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SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
REPLACEMENT STEAM DRYER REPORT,
UNIT 2 START-UP, 110.5% POWER TEST
PLATEAU, JULY 17, 2011
PLA-6749 **Docket No. 50-388**

The purpose of this submittal is to provide the attached evaluation of PPL Susquehanna, LLC's (PPL) Susquehanna SES Unit 2 steam dryer performance based on the data collected at the 110.5% power test plateau as required by the following Operating License Condition.

License Condition 2.C.(20)(a)3 requires:

> "PPL shall hold the facility at each 3.5% ascension step to collect data from License Condition 2.C.(20)(a) and conduct plant inspections and walk-downs, and evaluate steam dryer performance based on the data; shall provide the evaluation to the NRC staff by facsimile or electronic transmission to the NRC project manager upon completion of the evaluation; and shall not increase power above each hold point until 96 hours after the NRC project manager confirms receipt of the transmission."

Summary:

This report provides a summary of the SSES Unit 2 replacement steam dryer monitoring instrumentation (Main Steam Line Strain Gage) measurements at the 110.5% licensed thermal power (CLTP) test plateau. This data was collected at a power level of 3850 MWth and a core flow of 105.2 M lb_m/hr. Based on the current margin to dryer acceptance limits shown in the report, there is adequate projected margin to the dryer acceptance limits for continued power ascension to 3952 MWth.

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There are no new commitments in this letter.

If you have questions, please contact C. T. Coddington at (610) 774-4019.

Sincerely,

F. A. Kearney

Enclosure 1 – SSES Replacement Steam Dryer Report, Unit 2 Start-Up, 110.5% Power Test Plateau, July 17, 2011 – PPL Proprietary Information.
Enclosure 2 – SSES Replacement Steam Dryer Report, Unit 2 Start-Up, 110.5% Power Test Plateau, July 17, 2011 – Non-Proprietary Information.
Enclosure 3 – Affidavit

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ENCLOSURE 2 TO PLA-6749

SSES Replacement Steam Dryer Report

Unit 2 Start-Up

110.5% Power Test Plateau

July 17, 2011

Non-Proprietary Information

SSES Replacement Steam Dryer Report

Unit 2 Start-Up

110.5 % Power Test Plateau

July 17, 2011

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This report provides a summary of the SSES Unit 2 replacement steam dryer monitoring instrumentation (Main Steam Line Strain Gage) measurements at the 110.5% CLTP test plateau. This data was collected at a power level of 3850 MWth and a core flow of 105.2 M lb_m/hr. The main steam line (MSL) strain gage locations are documented in Reference 1. The plant data log sheets for this power plateau are contained in Appendix A. The data log sheets provide a record of plant conditions at this plateau.

Figures 1 through 8 provide power spectral density (PSD) plots of MSL strain gage readings. The Level 1 and Level 2 limit curves for each strain gage location are also plotted on each figure. The strain values represent average strain values observed over a 180 second test time period. A data sampling rate of 2500 HZ was used in the data processing. The test data was bandpass filtered between 3 and 250 HZ to be consistent with the load definition used in the replacement dryer structural analysis in Reference 2. There is substantial noise from the 60 HZ alternating current and the recirculation pump power supply, thus filtering of this electrical noise was performed. Also the reactor recirculation pump vane passing frequencies were filtered from the data sets. Testing on the instrumented Unit 1 steam dryer {{{ $^{(2)}$}}}

Reference 2 documented that the {{{ $^{(2)}$}}} The filters applied to the 3850 MWth data are contained in Table 1 below:

Table 1: PSD Notch Filter Specifications

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Frequency	Width	Origin

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Noise peaks at approximately 137 HZ and 142.5 HZ were noted during the primary system hydrostatic test prior to plant start-up. This is a condition where systems are pressurized to operating levels but no steam flow exists. As Unit 2 ascended in power, this noise peak did not increase in amplitude. The source of this noise could not be determined but it has been conclusively shown that it is not related to power and/or steam flow and therefore a filter has been applied to eliminate it.

PSDs were calculated on 2 second blocks of data from the test time period (180 seconds). In order to increase the number of spectral averages, the data blocks were overlapped by 50%. The

PSDs were calculated using a Hanning window and a 0.5 HZ bin size. The resulting PSDs were then linearly averaged and are presented as Figures 1 through 8. This method of data processing was used to provide the results in a format consistent with the processing used to develop the monitoring curves.

There are also two monitoring curves included with the PSD plots. The Level 1 monitoring curve represents the response of the SSES dryer finite element (FE) model under the design acoustic load conditions factored by the minimum component analysis margin to the endurance limit. The Level 2 monitoring curve is based on 80% of the Level 1 curve. A more complete description is included in Reference 3 and Reference 4. The Limit Curves were generated in accordance with Reference 3 using a baseline data set from Unit 2 collected at 3733 MWth during the current power ascension. These monitoring curves provide guidance for evaluating the measured dryer response with respect to the structural analysis results and represent the acceptance criteria for the power ascension.

Table 2 below shows the maximum strain gage reading as a percent of acceptance limits generated in accordance with Reference 3 using a baseline data set from Unit 2 collected at 3733 MWth. All values of strain are below the Level 1 and Level 2 acceptance limits.

Table 2: Maximum MSL Strain Gage Readings @ 3850 MW_{th}
Expressed as a Ratio of the Acceptance Limits

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Strain Gage Location	% of Level 1	% of Level 2	Frequency

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For trending purposes, filtered MSL strain gage PSDs for powers up to 110.5% of CLTP (3850 MW_{th}) have been plotted in a waterfall format and are presented in Figures 9 through 16. Figure 17 is a trend plot of the RMS value of the sample time histories plotted against total steam flow. Figures 9 through 17 shows that MSL strains are {{{

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MSL strain gages mounted on the A and D steam lines have the highest magnitude readings. This is attributed to the large 15 HZ peak being generated by the SRV dead-legs on these two steam lines. The magnitude and frequency of the MSL strain gage PSDs is similar to the PSDs measured on Unit 2 in 2009 in both frequency content and magnitude. As previously stated, the Level 1 and Level 2 limit curves, Figures 1 through 8, are based on Unit 2 strain gage PSD's recorded at 3733 MWth during the 2011 start-up in July.

Summary

Based on the current margin to dryer acceptance limits shown in Table 2 and in Figures 1 through 8, there is adequate projected margin to the dryer acceptance limits for continued power ascension to 3952 MW_{th}.

References:

1. PPL Letter To USNRC, PLA-6176 (Figure 31-1), "Susquehanna Steam Electric Station Proposed License Amendment No. 285 For Unit 1 Operating License No. NPF-14 And Proposed License Amendment No. 253 For Unit 2 Operating License No. NPF-22 Extended Power Update Application Regarding Steam Dryer And Flow Effects Request For Additional Information Responses", dated 4/27/2007

2. GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Engineering Report 0000-0095-2113-P-R0, "Susquehanna Replacement Steam Dryer Updated Stress Analysis At Extended Power Uprate Conditions", Class III, February 2009 (Provided via PPL Letter To USNRC, PLA-6484, dated 2/27/09)

3. GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Engineering Report 0000-0096-5766-P-R1, "Revised Susquehanna Replacement Steam Dryer Limit Curves - Main Steam Line Mounted Instrumentation", Class III, February 2009 (Provided via PPL Letter To USNRC, PLA-6484, dated 2/27/09)

4. GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Engineering Report 0000-0101-0766-P-R0, "Main Steam Line Limit Curve Adjustment During Power Ascension", Class III, April 2009 (Provided via PPL Letter To USNRC, PLA-6510, dated 5/12/09)

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Figure 1: MSL A Upper Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 2: MSL A Lower Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 3: MSL B Upper Strain Gage Plot PSD Plot

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Figure 4: MSL B Lower Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 5: MSL C Upper Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 6: MSL C Lower Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 7: MSL D Upper Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 8: MSL D Lower Strain Gage PSD Plot

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Figure 9: MSL A Upper Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 10: MSL A Lower Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 11: MSL B Upper Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 12: MSL B Lower Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 13: MSL C Upper Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 14: MSL C Lower Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 15: MSL D Upper Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 16: MSL D Lower Strain Gage PSD Waterfall Plot

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Figure 17: MSL Strain Gage Time History RMS Trends

Appendix A

Plant Data Log Sheets

Steam Dryer Data Log Sheets

Start

Date/Time	7/17/2011 12:40	(Start)

	Computer ID	Value	Units
Thermal Power (Instantaneous)	u02.nba01	3850.49	MWth
Thermal Power (15 min Ave.)	u02.nba101	3850.05	MWth
Electrical Power	u02.tra178	1269.41	Mwe
Total Core Flow	u02.tra026	105.17	M lbm/hr
Recirc Loop Flow A	u02.tra028	50.37	M lbm/hr
Recirc Loop Flow B	u02.tra029	51.49	M lbm/hr
Recirc Loop A Suction Temperature	u02.nrt01	525.83	°F
Recirc Loop B Suction Temperature	u02.nrt02	526.25	°F
Core Plate D/P	u02.tra027	16.47	PSI
Indicated Steam Flow Line A	u02.nff01	4.05	M lbm/hr
Indicated Steam Flow Line B	u02.nff02	4.25	M lbm/hr
Indicated Steam Flow Line C	u02.nff03	4.15	M lbm/hr
Indicated Steam Flow Line D	u02.nff04	4.09	M lbm/hr
Indicated Total Steam Flow	u02.tra097	16.58	M lbm/hr
Indicated Feedwater Flow	u02.tra098	16.12	M lbm/hr
Feedwater Temperature Line A	u02.tra102	399.31	°F
Feedwater Temperature Line B	u02.tra103	400.80	°F
Feedwater Temperature Line C	u02.tra104	399.84	°F
Rx Dome Pressure Narrow Range	u02.tra208	1026.09	PSIG
Rx Dome Pressure Wide Range	u02.tra209	1025.84	PSIG
Steam Dome Temperature	u02.nfa05	549.43	°F
Recirculation Pump A Speed	vm.2p401a/2a_rrp_tac	1503.00	RPM
Recirculation Pump B Speed	vm.2p401b/2b_rrp_tac	1495.00	RPM
Recirculation Pump A Power	u02.nrj51	4.17	MWe
Recirculation Pump B Power	u02.nrj52	4.11	MWe
CRD Cooling Header Flow	u02.nef03	61.84	GPM
CRD System Flow	u02.nef01	61.94	GPM
CRD System Temperature	u02.ndt05	140.82	°F
Bottom Head Drain Temp	u02.tra206	530.04	°F
Reactor Water Level Narrow Range	u02.tra142	34.85	Inches H2O
Reactor Water Level Narrow Range	u02.nfl02	35.68	Inches H2O
Reactor Water Level Narrow Range	u02.nfl03	34.47	Inches H2O
Reactor Water Level Wide Range	u02.tra143	31.51	Inches H2O
Recirculation Pump A Vane Passing Freq.	n/a	125.25	Hz
Recirculation Pump B Vane Passing Freq.	n/a	124.58	Hz
Recirculation Pump A Motor Frequency	n/a	50.61	Hz
Recirculation Pump B Motor Frequency	n/a	50.34	Hz

Enhanced Steam Flow Calculations

Feed Flow Line A (LEFM)	u02.nff77	5.38	M lbm/hr
Feed Flow Line B (LEFM)	u02.nff78	5.36	M lbm/hr
Feed Flow Line C (LEFM)	u02.nff79	5.32	M lbm/hr
CRD Flow	u02.ndf01	0.03	M lbm/hr
Total Feedwater Flow	n/a	16.10	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line A	n/a	*3.94*	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line B	n/a	*4.14*	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line C	n/a	*4.04*	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line D	n/a	*3.98*	M lbm/hr
Total Steam Flow	n/a	*16.10*	M lbm/hr

Steam Dryer Data Log Sheets
Finish

Date/Time	7/17/2011 12:43	(Finish)

	Computer ID	Value	Units
Thermal Power (Instantaneous)	u02.nba01	3850.32	MWth
Thermal Power (15 min Ave.)	u02.nba101	3850.00	MWth
Electrical Power	u02.tra178	1267.43	Mwe
Total Core Flow	u02.tra026	104.82	M lbm/hr
Recirc Loop Flow A	u02.tra028	50.23	M lbm/hr
Recirc Loop Flow B	u02.tra029	51.28	M lbm/hr
Recirc Loop A Suction Temperature	u02.nrt01	525.86	°F
Recirc Loop B Suction Temperature	u02.nrt02	526.26	°F
Core Plate D/P	u02.tra027	16.42	PSI
Steam Flow Line A	u02.nff01	4.06	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line B	u02.nff02	4.27	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line C	u02.nff03	4.15	M lbm/hr
Steam Flow Line D	u02.nff04	4.07	M lbm/hr
Total Steam Flow	u02.tra097	16.59	M lbm/hr
Feedwater Flow	u02.tra098	16.12	M lbm/hr
Feedwater Temperature Line A	u02.tra102	399.26	°F
Feedwater Temperature Line B	u02.tra103	400.83	°F
Feedwater Temperature Line C	u02.tra104	399.93	°F
Rx Dome Pressure Narrow Range	u02.tra208	1026.16	PSIG
Rx Dome Pressure Wide Range	u02.tra209	1025.83	PSIG
Steam Dome Temperature	u02.nfa05	549.43	°F
Recirculation Pump A Speed	vm.2p401a/2a_rrp_tac	1503.00	RPM
Recirculation Pump B Speed	vm.2p401b/2b_rrp_tac	1495.00	RPM
Recirculation Pump A Power	u02.nrj51	4.18	MWe
Recirculation Pump B Power	u02.nrj52	4.11	MWe
CRD Cooling Header Flow	u02.nef03	61.83	GPM
CRD System Flow	u02.nef01	61.95	GPM
CRD System Temperature	u02.ndt05	140.91	°F
Bottom Head Drain Temp	u02.tra206	530.07	°F
Reactor Water Level Narrow Range	u02.tra142	34.63	Inches H2O
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ENCLOSURE 3 TO PLA-6749

Affidavit

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AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD D. PAGODIN

I, Richard D. Pagodin General Manager-Nuclear Engineering PPL Susquehanna, LLC, do hereby affirm and state:

1. I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of PPL Susquehanna, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "PPL").

2. PPL requests that the information attached and identified by text inside triple brackets {{{This sentence is an example.}}} be withheld from public disclosure under the provisions of 10 C.F.R. 2.390(a)(4).

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8. Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to PPL by foreclosing or reducing the availability of profit-making opportunities. The information is of value to other BWR Licensee's and would support evaluations and analyses associated with extended power uprate license amendment submittals. Making this information available to other BWR Licensee's would represent a windfall and deprive PPL the opportunity to recover a portion of its large investment in the test instrumentation from which this data is derived.

PPL SUSQUEHANNA, LLC

Richard D. Pagodin

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County of Luzerne

Subscribed and sworn before me,
a Notary Public in and for the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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