

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket Nos.: 50-361, 50-362, 50-368

and 50-382, 50-528

APPLICANTS: Southern California Edison Company (SCE)

Arkansas Power and Light Company Louisiana Power and Light Company Arizona Public Service Company

FACILITY: CE Plants with Core Protection Calculators

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING TO DISCUSS CPC ISSUES

On March 8, 1985, members of the NRC staff met in Bethesda, Maryland with the Core Protection Calculator (CPC) Oversight Committee, which includes representatives of Combustion Engineering (CE) and the licensees/applicants that have CPC's at their facility. Attendees at the meeting are given in Enclosure 1. The Agenda for the meeting, and the slides presented at the meeting by the CPC Oversight Committee are given in Enclosure 2.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was agreed that action was required to resolve three broad areas of concern:

LONG-TERM

Further discussions are needed between the CPC Oversight Committee and the NRC staff to establish what link, if any, exists between the allowable values and/or ranges of CPC addressable constants listed in Table 2.2-2 of the CE Standard Technical Specifications (STS), and the limiting safety analyses which are the basis for safe plant operation. If justified, steps should be initiated to significantly modify or delete the table to reflect the staff policy that only safety-significant parameters should be controlled by the Technical Specifications. Changes of this magnitude, it is anticipated, will result in changes to the CE STS and, consequently, may have to be approved by the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR).

2. NEAR-TERM

Further discussions are needed in the near future to define acceptable Technical Specification limits on CPC TYPE I and II addressable constants, within the boundaries of the existing CE STS, that will not unnecessarily restrict plant operation, and will clearly define the range of values for each constant that:

a. May be changed by the plant operating staff without On-Site Review Committee (OSRC) review or NRC review.

b. May be changed by the plant operating staff only after OSRC review, but without NRC review

c. May be changed only by license amendment, following NRC review and approval.

It is anticipated that the Technical Specifications resulting from this effort would be issued with the and Palo Verde license, and, after requests by the licensees, would be incorporated by license amendment into the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2 (ANO-2), Waterford and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3 (SONGS 2/3) Tech. Specs.

3. IMMEDIATE

It appears that SONGS 2 can not operate at full power within the limits of the allowed values for TYPE I addressable constants currently in the SONGS 2 Tech. Specs. Therefore, the SONGS 2 licensee should immediately submit a request to change any values that must be changed, along with

(1) The safety basis for the change

(2) The basis for why the current value will result in de-rating of the plant

(3) The time schedule for restart, and when the change will be needed.

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Enclosures: As stated

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AGENDA

NRC - CPC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 8, 1985

- I Reload Cost Reduction and CPC/COLSS Improvement Programs
 - A- San Onofre Unit 2, Cycle 3 Schedule
 - 1. Generic Documents
 - 2. SONGS 2 Documents
 - B- NRC Staff Review and Approval Schedule
 - 1. Generic Documents
 - 2. SONGS 2 Documents
- II CPC Addressable Constants
 - A- History of Technical Specification
 - 1. Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2 Cycle 2
 - 2. Allowable Ranges
 - 3. Administrative Controls
 - B- Operating Experience
 - 1. Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2
 - 2. San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3
 - C- NRC Concerns
 - D- Azimuthal Tilt
 - 1. Technical Basis
 - 2. Allowable Range

CPC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

GOALS

- AVOID FUTURE CPC SOFTWARE CHANGES
- o REDUCE UNNECESSARY PLANT TRIPS
- o SIMPLIFY RELOAD ANALYSES

PROGRAM

- O OPTIMIZATION OF CPC/CFAC SOFTWARE FOR RELOADS
- O CEAC DESENSITIZATION TO SPURIOUS SIGNALS
- O RELOAD DATA BLOCK CONSTANTS

PLAN FOR INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION

- O OPTIMIZATION OF SOFTWARE AND CEAC DESENSITIZATION FOR ANO-2 MID CYCLE 5 AND SONGS-2 CYCLE 3
- o RELOAD DATA BLOCK FOR WATERFORD-3 CYCLE 2 AND PVNGS-1 CYCLE 2

DOCUMENTATION FOR NRC

- O DETAILED PRESENTATION OF MODIFICATIONS AND METHODOLOGY
- SOFTWARE MODIFICATIONS DOCUMENTS
- o PHASE I AND II TEST REPORTS

COLSS/CPCS IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

APRIL 1985

- DETAILED NRC PRESENTATION

AUGUST 1985

SOFTWARE MODIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO NRC (SONGS, ANO)

DETAILED NRC PRESENTATION (UPDATE)

SOFTWARE CHANGE PROCEDURE TO NRC (WATERFORD, PALO VERDE)

 RELOAD DATA BLOCK CONSTANTS CHANGE PROCEDURE TO NRC (WATERFORD, PALO VERDE)

CYCLE SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS TO NRC (SONGS)

NOVEMBER 1985 - CYCLE SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS TO NRC (ANO)

PHASES I & II TEST REPORTS TO NRC (SONGS, ANO)

MARCH

JANUARY 1986

SONGS IMPLEMENTATION

FEBRUARY 1986 - ANO IMPLEMENTATION

- SOFTWARE MODIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO NRC (WATERFORD, PALO VERDE)

MAY 1986

- CYCLE SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS TO NRC (WATERFORD)

JUNE 1986

- PHASES I & II TEST REPORTS TO NRC (WATERFORD, PALO VERDE)

AUGUST 1986

WATERFORD IMPLEMENTATION

- CYCLE SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS TO NRC (PALO VERDE)

JANUARY 1987 - PALO VERDE IMPLEMENTATION

SONGS-2, Cycle 3 Reload Licensing Schedule

Schedule Milestones

A. Detailed Presentation of CPC Improvement Program to NRC (CPC Oversight Committee)

B. Kick-off Meeting with NRC (SONGS-Specific Changes)

C. Submit Methodology (including CPC) Changes to NRC

D. Submit RAR to NRC

E. Tech. Spec. Changes to NRC

F. Phase I/II Test Report to NRC

G. End of Cycle 2

H. Startup of Cycle 3

April 1985

May 1985

August 1, 1985

August 15, 1985

August 15, 1985

November 15, 1985

January 1 , 1986

March 1, 1986

ADDRESSABLE CONSTANTS

ALLOWABLE VALUES

- . TABLE 2.2-2 OF TECH. SPEC. 2.2.2 LISTS ALL ADDRESSABLE CONSTANTS
 - TYPE I (CHANGE PERIODICALLY)
 - TYPE II (CHANGE ONLY IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS SUCH AS CYCLE STARTUP)
- . TYPE I ADDRESSABLE CONSTANTS ARE GIVEN ALLOWABLE VALUES (RANGES)