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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2 (TAC NO. M96359)

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Docket No. 50-397

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WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM

DOCKET NO. 50-397

NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 148  
License No. NPF-21

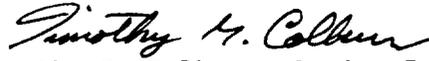
1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for amendment by the Washington Public Power Supply System (licensee) dated August 9, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's 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. 148 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 as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Timothy G. Colburn, Senior Project Manager  
Project Directorate IV-2  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment: Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

Date of Issuance: October 1, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 148 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-21

DOCKET NO. 50-397

Replace the following page of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the enclosed page. The revised page is identified by amendment number and contains a vertical line indicating the area of change. The corresponding overleaf page is also provided to maintain document completeness.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRC

### 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: a) the Operations Manager who shall meet the requirements of ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 with the exception that in lieu of meeting the stated ANSI/ANS requirement to hold a senior reactor operator's license at the time of appointment to the position, the Operations Manager shall: 1) hold a senior reactor operator license at the time of appointment; or 2) have held a senior reactor operator's license; or (3) have been certified for equivalent senior reactor operator knowledge; and b) 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.

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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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 148 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-21  
WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2  
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 9, 1996, Washington Public Power Supply System requested approval to amend Technical Specification 6.3, "Unit Staff Qualifications." The proposed change would add an exception to appointment requirements contained in ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 for the operations manager. ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 requires the operations manager to hold a senior reactor operator (SRO) license. In 1992, the staff reviewed and approved a request from the licensee (Amendment No. 101 dated April 6, 1992), to allow the operations manager not to maintain an SRO license. That approval was based on the licensee's commitment that either the operations manager or the assistant operations manager would maintain an SRO license and that the licensed individual would be responsible for the normal day-to-day operations and direction of on-shift operators.

2.0 EVALUATION

The staff has evaluated the licensee's request for an exception to the qualification requirements for appointment to the position of operations manager using Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 13.1.2-13.1.3, "Operating Organization" and ANSI/ANS 3.1-1971, "Selection and Training of Nuclear Power Plant Personnel."

The proposed amendment would change the requirement for appointment to the operations manager position from "hold an SRO license" to "hold a license, have held a license, or be certified for equivalent SRO-level knowledge." The licensee stated that using the alternative requirements for appointment to the position of operations manager would still ensure that the individual in the position has an adequate understanding of plant operations to fulfill the requirements of the position. This approach is consistent with more recent ANSI standards on selection and training of nuclear power plant personnel including ANSI/ANS 3.1-1987 and -1993.

In their August 9, 1996, submittal, the licensee further stated that in times of transition, appointments will be made to ensure an individual with an active SRO will fill either the operations manager or assistant operations manager position in order to meet the requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 6.2.2.f and 10 CFR 50.54(m)(2). The requirement in TS 6.2.2.f, which

states that either "the Operations Manager or the Assistant Operations Manager shall hold a senior reactor operator license," is unchanged and is consistent with the proposed amendment.

Based on unchanged TS 6.2.2.f, which requires that either the operations manager or the assistant operations manager hold an SRO license and based on the appointment criteria for operations manager being consistent with recent ANSI/ANS standards, the staff finds that the proposed change to the technical specifications meets the relevant criteria in SRP Section 13.1.2-13.1.3, "Operating Organization," 10 CFR 50.54(m)(2), and ANSI/ANS standards and is, 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: M. Biamonte

Date: October 1, 1996