

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONWASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMDOCKET NO. 50-397NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

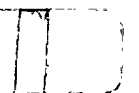
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 145 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 issued to Washington Public Power Supply System (the Supply System, or the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Nuclear Project No. 2 located in Benton County, Washington.

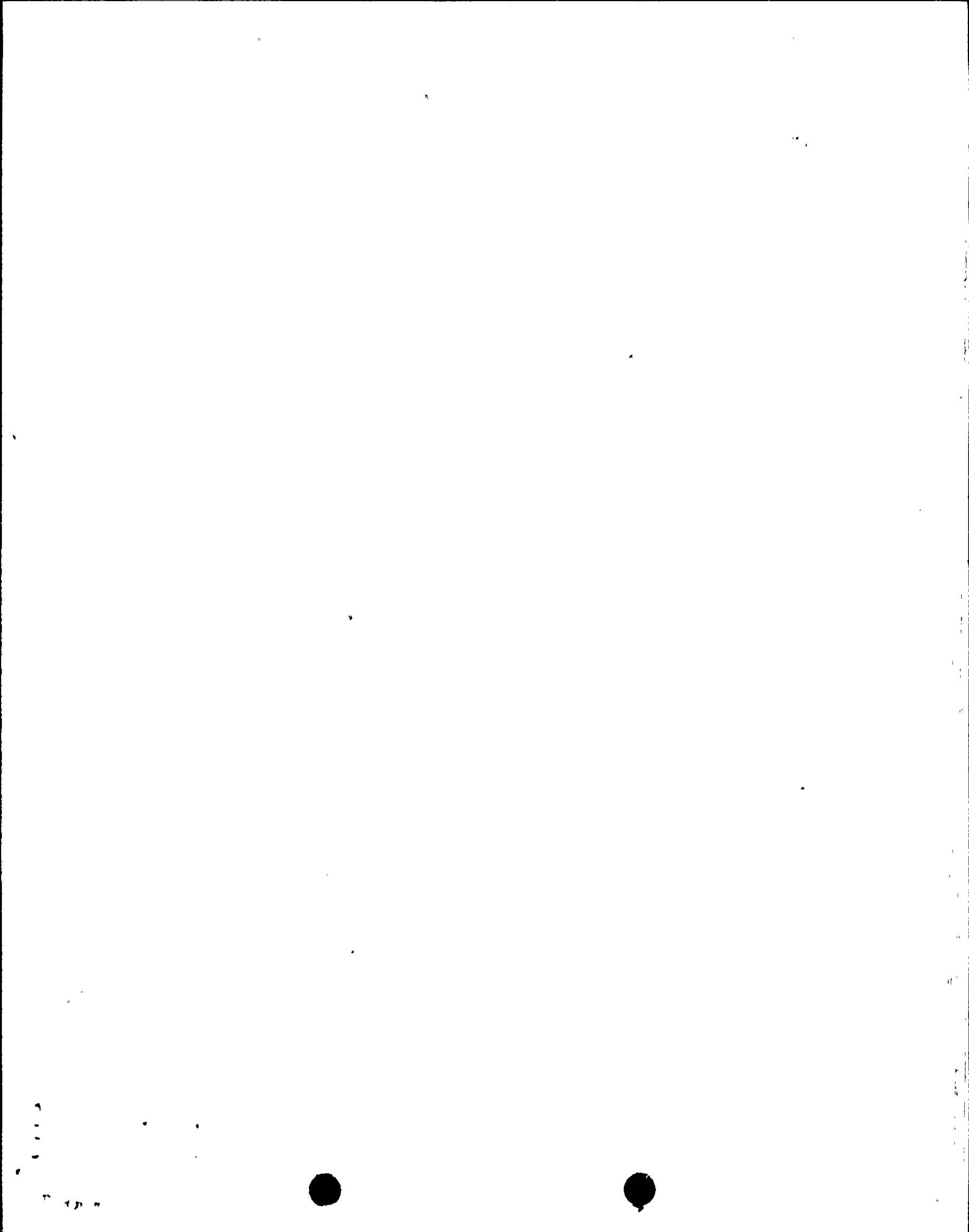
The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment revised the technical specifications to reflect replacement of the existing reactor recirculation (RRC) flow control system with an adjustable speed drive (ASD) system. In addition, the proposed technical specification changes will reflect replacement of the existing analog-hydraulic flow control system with dual channel, variable frequency ASDs and a digital recirculation flow control system that would vary RRC flow by varying RRC pump speed.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER





on March 4, 1996 (61 FR 8307). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of this amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to the action see(1) the application for amendment dated October 26, 1995, as supplemented by letters dated March 12, 1996, May 8, 1996, and May 16, 1996, (2) Amendment No. 145 to License No. NPF-21, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and Environmental Assessment. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street N.W., and at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of June 1996.

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