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SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 133 AND 83
TO LICENSE NOS. NPF-14 AND NPF-22:
CLOSURE OF LICENSE CONDITION ON
"SURVEILLANCE OF CONTROL BLADE"
PLA-3422 FILES A17-2/R41-2

Docket Nos. 50-387
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- References:
1. PLA-2485, N. W. Curtis to W. R. Butler, "License Condition 2.C.(26) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-14", dated June 18, 1985.
 2. PLA-2747, H. W. Keiser to E. Adensam, "License Condition 2.C.(9) of Facility License No. NPF-22", dated November 21, 1986.
 3. PLA-3407, H. W. Keiser to W. R. Butler, "Proposed Amendment 132 to License No. NPF-14: Unit 1 Cycle 6 Reload", dated July 2, 1990.

Dear Dr. Butler:

The purpose of this letter is to propose that License Condition 2.C.(26) of the Susquehanna SES Unit 1 Operating License (No. NPF-14) and License Condition 2.C.(9) of the Susquehanna SES Unit 2 Operating License (No. NPF-22) be designated closed. Copies of the marked-up affected pages are attached.

References 1 and 2 (attached) documented completion of PP&L's actions regarding the subject license conditions, which require compliance with items 1, 2, and 3 of IE Bulletin 79-26, Revision 1, "Boron Loss from BWR Control Blades". It is PP&L's position that the references constitute a valid commitment that need not be reiterated in each license.

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PP&L's motivation for making this request at this time is based on replacement control blades that are proposed in Reference 3 to be installed in support of Unit 1 Cycle 6 operation. As discussed in Reference 3, the requirements of IE Bulletin 79-26, Revision 1 do not apply to the replacement blades, which are of a new design which will eliminate boron loss due to cracking, and are planned to be discharged prior to a ten percent loss in reactivity worth. Since at the time the IE Bulletin was issued it applied to all BWR control blades, the license condition, if left open or unchanged, would apply to the replacement blades.

Analysis of the installation of the replacement blades was provided to the NRC in Reference 3. PP&L believes that the result of the NRC's review of that analysis will be that the requirements of the current license conditions do not apply to the replacement blades. Should the NRC reach that conclusion based on Reference 3, PP&L requests that the subject license conditions be designated "closed". Based on the above, the No Significant Hazards Considerations provided below address only the administrative closure of a license condition based on documented commitments (References 1 and 2), since the blade replacement will be evaluated separately (Reference 3).

No Significant Hazards Considerations

Based on PP&L's documented commitments (References 1 and 2) to comply with the applicable requirements of IE Bulletin 79-26, Revision 1, the closure of the subject license conditions is entirely administrative in nature and therefore, this action will not:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated;
2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or
3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Implementation

PP&L requests that this amendment be issued upon determining (based on Reference 3) that the replacement control blades being installed in support of Unit 1 Cycle 6 are not subject to the requirements of IE Bulletin 79-26, Revision 1.

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Any questions on this request should be directed to Mr. R. Sgarro at (215) 770-7916.

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