

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23261

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October 28, 1985

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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Attn: Mr. Steven A. Varga, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Serial No. 85-240
E&C/GMS:acm
Docket Nos. 50-280
50-281
License Nos. DPR-32
DPR-37

Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
SURRY POWER STATION UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE
REVISE MAXIMUM K-EFFECTIVE AT REFUELING CONDITIONS

Pursuant to 10CFR50.90, Virginia Electric and Power Company requests an amendment, in the form of changes to the Technical Specifications, to Operating License Nos. DPR-32 and DPR-37 for Surry Power Station Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

VEPCO is requesting an increase in the maximum K-effective allowable during refueling conditions from the current value of 0.90 to 0.95 for Surry Units 1 and 2. VEPCO has found the current Technical Specification limit on K-effective at refueling restrictive from a core reload design standpoint because of increasingly reactive core designs. The current limit of 0.90 has resulted in increased burnable poison requirements which pose a penalty in the area of effective fuel utilization.

This proposed change in K-effective will provide greater flexibility during the reload core design process while maintaining the required safety margin. The 0.95 limit on K-effective is consistent with the limit specified in the Westinghouse Standard Technical Specifications.

Attachment 1 provides the proposed change to Sections 3.8.A and 3.10.A of the Surry Technical Specifications. Attachment 2 provides a Safety Evaluation of the changes.

This request has been reviewed by the Station Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee and the Safety Evaluation and Control Staff. It has been determined that this request does not involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in 10CFR50.59 nor does it pose a significant hazards consideration, as defined in 10CFR50.92.

We have evaluated this request in accordance with the criteria in 10CFR170.12. An application fee in the amount of \$150 is warranted. With

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reference to your letter dated August 16, 1985, we wish to apply Check No. 48858 dated October 9, 1984 to this application fee.

We request your approval of the Technical Specification changes by January 15, 1986 in order to ensure that the revised Technical Specifications are in place in time for use with the Surry 1 Cycle 9 reload design analysis.

Very truly yours,



W. L. Stewart

Attachments

1. Proposed Technical Specification Change
2. Safety Evaluation

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CITY OF RICHMOND)

The foregoing document was acknowledged before me, in and for the City and Commonwealth aforesaid, today by W. L. Stewart who is Vice President - Nuclear Operations, of Virginia Electric and Power Company. He is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing document in behalf of that Company, and the statements in the document are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Acknowledged before me this 28 day of October, 19 85.

My Commission expires: February 10, 19 89.

Carolyne M. Moore
Notary Public

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