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**REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
SALEM GENERATING STATIONS UNITS 1 AND 2
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES DPR-70 AND DPR-75
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311**

Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10CFR50.90, Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G) requests a revision to the Facility Operating License for Salem Generating Station, Unit 2 and a revision to the Technical Specifications (TS) for Salem Units 1 and 2. In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b)(1), a copy of this submittal has been sent to the State of New Jersey.

The proposed change to the facility operating license for Salem Unit 2 deletes license condition 2.C(24)(a) Shift Manning. This condition, TMI Action Plan item I.A.1.3, required PSE&G to establish regularly scheduled 8-hour shifts without reliance on routine use of overtime by June 3, 1981.

The License Condition was met effective June 3, 1981 by implementing 8-hour shifts. In 1992, Salem Units 1 and 2 transitioned to 12-hour operating shifts. While the benefits of this transition were reviewed with the NRC at the time, PSE&G did not pursue a License Amendment.

PSE&G has been in substantial compliance with the intent of the License Condition while operating on a 12-hour shift. Shift rotations were based on a two week average of 80 hours of scheduled work. Use of overtime has been controlled within the Nuclear Business Unit Administrative Procedures and is consistent with Generic Letter 82-12 guidance.

12-hour shifts provide for a reduced number of turnovers which allows for better communications and continuity. On the 12-hour shift schedule, personnel receive more consecutive time off, therefore, they are more rested when returning to work.

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PSE&G proposes to modify the TS for Salem Units 1 and 2. Section 6.0 Administrative Controls will be changed to incorporate limitations on shift schedules and routine use of overtime. This change relocates the requirements of the license condition concerning reliance on overtime, but does not reference a specific shift length.


Salem Units 1 and 2 are currently shutdown and defueled. PSE&G will continue to operate on the established 12-hour schedule. Transition to an 8-hour shift schedule at this time would constitute an undue hardship by disrupting the current outage schedule and affecting the manpower available to augment outage support. It should also be noted that during the current outage, total operator hours per week on 12-hour shifts would not be affected by changing to 8-hour shifts.

The basis for the requested change is provided in Attachment 1. A 10CFR50.92 evaluation with a determination of no significant hazards consideration is provided in Attachment 2. The marked-up operating license and TS pages affected by the proposed changes are provided in Attachment 3.

Upon NRC approval of the proposed changes, PSE&G requests a 7 day implementation period to ensure completion of associated procedural modifications.

Should there be any questions regarding this submittal, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Attachments (3)
Affidavit



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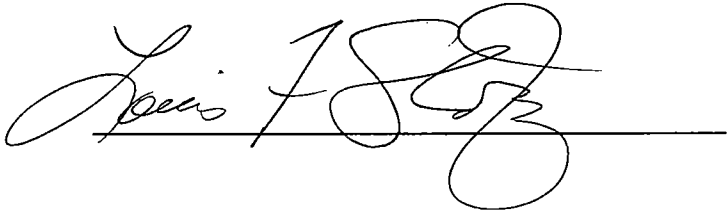
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L. F. Storz, being duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

I am Senior Vice President - Nuclear Operations of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and as such, I find the matters set forth in the above referenced letter, concerning the Salem Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis F. Storz", is written over a horizontal line.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 26th day of August, 1996


Notary Public of New Jersey

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My Commission Expires
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My Commission expires on _____