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SUBJECT: WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION - AMENDMENT NO. 89 TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-42 (TAC NO. M89578)

Dear Mr. Carns:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 89 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-42 for the Wolf Creek Generating Station. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your application dated May 24, 1994, as supplemented by letter dated April 6, 1995.

The amendment revises the TS to implement the NRC's final policy statement on technical specification improvements for nuclear power reactors. Specifications that do not meet any of the four policy statement criteria or regulatory requirements related to inclusion in the TS are relocated to Chapter 16 of the Updated Safety Analysis Report.

This amendment takes advantage of some, but not all, of the benefits of the improved standard technical specifications (ISTS) for Westinghouse plants (NUREG-1431). Existing technical specification requirements that did not satisfy the criteria recently added to 10 CFR 50.36 were relocated to the Updated Safety Analysis Report. In retrospect, we feel that a one step full conversion to the ISTS would have been of greater efficiency for the NRC and yourselves based on the many tangible and intangible benefits that result from full conversion. For example, some of the tangible benefits are clarified technical specification bases, reduced amendment requests, and reduced surveillance testing. Some of the intangible benefits are minimized transient situations, reduced requests for enforcement discretion, risk based improvements, and human factors efficiencies. We encourage you to continue to work with other licensees to develop a plan to submit a generic full conversion package that would be applicable to a number of plants with similar design features.

The NRC has recently restructured its resource expenditures such that full conversions to ISTS will receive priority over partial relocation amendments.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 89 to NPF-42
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