



Portland General Electric Company

September 10, 1980

Trojan Nuclear Plant
Docket 50-344
License NPF-1

Assistant Director for Operating Reactors
ATTN: Mr. Thomas M. Novak, Operator
Operating Reactors Branch No. 3
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sir:

By letter dated August 15, 1980, the NRC requested Portland General Electric Company (PGE) to review and make appropriate revisions to the Trojan Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications and procedures to assure that minimum refueling cavity water level requirements during Mode 6 are sufficient to preclude exposure of fuel assemblies or control rods during transfer. Specifically, PGE was requested to modify the current Technical Specification 3.9.10 which states that 23 ft. of water must be maintained over the seated fuel assemblies during Mode 6. The requested change would state 23 ft. of water must be maintained over the reactor vessel flange during Mode 6.

Current procedures in use at the Trojan Nuclear Plant require that the refueling cavity water level be maintained to a depth which will provide a minimum of 10 ft. of water above a fuel assembly during transfer. These procedures preclude the possibility of exposing fuel assemblies or control rods during transfer. However, PGE will comply with the NRC request and submit a License Change Request (LCR) incorporating a minimum water level depth of 23 ft. above the reactor pressure vessel flange. This LCR will be sent to the NRC prior to November 1, 1980.

Sincerely,

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Maintenance

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c: Mr. Lynn Frank, Director
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