The licensee shall have and maintain financial protection of such type and in such amounts as the Commission shall require in accordance with Section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to cover public liability claims.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 117 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-19  
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY  
DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-237

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated April 24, 1992, Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee or CECO) proposed a change to Facility Operating License No. DPR-19 for Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2. Supplemental information was provided in a letter dated May 13, 1992. The proposed amendment clarifies the reporting requirements of Section 2.G of Facility Operating License No. DPR-19. The staff's review of the acceptability of this proposed change for Dresden, Unit 2, is addressed in this safety evaluation.

2.0 EVALUATION

Section 2.G of the Dresden, Unit 2, license, as currently written, does not clearly define Dresden's responsibility for reporting violations of the Technical Specification's identified in Section 2.C.(2) of the license. The wording in Section 2.G can be interpreted as requiring additional reporting requirements beyond those specified within the Technical Specifications. Since the issuance of the Full-Term Operating License (FTOL), on February 20, 1991, Dresden has taken a conservative approach and is reporting violations that are not required by the Technical Specifications.

CECO has proposed changing Section 2.G of the Dresden, Unit 2, license to clarify the reporting requirements. The proposed license change is specified as follows:

- 2.G The licensee shall report any violations of the requirements contained in Section 2, Items C(1), C(3), and C(4) of this license in the following manner: initial notification shall be made within 24 hours to the NRC Operations Center via the Emergency Notification System with written follow-up within 30 days in accordance with the procedures described in 10 CFR 50.73(b), (c), and (e).

The staff has reviewed CECO's proposed change and agrees that it was never the intent of Section 2.G to require additional reporting requirements beyond those already specified within the Technical Specifications. The reporting requirements for violations of the Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A to the license (Technical Specifications) states that events will

be reported in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73. In addition, immediate notification of reportable events is required under 10 CFR 50.72. Although the wording in Section 2.G of the license can be interpreted as including additional reporting requirements beyond those specified in the Technical Specifications, this was not the staff's intention. The FTOL's for some of the newer plants (i.e., Comanche Peak, Grand Gulf) specifically exclude Technical Specifications (Section 2.C.(2)) from the reporting requirements of the remaining items specified in Section 2.C. This clearly supports the staff's interpretation of the Technical Specification reporting requirements. Based on this evaluation the staff has determined the rewording of Section 2.G of the license, as proposed by CECO, 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

This amendment relates to changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

### 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.

Principal Contributor: B. Siegel

Date: July 24, 1992