

7.0 INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

This chapter presents specific detailed design and performance information for the instrumentation and control (I&C) systems. These systems help assure the integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary, the capability to shut down the reactor and maintain it in a safe shutdown condition, and the capability to prevent or mitigate the consequences of anticipated operational occurrences and postulated accidents. They are significant for plant operation and are used throughout the plant. This chapter provides information on the systems and components which sense various reactor parameters and transmits signals to the control systems during normal operations and to the reactor trip and engineered safety features systems during abnormal and accident conditions. The I&C system for the Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor design is an I&C distributed control and information systems (DCIS). DCIS is designated as either safety-related DCIS (Q-DCIS) or nonsafety-related DCIS (N-DCIS). The Q-DCIS and N-DCIS functions include diverse power and sensors, and diverse hardware and software architectures to significantly reduce the consequence of a potential software common cause failure in the primary I&C protection system.

The Q-DCIS includes the reactor protection system, the neutron monitoring system, the independent control platform, and the safety system logic and control for the emergency safety feature actuation system. The N-DCIS includes the diverse protection system, the balance of plant systems, the plant investment protection systems, the plant computer functions and workstations, and the severe accident mitigation system (deluge system).

Chapter 7 of the Fermi 3 combined license (COL) Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) incorporates by reference, with no departures or supplements, Chapter 7, "Instrumentation and Control Systems," of the certified ESBWR design control document (DCD), Revision 9, which is referenced in 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix [x]. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed the application and checked the referenced DCD to ensure that no issue relating to this section remains for review¹. The staff's review confirmed that there is no outstanding issue related to this section. Pursuant to 10 CFR 52.63(a)(5) and Part 52 Appendix [x] Section VI.B.1, all nuclear safety issues relating to the I&C have been resolved.

¹ See "*Finality of Referenced NRC Approvals*" in SER Section 1.2.2 for a discussion on the staff's review related to verification of the scope of information to be included in a COL application that references a design certification.