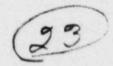




UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545



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Docket No. 50-397

Raymond L. Carroll Accounting Procedures Branch Office of the Controller

WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM - HANFORD NUMBER TWO NUCLEAR PLANT

Enclosed is the financial portion of Amendment No. 7 to the application for a construction permit for the Hanford Number Two Nuclear Plant. This information is in response to the Numbered items in your memorandum of May 22, 1972.

Robert A. Clark, Chief Gas Cooled Reactors Branch Directorate of Licensing

Enclosures: As stated

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QUESTION 15.1 (Jan. 20, 1972)

Provide copies of published certified financial statements for WPPSS covering each of the last five years.

ANSWER

As a joint operating agency, yearly financial statements for WPPSS are issued on each project. The Supply System has no other provision for expenditure of funds beyond that of charging directly to a project. General or overhead expenses are pro-rated to the various projects on the basis of time demand. The financial reports for each project for the past five years have been transmitted by separate letter dated June 20, 1972.

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QUESTION 15.5 (June 12, 1972)

What is the estimated minimum dollar amount of bonds expected to be sold in the initial bond issuance?

ANSWER

This will be defined within the next few months, and we will notify the AEC by letter when the dollar amount of the initial bond issuance has been determined.

QUESTION 15.6 (June 12, 1972)

What is the estimated date for completion of the Hanford No. 2 unit?

ANSWER

Key schedule dates are:

Initiate Fuel Loading

Initiate Startup Tests

Commercial Operation

April 1, 1977

May 1, 1977

September 1, 1977

QUESTION 15.7 (June 12, 1972)

Please provide us with the notes to the WPPSS financial statements submitted as Amendment No. 2 to the application.

ANSWER

Since the notes are quite voluminous, we are sending by separate cover, five copies of each of the auditors reports for each of the WPPSS projects for the past five years.

QUESTION 15.8 (June 12, 1972)

Will a sinking fund be established for payoff of the bonds? If not, what arran mement will be used?

ANSWER

Yes, a sinking fund will be established for payoff of the bonds.

QUESTION 15.9 (June 12, 1972)

What will be the expected useful life of the nuclear facility?

ANSWER

The minimum expected useful life of the facility is 40 years.