

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

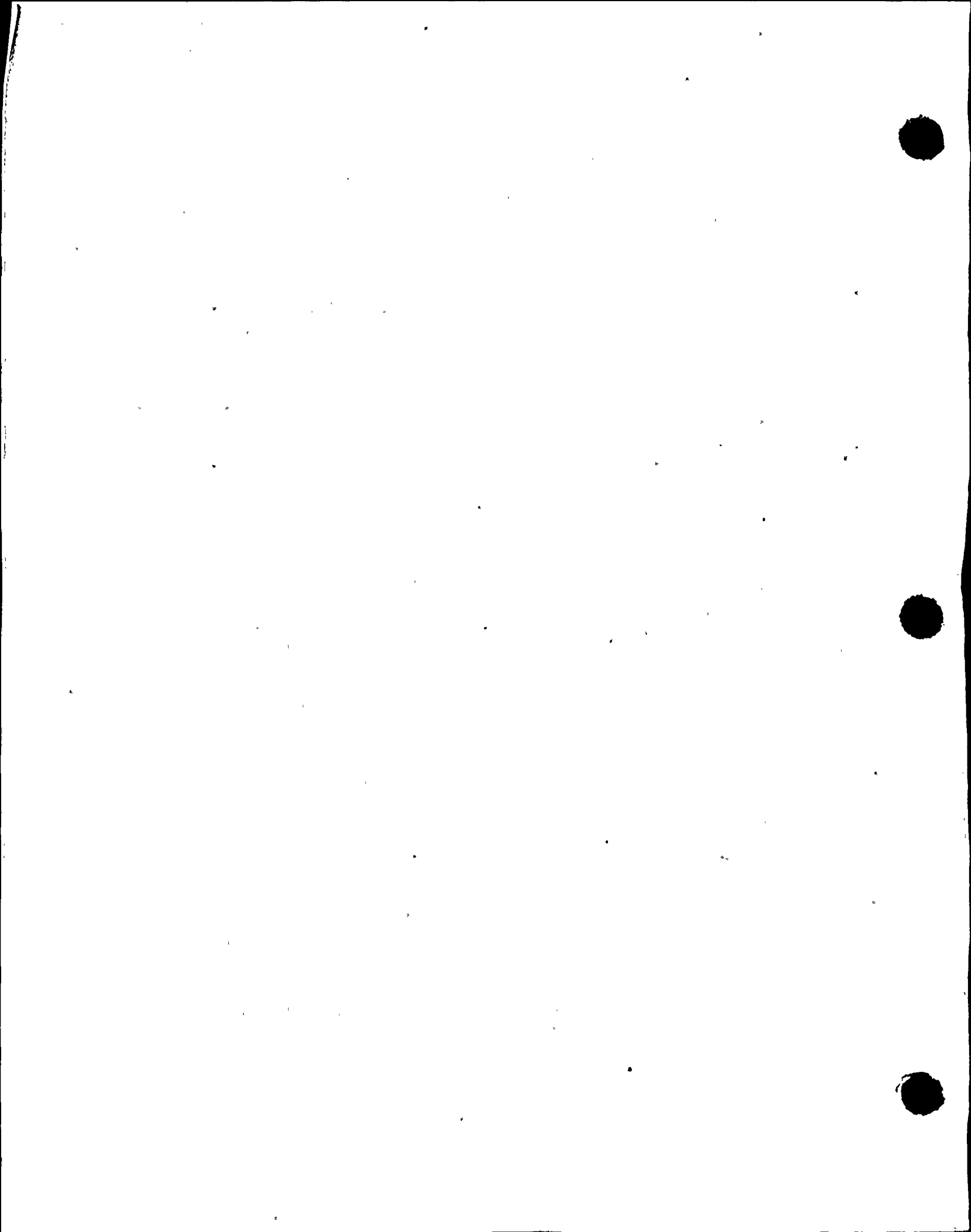
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 149 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 issued to Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee), for operation of the Washington Nuclear Project No. 2 (WNP-2), located in Benton County, Washington.

The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment replaces, in their entirety, the current technical specifications (TS) with a set of TS based on NUREG-1434, "Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric BWR/6 Plants," Revision 1, April 1995. In addition, the amendment adds a new license condition 2.C.(30) reflecting the licensee's commitments regarding relocation of TS requirements to licensee-controlled documents and the implementation of Regulatory Guide 1.160. The amendment also adds an Appendix C listing those commitments. The amendment also deletes license condition 2.C.(18)(c) which had required the licensee to provide, prior to startup from the first refueling outage, TS for the bypass timer setting and manual inhibit switch of the automatic depressurization system.

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.

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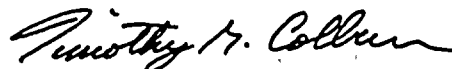
Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33144). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

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 December 8, 1995, as supplemented by letters dated July 9, 1996, August 30, 1996, September 6, 1996, December 12, 1996, January 14, 1997, January 31, 1997, and February 10, 1997, (2) Amendment No. 149 to Facility Operating 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, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the local public document room located at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of March 1997.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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