

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM)	Docket No. 50-397
)	
(Nuclear Project No. 2))	

CONFIRMATORY ORDER MODIFYING LICENSE

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

I.

Washington Public Power Supply System, WPPSS, (WPPSS or the Licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-21, which authorizes operation of Nuclear Project No. 2 (WNP-2) located in Richland, Washington, at steady state reactor core power levels not in excess of 3486 megawatts thermal (rated power).

II.

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been concerned that Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier systems installed by licensees may not provide the level of fire endurance intended and that licensees that use Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barriers may not be meeting regulatory requirements. During the 1992 to 1994 time frame, the NRC staff issued Generic Letter (GL) 92-08, "Thermo-Lag 330-1 Fire Barriers" and subsequent requests for additional information that requested licensees to submit plans and schedules for resolving the Thermo-Lag issue. The NRC staff has obtained and reviewed all licensees' corrective plans and schedules. The staff is concerned that some licensees may not be making adequate progress toward resolving the plant-specific issues, and that some implementation schedules may be either too tenuous or too protracted. For example, several licensees informed the NRC staff that their completion dates had slipped by 6 months to as much as 3 years. For plants that have

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