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MEMORANDUM TO: Biweekly Notice Coordinator

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE - NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE, PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING (TAC NOS. MA1937, MA1938, MA1966 AND MA1967)

Commonwealth Edison Company, Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249, Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, Grundy County, Illinois

Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Rock Island County, Illinois

Date of application for amendment request: May 18, 1998

Description of amendment request: Change various technical specification (TS) values to conservatively reflect design values. These TS values affect: 1) 125/250 volts direct current (Vdc) electrolyte temperature; 2) control rod drive accumulator pressure; 3) standby liquid control solution temperature; 4) ultimate heat sink minimum water level; 5) shutdown suppression chamber level (Quad Cities only); and 6) degraded voltage setpoint (Quad Cities only).

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

Does the change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

30 The change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. The proposed changes to

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certain Technical Specification acceptance values are conservative and serve to ensure operability of equipment important to safety. By ensuring equipment availability, the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated are not increased. In addition, the proposed changes have no impact on any initial condition assumptions for accident scenarios. Onsite or offsite dose consequences resulting from an event previously evaluated are not affected by this proposed amendment request.

Accordingly, there is no significant change in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Does the change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

The proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. The proposed license amendment provides changes in certain Technical Specification values to restore margin and ensure equipment operability. Each proposed change is conservative with respect to current requirements. The proposed amendment does not involve any plant physical changes that would create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

Does the change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

The proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. In fact, the proposed changes restore margin and ensure equipment operability. Since the changes maintain the necessary level of system reliability, they do not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

Therefore, the change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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