

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION V

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August 15,1992 CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

Docket No. 50-397 License No. NPF-21

Washington Public Power Supply System P. O. Box 968 Richland, Washington 99352

Attention: Mr. A. L. Oxsen

Deputy Managing Director

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our understanding of the actions you intend to take regarding the Unusual Event which occurred on August 15, 1992, involving reactor power oscillations at WNP-2. Based on the discussions held between Mr. K. E. Perkins, Jr., of my staff, and you, it is our understanding that your actions will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- You will quarantine records and available plant operations data for review by NRC personnel.
- You will develop a plan for investigating the August 15,1992 Unusual Event, conduct a thorough investigation, and obtain a full understanding of that event.
- You will define the pre-restart and post-restart corrective actions needed as a result of this event.
- 4. You will discuss with the NRC the results of your investigation prior to restarting (entering Condition 2) the WNP-2 facility.

The NRC intends to review this event and your investigation of it with an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) led by Mr. L. F. Miller of Region V. He will arrive onsite the morning of August 17, 1992, to introduce his team and discuss the scope of the AIT inspection with WPSS management representatives. If your understanding differs from that set forth above, please call me immediately. Issuance of this Confirmatory Action Letter does not preclude issuance of an order formalizing the above commitments or requiring other actions on the part of the Washington Public Power Supply System. Nor does it preclude NRC from taking enforcement action for violations of NRC requirements that may have prompted the issuance of this letter.

Sincerely,

Regional Administrator

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