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Attention: Document Control Desk
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Clinton Power Station, Unit 1
Facility Operating License No. NPF-62
NRC Docket Number 50-461

Subject: Partial Withdrawal of Request for NRC Approval of Amendment to Permit Continued Fuel Movement with Inoperable Refueling Equipment Interlocks

- Reference:
- (1) Letter from J. M. Heffley (AmerGen Energy Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Request for Amendment to Technical Specifications Associated with Refueling Equipment Interlocks," dated May 21, 2001
 - (2) Letter from U.S. NRC to O. D. Kingsley (Exelon Generation Company, LLC), "Clinton Power Station, Unit 1 – Issuance of Amendment (TAC No. MB2053)," dated April 4, 2002

In Reference 1, AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (i.e., AmerGen) proposed changes to Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS), of Facility Operating License No. NPF-62 for the Clinton Power Station (CPS). Specifically, AmerGen proposed a change to the Required Action for Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.9.1 to provide an alternate Required Action A.2 if the refueling interlocks become inoperable. The proposed change to Required Action A.2 would allow the plant to continue to safely perform fuel movements in the reactor vessel should the refueling equipment interlocks become inoperable for any reason. In addition, AmerGen proposed a change to the surveillance frequency for Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.9.1.1 from 7 days to 31 days. The extension of the surveillance test interval would ensure that the interlocks are tested commensurate with the safety significance of the function resulting in reduction of unnecessary testing during a refueling outage.

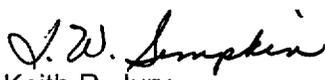
The NRC approved the proposed change in the actions required in the event that the refueling equipment interlocks become inoperable. This approval was documented in Reference 2 with the issuance of License Amendment 148. It was noted in the NRC's safety evaluation for Amendment 148 that the requested change to revise the frequency of the refueling equipment interlock inputs channel functional test from 7 days to 31 days would be addressed in separate correspondence. After discussions with the NRC Staff and based on further review, AmerGen has decided to withdraw the portion of the Reference 1 request associated with the surveillance test interval extension.

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