

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

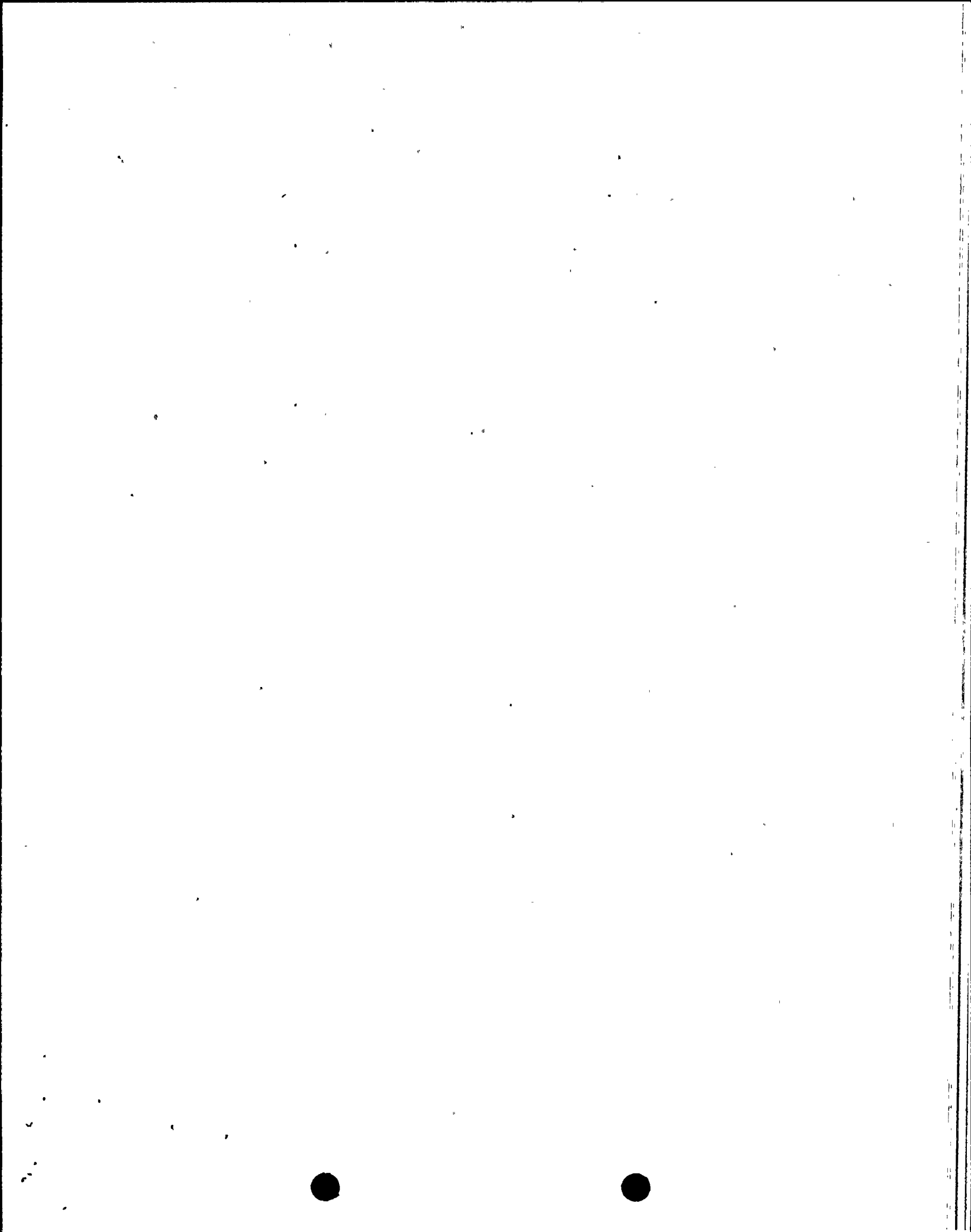
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee) to partially withdraw its May 20, 1997, application, as supplemented by letters dated June 6, 1997, and July 3, 1997, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License NPF-21 for the Washington Nuclear Project No. 2, located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed change modifies the Technical Specifications (TS) for the minimum critical power ratio (MCPR) safety limit in TS 2.1.1.2 for ATRIUM 9X9 fuel. In addition, a new reference would have been added to TS Section 5.6.5, "Core Operating Limits Report." The licensee's June 6, 1997, letter, in addition to specifying that the proposed license amendment change would only be in effect for Cycle 13, withdrew the addition of this new reference.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on May 29, 1997 (62 FR 29160). However, by letter dated June 6, 1997, the licensee partially withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 20, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated June 6, 1997, which partially withdrew the application for license amendment, and July 3, 1997. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of July 1997.

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