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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS (TAC NOS. M96347 AND M96348)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

- Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 151 to DPR-19
- 2. Amendment No. 146 to DPR-25
- 3. 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. 151
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 August 16, 1996, 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, the license is amended by changes to paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-19 and is hereby amended to read as follows:

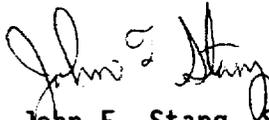
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(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No.151 , are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance and shall be implemented on or before January 15, 1997.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-249

DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 146
License No. DPR-25

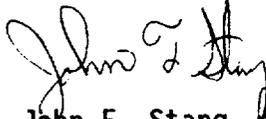
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 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to paragraph 3.B. of Facility Operating License No. DPR-25 and is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 146, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance and shall be implemented on or before January 15, 1997.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 151 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-19
AND AMENDMENT NO. 146 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-25
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3
DOCKET NOS. 50-237 AND 50-249

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 16, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) submitted an amendment requesting to extend the implementation of the entire Dresden, Units 2 and 3, Technical Specification Upgrade Program (TSUP) which had been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC staff. The licensee requested extending the implementation of the TSUP from September 26, 1996, until January 15, 1997.

2.0 EVALUATION

As a result of findings by a Diagnostic Evaluation Team inspection performed by the NRC staff at the Dresden Nuclear Power Station in 1987, ComEd made a decision that both the Dresden Nuclear Power Station and sister site Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, needed attention focused on the existing custom Technical Specifications (TS) used at the sites. The licensee made the decision to initiate a TSUP for both Dresden and Quad Cities and upgrade the existing TS at both sites.

The TSUP for Dresden and Quad Cities is not a complete adoption of the Standard Technical Specifications (STS). The TSUP focuses on (1) integrating additional information such as equipment operability requirements during shutdown conditions, (2) clarifying requirements such as limiting conditions for operations and actions statements utilizing STS terminology, (3) deleting superseded requirements and modifications to the TS based on the licensee's responses to Generic Letters (GL), and (4) relocating specific items to more appropriate TS locations.

The staff reviewed and approved approximately 17 amendments as part of TSUP. The last amendment in the TSUP was approved on June 28, 1996. This amendment required that the new TS for Dresden, Units 2 and 3, had to be implemented within 90 days (September 26, 1996).

The licensee's plans to implement the TSUP TS were strategically linked to the following plant configuration: (1) after completion of Dresden, Unit 2, refueling outage, D2R14, (2) both units above 30 percent rated reactor power,

and (3) prior to the next Unit 3 refueling outage, D3R14, currently scheduled for March 1997.

The Dresden, Unit 2, refueling outage ended on April 25, 1996. However, Unit 2 was in a forced maintenance outage from May 31, 1996, until August 27, 1996. Unit 3 has been in a forced outage since June 21, 1996, to allow for the inspection and correction of deficiencies found in safety related breakers on Unit 2. The unit is currently scheduled to resume power operation on September 21, 1996. The forced outages have prevented both units from being above 30 percent power prior to September 26, 1996. For this reason the licensee has requested to extend the implementation of the TS until January 15, 1997.

Deferring implementation until both units are greater than 30 percent power reduces any unforeseen and unnecessary operator challenges during the transition from the current TS to the new TS approved under the TSUP. Reactor startup periods require the full attention of the operations staff. Although training and planning for the implementation of the new TS has taken place at Dresden, elimination of any additional extraneous factors (i.e., TSUP implementation), from the plant startup and power ascension testing would be desired. The current TS for Dresden will continue to provide adequate assurance that plant safety margins are maintained.

Based on the above, the staff finds that deferring the implementation of the TS approved under the TSUP from September 26, 1996, until January 15, 1997, 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 43391). 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.

Principal Contributor: John Stang

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