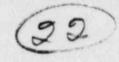


UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION



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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

Under separate cover, we have forwarded to you Amendment No. 10, dated August 21, 1972, to the application filed by the Washington Public Power Supply System for authorization to construct the Hanford Number Two Nuclear Plant at the AEC Hanford Reservation site in Benton County, Washington. The proposed reactor is of the boiling water type and is designed for initial operation at 3323 thermal megawatts.

The amendment states that the cost for the plant is estimated to be \$406,768,000, exclusive of transmission and fuel costs. Assuming an initial capacity of 1100 MWe, the unit cost for the reactor is \$370/kw. The construction costs are reasonable for a plant of this design and power level.

Amendment No. 11 to the same application, dated August 29, 1972, has also been transmitted to you. This amendment consists of financial statements for each of the participating utilities that are required to support the WPPSS financial qualification.

We would appreciate receiving your testimony on this information as soon as possible.

Robert A. Clark, Chief

Gas Cooled Reactors Branch Directorate of Licensing

Enclosures (under separate cover):

1. Amendment No. 10

2. Amendment No. 11

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