

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 19 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-66

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

OHIO EDISON COMPANY

PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY

BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 50-334

Introduction

By letter dated Jure 26, 1979, Duquesne Light Company (the licensee) proposed modifications to the safety injection actuation system logic for Beaver Valley Power Station Unit No. 1 in response to Item 3 of IE Bulletin 79-06A dated April 14, 1979. These modifications will require two out of three channels of low pressurizer pressure for actuation.

Discussion and Evaluation

Since the date of licensing until the issuance of IE Bulletin 79-06A safety injection was initiated, in addition to other parameters, based on coincident trip of one-of-three matched pairs of low pressurizer level and low pressurizer pressure trips. Item 3 of IE Bulletin 79-06A directed all facilities using pressurizer water level coincident with pressurizer pressure for automatic initiating of safety injection to trip the low pressurizer level setpoint bistables so that when pressurizer pressure reaches the low setpoint, safety injection would be initiated regardless of the pressurizer level.

Because of the concern that this action has resulted in placing Beaver Valley Unit 1 in a condition (one-out-of-three trip) which is more susceptible to spurious actuation of the safety injection system, the licensee has proposed modifications and related Technical Specification changes to alleviate this situation.

The proposed modifications to the safety injection actuation system consist of removing the pressurizer level signal from each of the pressurizer level pressure channel trips and converting the system to a two-out-of-three logic based on the pressurizer low pressure trips. The instrumentation logic receives pressurizer pressure signals from three pressure transmitters and initiates a safety injection actuation when two of the three signals reach the low pressure setpoint of 1845 psig. These modifications do not involve a change in the setpoint. These modifications will satisfy the requirements of IEEE 279-1971, and other applicable standards. The modifications will be implemented during the current outage.

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Based on our review of the licensee's submittal, we conclude that the modifications to the safety injection actuation system logic satisfy the requirements of IEEE 279-1971 and that the changes in Technical Specifications are correct, and therefore, are acceptable.

Environmental Consideration

We have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4), that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

Conclusion

We have concluded, based on the consideration discussed above, that: (1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Date: July 17, 1979

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