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Docket No. 50-397

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Dear Mr. Parrish:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT AND PARTIAL DENIAL FOR THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC
POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2 (TAC NO. M88840)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 126 to the Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 for WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 2. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your application dated February 17, 1994.

The amendment modifies the administrative section of the technical specifications (TS) to reflect management and organizational changes at the Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee) for operation of the WNP-2 facility. The proposed changes would (1) modify the reporting responsibility of the quality assurance organization from the Managing Director to the Assistant Managing Director, Operations (AMDO), and (2) modify the appointment authority for the Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board (CNSRB) from the Managing Director to the AMDO. These changes are proposed to reflect the current designation of the AMDO as the licensee's designated official with corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety and as the direct report for the CNSRB. In addition, the proposed change would (1) delete the specific requirement for health physics/chemistry program procedures, (2) modify the titles of two positions on the Plant Operations Committee (POC) to reflect revised organizational titles, and (3) delete the requirement that the CNSRB Executive Secretary be designated from the CNSRB membership.

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The staff is denying your request to modify the CNSRB membership requirements from nine personnel to a minimum of nine personnel.

Finally, copy of the Notice of Partial Denial of Application for Amendment to be published in the Federal Register is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 126 to NPF-21
- 2. Safety Evaluation
- 3. Notice of Partial Denial

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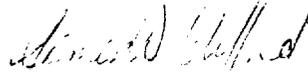
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WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM

DOCKET NO. 50-397

NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No.126
License No. NPF-21

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by the Washington Public Power Supply System (licensee) dated February 17, 1994, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's 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 the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 126 and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This amendment is effective 5 days from date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Theodore R. Quay

Theodore R. Quay, Director
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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: June 28, 1994

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 126 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-21

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the enclosed pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the areas of change. The corresponding overleaf pages are also provided to maintain document completeness.

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6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

6.1 RESPONSIBILITY

6.1.1 The Plant Manager shall be responsible for overall unit operation and shall delegate in writing the succession to this responsibility during his absence.

6.1.2 The Shift Manager (or during his absence from the control room, a designated individual) shall be responsible for the control room command function. A management directive to this effect, signed by the Assistant Managing Director for Operations shall be reissued to all station personnel on an annual basis.

6.2 ORGANIZATION

6.2.1 OFFSITE AND ONSITE ORGANIZATIONS

Onsite and offsite organizations shall be established for unit operation and corporate management, respectively. The onsite and offsite organizations shall include the positions for activities affecting the safety of the nuclear power plant.

- a. Lines of authority, responsibility, and communication shall be established and defined for the highest management levels through intermediate levels to and including all operating organization positions. These relationships shall be documented and updated, as appropriate, in the form of organization charts, functional descriptions of departmental responsibilities and relationships, and job descriptions for key personnel positions. These requirements are documented in the WNP-2 FSAR and updated in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71.
- b. The Plant Manager shall be responsible for overall unit safe operation and shall have control over those onsite activities necessary for safe operation and maintenance of the plant.
- c. The Assistant Managing Director for Operations shall have corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety and shall take any measures needed to ensure acceptable performance of the staff in operating, maintaining, and providing technical support to the plant to ensure nuclear safety.
- d. The individuals who train the operating staff and those who carry out health physics functions may report to the appropriate onsite manager; however, they shall have sufficient organizational freedom to ensure their independence from operating pressures.
- e. The organization responsible for the overall quality assurance functions shall report to the Assistant Managing Director, Operations.

6.2.2 UNIT STAFF

- a. Each on duty shift shall be composed of at least the minimum shift crew composition shown in Table 6.2.2-1;

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UNIT STAFF (continued)

- b. At least one licensed Operator shall be in the control room when fuel is in the reactor. In addition, while the unit is in OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, 2, or 3, at least one licensed Senior Operator shall be in the control room.
- c. A Health Physics Technician* shall be on site when fuel is in the reactor and at least one fully qualified chemistry technician shall be on site in OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, 2, or 3;
- d. All CORE ALTERATIONS shall be observed and directly supervised by either a licensed Senior Operator or licensed Senior Operator Limited to Fuel Handling who has no other concurrent responsibilities during this operation;
- e. Administrative procedures shall be developed and implemented to limit the working hours of unit staff who perform safety-related functions e.g., licensed Senior Operators, licensed Operators, health physicists, chemistry technicians, auxiliary operators, and key maintenance personnel.

Adequate shift coverage shall be maintained without routine heavy use of overtime. The objective shall be to have operating personnel work a normal 8-hour day, 40-hour week while the unit is operating. However, in the event that unforeseen problems require substantial amounts of overtime to be used, or during extended periods of shut-down for refueling, major maintenance, or major unit modifications, on a temporary basis the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. An individual should not be permitted to work more than 16 hours straight, excluding shift turnover time.
2. An individual should not be permitted to work more than 16 hours in any 24-hour period, nor more than 24 hours in any 48-hour period, nor more than 72 hours in any 7-day period, all excluding shift turnover time.
3. A break of at least 8 hours should be allowed between work periods, including shift turnover time.

*The Health Physics Technician and fire brigade composition may be less than the minimum requirements for a period of time not to exceed 2 hours, in order to accommodate unexpected absence, provided immediate action is taken to fill the required positions.

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6.2.3 NUCLEAR SAFETY ASSURANCE DIVISION (NSAD)

FUNCTION

6.2.3.1 The NSAD shall function to examine unit operating characteristics, NRC issuances, industry advisories, Licensee Event Reports, and other sources of unit design and operating experience information, including units of similar design, which may indicate areas for improving unit safety. The NSAD shall make detailed recommendations for revised procedures, equipment and modifications, maintenance activities, operations activities, or other means of improving unit safety to the Director of Quality Assurance.

COMPOSITION

6.2.3.2 The NSAD shall be composed of at least five, dedicated, full-time engineers, with a minimum of three located on site. Each shall have a bachelor's degree in engineering or related science or qualifications meeting ANS.3.1 Draft Revision dated March 13, 1981, Section 4.2 or 4.4, or equivalent, as described in Section 4.1 and at least 2 years professional level experience in his field, at least 1 year of which experience shall be in the nuclear field.

RESPONSIBILITIES

6.2.3.3 The NSAD shall be responsible for maintaining surveillance of unit activities to provide independent verification* that these activities are performed correctly and that human errors are reduced as much as practical.

RECORDS

6.2.3.4 Records of activities performed by the NSAD shall be prepared, maintained, and forwarded each calendar month to the Director of Quality Assurance.

6.2.4 SHIFT TECHNICAL ADVISOR

6.2.4.1 The Shift Technical Advisor shall provide advisory technical support to the Shift Manager in the areas of thermal hydraulics, reactor engineering, and plant analysis with regard to the safe operation of the unit. The Shift Technical Advisor shall have a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a scientific or engineering discipline and shall have received specific training in the response and analysis of the unit for transients and accidents, and in unit design and layout, including the capabilities of instrumentation and controls in the control room.

6.3 UNIT STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

6.3.1 Each member of the unit staff shall meet or exceed the minimum qualifications of ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 for comparable positions, except for the Radiation Protection Manager who shall meet or exceed the qualifications of Regulatory Guide 1.8, Revision 1-R, May 1977. The licensed Operators and Senior Operators shall also meet or exceed the minimum qualifications of the supplemental requirements specified in Sections A and C of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter to all licensees.

*Not responsible for sign-off function.

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6.4 TRAINING

6.4.1 A retraining and replacement training program for the unit staff shall be maintained to meet or exceed the requirements and recommendations of Section 5.5 of ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 and Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 55 and the supplemental requirements specified in Sections A and C of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter to all licensees, and shall include familiarization with relevant industry operational experience.

6.5 REVIEW AND AUDIT

6.5.1 PLANT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (POC)

FUNCTION

6.5.1.1 The POC shall function to advise the Plant Manager on all matters related to nuclear safety.

COMPOSITION

6.5.1.2 The POC shall be composed of the:

Chairman:	Plant Manager
Vice Chairman:	As designated from the POC Members by the Plant Manager and documented in the POC minutes.
Member:	Operations Division Manager
Member:	Radiation Protection Manager
Member:	Technical Services Division Manager
Member:	Maintenance Division Manager
Member:	Administration and Records Management Manager
Member:	Quality Assessments Division Manager
Member:	Engineering Services Division Manager

ALTERNATES

6.5.1.3 All alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the POC Chairman or Vice Chairman to serve on a temporary basis.

MEETING FREQUENCY

6.5.1.4 The Plant Operations Committee shall meet at least once per calendar month and as convened by the POC Chairman or his designated alternate.

QUORUM

6.5.1.5 The quorum of the POC necessary for the performance of the POC responsibility and authority provisions of these Technical Specifications shall consist of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and four members including alternates. No more than two alternates shall make up the quorum.

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COMPOSITION

6.5.2.2 The CNSRB shall be composed of nine members appointed in writing by the Assistant Managing Director, Operations from his senior technical staff and/or from outside the Supply System. He shall designate from the members a Chairman and an Alternate Chairman. The qualifications of all members shall meet the minimum requirements of Section 4.7 of ANSI/ANS 3.1-1981 and have, cumulatively, expertise in the areas listed in Specification 6.5.2.1, as a minimum.

ALTERNATES

6.5.2.3 All alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the CNSRB Chairman to serve on a temporary basis; however, no more than two alternates shall participate as voting members in CNSRB activities at any one time.

CONSULTANTS

6.5.2.4 Consultants shall be utilized as determined by the CNSRB Committee to provide expert advice to the CNSRB.

MEETING FREQUENCY

6.5.2.5 The CNSRB shall meet at least once per calendar quarter during the initial year of unit operation following fuel loading and at least once per 6 months thereafter.

QUORUM

6.5.2.6 The quorum of the CNSRB necessary for the performance of the CNSRB review and audit functions of these Technical Specifications shall consist of the Chairman or the alternate Chairman and at least four CNSRB members including alternates. No more than a minority of the quorum shall have line responsibility for operation of the unit.

REVIEW

6.5.2.7 The CNSRB shall review:

- a. The safety evaluations for (1) changes to procedures, equipment or systems and (2) tests or experiments completed under the provision of 10 CFR 50.59 to verify that such actions did not constitute an unreviewed safety question;
- b. Proposed changes to procedures, equipment, or systems which involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in 10 CFR 50.59;

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REVIEW (Continued)

- c. Proposed tests or experiments which involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in 10 CFR 50.59;
- d. Proposed changes to Technical Specifications or this Operating License;
- e. Violations of codes, regulations, orders, Technical Specifications, license requirements, or of internal procedures or instructions having nuclear safety significance;
- f. Significant operating abnormalities or deviations from normal and expected performance of unit equipment that affect nuclear safety;
- g. All REPORTABLE EVENTS;
- h. All recognized indications of an unanticipated deficiency in some aspect of design or operation of structures, systems, or components that could affect nuclear safety; and
- i. Reports and meeting minutes of the POC.
- j. Audit reports and summary reports of audits.

AUDITS

6.5.2.8 Audits of unit activities shall be performed under the cognizance of the CNSRB. These audits shall encompass:

- a. The conformance of unit operation to provisions contained within the Technical Specifications and applicable license conditions at least once per 12 months;
- b. The performance, training and qualifications of the entire unit staff at least once per 12 months;
- c. The results of actions taken to correct deficiencies occurring in unit equipment, structures, systems, or method of operation that affect nuclear safety, at least once per 6 months;
- d. The performance of activities required by the Operational Quality Assurance Program to meet the criteria of Appendix B, 10 CFR Part 50, at least once per 24 months;
- e. The fire protection programmatic controls including the implementing procedures at least once per 24 months by qualified licensee QA personnel;
- f. The Emergency Plan and implementing procedures at least once per 12 months per 10 CFR 50.54(t).
- g. The Security Plan and implementing procedures at least once per 12 months.

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AUDITS (Continued)

- h. The fire protection equipment and program implementation, at least once per 12 months utilizing either a qualified offsite licensee fire protection engineer(s) or an outside independent fire protection consultant. An outside independent fire protection consultant shall be utilized at least once every third year; and
- i. Any other area of unit operation considered appropriate by the CNSRB or the Assistant Managing Director for Operations.
- j. The radiological environmental monitoring program and the results thereof at least once per 12 months.
- k. The OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL and implementing procedures at least once per 24 months.
- l. The PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM and implementing procedures for processing and packaging of radioactive wastes at least once per 24 months.
- m. The performance of activities required by the Quality Assurance Program for effluent and environmental monitoring at least once per 12 months.

RECORDS

6.5.2.9 Records of CNSRB activities shall be prepared, approved, and distributed as indicated below:

- a. Minutes of each CNSRB meeting shall be prepared, approved, and forwarded to the Assistant Managing Director for Operations 14 days following each meeting.
- b. Reports of reviews encompassed by Specification 6.5.2.7 above, shall be prepared, approved, and forwarded to the Assistant Managing Director for Operations within 14 days following completion of the review.
- c. Audit reports encompassed by Specification 6.5.2.8 shall be forwarded to the Assistant Managing Director for Operations and to the management positions responsible for the areas audited within 30 days after completion of the audit.

6.6 REPORTABLE EVENT ACTION

6.6.1 The following actions shall be taken for REPORTABLE EVENTS:

- a. The Commission shall be notified and a report submitted pursuant to the requirements of Section 50.73 to 10 CFR Part 50, and
- b. Each REPORTABLE EVENT shall be reviewed by the (POC), and the results of this review shall be submitted to the CNSRB and the Assistant Managing Director for Operations.

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6.7 SAFETY LIMIT VIOLATION

6.7.1 The following actions shall be taken in the event a Safety Limit is violated:

- a. The NRC Operations Center shall be notified by telephone as soon as possible and in all cases within 1 hour. The Assistant Managing Director for Operations and the CNSRB shall be notified.
- b. A Safety Limit Violation Report shall be prepared. The report shall be reviewed by the POC. This report shall describe (1) applicable circumstances preceding the violation, (2) effects of the violation upon unit components, systems, or structures, and (3) corrective action taken to prevent recurrence.
- c. The Safety Limit Violation Report shall be submitted to the Commission, the CNSRB, and the Assistant Managing Director for Operations.
- d. Critical operation of the unit shall not be resumed until authorized by the Commission.

6.8 PROCEDURES AND PROGRAMS

6.8.1 Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities referenced below:

- a. The applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978.
- b. The applicable procedures required to implement the requirements of NUREG-0737.
- c. Refueling operations.
- d. Surveillance and test activities of safety-related equipment.
- e. Security Plan implementation.
- f. Emergency Plan implementation.
- g. Fire Protection Program implementation.
- h. PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM implementation.
- i. OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL implementation.
- j. Quality Assurance Program for effluent and environmental monitoring.

6.8.2 Each procedure of Specification 6.8.1, and changes thereto, shall be reviewed by the POC and shall be approved by the Plant Manager prior to implementation and reviewed periodically as set forth in administrative procedures.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 126 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-21
WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
DOCKET NO. 50-397

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated February 17, 1994, the Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) for Nuclear Project No. 2. The proposed changes modify the administrative section of the technical specifications (TS) to reflect management and organizational changes at the WNP-2 facility. The proposed changes would (1) modify the reporting responsibility of the quality assurance organization from the Managing Director to the Assistant Managing Director, Operations (AMDO), and (2) modify the appointment authority for the Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board (CNSRB) from the Managing Director to the AMDO. These changes are proposed to reflect the current designation of the AMDO as the licensee's designated official with corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety and as the direct report for the CNSRB. In addition, the proposed change would (1) delete the specific requirement for health physics/chemistry program procedures, (2) modify the titles of two positions on the Plant Operations Committee (POC) to reflect revised organizational titles, (3) modify the CNSRB quorum requirements from nine personnel to a minimum of nine personnel, and (4) delete the requirement that the CNSRB Executive Secretary be designated from the CNSRB membership.

2.0 EVALUATION

2.1 Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board (CNSRB)

The Assistant Managing Director for Operations (AMDO) is the designated nuclear official for the Supply System. As such, the person in this position is responsible for taking any measures needed to ensure acceptable performance of the staff in operating, maintaining, and providing technical support to the plant to ensure nuclear safety. The Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board (CNSRB) is responsible for independent review and audit of Supply System nuclear and radiological safety policies and programs. Those licensee organizations responsible for the area audited are responsible for resolution of any deficiencies noted during audits. Amendment No. 118, dated September 8, 1993, revised the reporting responsibility of the CNSRB to the

AMDO rather than the Managing Director, primarily on the basis that the AMDO is the licensee's designated nuclear official.

The licensee proposes to make several changes in the details of composition of the CNSRB. First, the licensee proposes to change the number of members from nine to at least nine members. This would provide the licensee some flexibility in allowing a larger pool of individuals that would be available to meet the existing quorum requirements. TS 6.5.1.5 requires a quorum of at least 5 persons. The staff generally considers a quorum of a safety committee to comprise at least half the maximum membership. This requirement ensures consistency in the perspective provided by the committee. Since the licensee's proposal does not provide any upper limits on the number of CNSRB members, the staff considers the proposed change to be inconsistent with the current quorum requirements in TS 6.5.1.5 and unacceptable as proposed and justified.

Second, the licensee proposes to delete the requirement for designating an Executive Secretary from the CNSRB membership. This change would relieve one of the CNSRB members from the administrative details of the CNSRB and allow all members of the CNSRB to concentrate on the issues under consideration by the Board. The licensee has committed to retain the function of the Executive Secretary, to be assigned to a nonmember of CNSRB under the direction of the CNSRB Chairman. The staff finds this proposed change acceptable.

Third, the licensee proposes to change the authority for appointing CNSRB members from the current Managing Director to the AMDO. This change is consistent with Amendment No. 118, dated September 8, 1993, that made the CNSRB responsible to the AMDO, in the position as the designated corporate nuclear official. This would bring the authority for appointments for CNSRB membership in line with the AMDO's overall functional responsibility for the CNSRB. The staff finds the proposed change acceptable.

2.2 Quality Assurance Director Reporting Relationship

To reflect the AMDO's overall responsibility for nuclear safety at WNP-2, the licensee proposes to have the Quality Assurance and Engineering Directorate report directly to the AMDO instead of to the Managing Director. TS 6.2.1.e would be revised accordingly.

The staff has evaluated the proposed change in the reporting relationship of the QA organization. The QA Director position remains a corporate level position within the Supply System organization and as such is a position that is as high as the positions directly responsible for performing activities affecting quality. These positions are considered to be the Engineering Director and the Plant Manager. In addition, the level of the proposed position of the QA Director will allow the incumbent effective communications channels with persons in these positions. The other criteria from Standard Review Plan Section 17.2.1B1 are not affected by this change. The staff, therefore, considers the change acceptable.

2.3 Deletion of Technical Specification Reference to Health Physics/Chemistry Support Program Procedures

The licensee proposes to delete the administrative TS that specifies that health physics/chemistry support program written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained. This change was proposed concurrently with a reorganization of the Health Physics/Chemistry Support Program activities.

Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.33, Revision 2, dated February 1978, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operations)," contains a minimum list of procedures considered necessary to support plant operation. Section 7 (Procedures for Control of Radioactivity) and Section 10 (Chemical and Radiochemical Control Procedures) discuss procedures that address Health Physics and Chemistry Control procedures, and the current TS could be considered redundant to the existing discussion in RG 1.33. The licensee stated in its February 17, 1994, submittal that the establishment and approval of program procedures will be performed by the Plant Operations Committee (POC) and the Plant Manager (PM), since the procedures are discussed in RG 1.33. The Supply System committed to RG 1.33 in TS 6.8.1, and TS 6.8.2 requires POC and PM review and approval of the procedures identified in TS 6.8.1. The staff, therefore, finds deletion of the Health Physics/Chemistry Support Program item from TS 6.8.1 acceptable.

2.4 Plant Operations Committee Composition

The licensee proposed to change the title of two positions listed in TS 6.5.1.2, POC Composition. "Administrative Manager" would be changed to "Administration and Records Management Manager," and "Plant QA Manager" to "Quality Assessments Division Manager." These changes are administrative in nature and reflect a proposed change in scope of responsibility for these two management positions. The responsibilities for Plant Administration and Plant QA remain unchanged with respect to the responsibilities of these two positions on the POC. These changes are, therefore, acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Washington State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes 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 amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Principal Contributor: J. Clifford

Date: June 28, 1994

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
DOCKET NO. 50-397
NOTICE OF PARTIAL DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a portion of a request by the Washington Public Power Supply System, (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 issued to the licensee for operation of the Washington Nuclear Project No. 2, located in Benton County, Washington. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 13, 1994 (59 FR 17609).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to reflect management and organizational changes at the Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee) for operation of the WNP-2 facility. The proposed changes would (1) modify the reporting responsibility of the quality assurance organization from the Managing Director to the Assistant Managing Director, Operations (AMDO), and (2) modify the appointment authority for the Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board (CNSRB) from the Managing Director to the AMDO. These changes are proposed to reflect the current designation of the AMDO as the licensee's designated official with corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety, and as the direct report for the CNSRB.

In addition, the proposed change would (1) delete the specific requirement for health physics/chemistry program procedures, (2) modify the

titles of two positions on the Plant Operations Committee (POC) to reflect revised organizational titles, (3) modify the CNSRB composition requirements from nine personnel to a minimum of nine personnel, and (4) delete the requirement that the CNSRB Executive Secretary be designated from the CNSRB membership. The NRC staff has concluded that part of the licensee's request cannot be granted. The staff denied the proposed change to modify the CNSRB composition requirements from nine personnel to a minimum of nine personnel, because the proposed change does not specify a maximum number of CNSRB members and is inconsistent with the existing TS provision that 5 persons shall constitute a quorum of the CNSRB. The licensee was notified of the Commission's partial denial of the proposed change by a letter dated June 28, 1994.

By August 4, 1994, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to M. H. Philips, Jr., Esq., Winston and Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3502, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated February 17, 1994, and (2) the Commission's letter to the

licensee dated June 28, 1994.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, and at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Document Control Desk.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of June 1994.

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