Washington Public Power Supply System P.O. Box 968 3000 George Washington Way Richland, Washington 99352 (509) 372-5000 *82 NOT 29 P1:35 DOCKETING & SERVICE BRANCH October 22, 1982

Secretary of the Commission U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: APPLICABILITY OF LICENSE CONDITIONS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IN AN EMERGENCY

In the August 18, 1982, edition of the Federal Register (47FR35996), the NRC proposed a change to its regulations clarifying the actions a licensee may take to depart from a license condition or Technical Specification in an emergency when such action is immediately needed to protect public health and safety.

The Supply System concurs with the proposed rule as it is reasonable to expect special circumstances may arise during an emergency wherein absolute compliance with a license condition or Technical Specification could, in fact, increase the risk to the public's health and safety. We consider it to be appropriate to allow qualified operations personnel to evaluate an actual event and initiate appropriate corrective action.

Very truly yours,

G. D. Bouchey, Manager Nuclear Safety & Licensing

KAH/sm

cc: NS Reynolds

Dadd. Charles hul 8211060386 821022

DOCKET HUMBER

PROPOSED RULE IN