



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 67 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-57

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY

ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

DOCKET NO. 50-354

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 30, 1993, and supplement dated March 21, 1994, the Public Service Electric & Gas (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Hope Creek Generating Station, Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed amendments would change TS 6.9.1.7, "Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Report," to extend the Radioactive Effluent Release Report (RERR) submittal frequency from semiannual to annual. These requested changes are in accordance with the change in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 50.36a, "Technical specifications on effluents from nuclear power reactors," effective October 1, 1992. In addition, the amendment lists the Technical Specifications that will be revised to reflect this change by eliminating references to the semiannual RERR.

TS 6.5.1.2, composition of the Station Operations Review Committee (SORC) members will be revised to be consistent with the functional position titles currently in use at Hope Creek.

The March 21, 1994, letter provided supplemental information and did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

2.0 EVALUATION

As indicated above, 10 CFR 50.36a was changed to allow the frequency of the report to the Commission specifying the quantity of each of the principal radionuclides released to unrestricted areas be changed from semiannually to annually. The new regulation also requires that the time interval between submissions of the reports to be no longer than 12 months. Previously, 10 CFR 50.36a required these reports to be submitted semiannually and within 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year.

The most recent report was submitted on August 30, 1993, under the old TS, and covered the period from January 1, 1993 through June 30, 1993. The next report will be required on May 1, 1994, under the new TS. The period covered by the next report will be July 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. Since the requested technical specification changes are consistent with the new regulation and since the submittals of the required reports will provide

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continuity in the periods covered, the staff finds that the licensee's proposed changes to Technical Specification 6.9.1.7 meet the regulations and are, therefore, acceptable.

TS 6.5.1.2 will be revised such that the Radiation Protection/Chemistry Manager position is changed to the Radiation Protection Manager and the Radiation Protection Engineer or Chemistry Engineer title is changed to Chemistry Manager. This revision incorporates changes to be consistent with the functional position titles currently in use at Hope Creek and is not a change in the overall membership in the SORC. The staff concludes that the proposed change is acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the New Jersey State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment changes recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

The amendment also changes a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (58 FR 50973). Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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