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MB8481)

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Enclosed please find the corrected second page of the amendment, and the corrected Page 11 of the SE. Side bars highlight the areas of correction. We apologize if these errors caused you any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

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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. DPR-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 245, are hereby incorporated in the license. AmerGen Energy Company, LLC, shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance and shall be implemented prior to startup from Refueling Outage 20.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment: Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: July 30, 2004

plates, there is a potential for dryout and plate degradation. Therefore, this more restrictive surveillance criterion and additional Actions for when level is discovered below the plates would represent enhanced assurance of continued battery capability.

The NRC staff finds the proposed change will continue to ensure that battery parameters (maintenance, testing and monitoring) are performed in accordance with the "Battery Monitoring and Maintenance Program" as specified in Specification 6.8.5, meets GDC 17 and 18 requirements, and is consistent with the intent of NUREG-1433, Revision 2. This change is, therefore, acceptable.

- a. Specification 3.7.D.2.e: This Action restricts continued operation with degradation of more than one station battery at any one time to less than 2 hours.

The NRC staff reviewed the proposed specification and concurs with the licensee's justification that if both station batteries are degraded for any parameters discussed above, there is not sufficient assurance that the DC system will be able to perform its intended function. This is because with both B and C station batteries with an out-of-limit parameter, loss of an assumed function for systems that depend upon the batteries is possible. Thus, the NRC staff concurs that the battery parameters be restored to within limits on one battery within 2 hours and this is consistent with TSTF-360, Revision 1. Based on this review, the NRC staff finds the proposed change meets GDC 17 and GDC 18 requirements, is consistent with the intent of NUREG-1433, Revision 2, and is, therefore, acceptable.

- b. Specification 3.7.D.2.f: This specification imposes a 2-hour restoration time for failing to meet any of the other parameter restoration times of Actions 3.7.D.2.a through 3.7.D.2.e. Failing to correct the condition(s) within 2 hours would require the plant to proceed to cold shutdown.

The NRC staff reviewed the proposed specification and finds it consistent with TSTF-360, Revision 1. Based on this review, the NRC staff finds the proposed change conforms to GDC 17 and 18 requirements, is consistent with the intent of NUREG-1433, Revision 2, and is, therefore, acceptable.

- c. Specification 3.7.D.2.g: This specification imposes a 2-hour restoration time for any battery having both cell(s) voltage <2.07 volts and battery float current not within limits, or for any of the new battery parameter restoration times not met. Failing to correct these conditions within 2 hours would require the plant to proceed to cold shutdown.

The licensee stated that if station battery B or C is discovered with one or more battery cell float voltages < 2.07 volts, and float current not within limits, this is indication that battery capacity may not be sufficient to perform the intended functions. Failing to correct these conditions within 2 hours would require the plant to proceed to cold shutdown. This change makes the TSs more restrictive. The NRC staff finds the proposed change conforms to GDC 17 and 18 requirements, is consistent with the intent of NUREG-1433, Revision 2, and is, therefore, acceptable.

Corrected by letter of 8/12/04

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