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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST 95-008

- 1. You have discussed the use of different co-resident fuel assembly designs in reference 1 (page 1 of 13, Attachment 2). Please provide the reference for the method that has been used for the core reload with mixed fuel for CPSES Unit 2, Cycle 3. Have all the provisions from the reference been satisfied such as that required for the analysis for the effect of stress from seismic forces between the different fuel types (Siemens and Westinghouse) and the DNBR penalty factors required for transition cores?
- 2. You have discussed meeting the minimum measured flow requirement in Technical Specification (TS) 3.2.5c in reference 1 (page 6 of 21, Attachment 2). Will this reload incorporate low leakage core loading? If so, this type of loading has resulted in increased hot streaming in many plants that has resulted in reduced indicated Reactor Coolant System (RCS) flow rates. Has this low leakage core loading effect been factored into the uncertainty analysis? Will this reduced indicated RCS flow be a problem for CPSES Unit 2, Cycle 3?. Please provide the total flow rates in gpm measured from the calorimetric heat balance for the current cycles for Units 1 and 2. Also, please provide the references that approved the 1.8% uncertainty for the flow measurement and the 0.5% for the effects of lower plenum flow anomaly mentioned on page 3 of 13, Attachment 2.
- 3. Please provide the reference for the approved method used for obtaining the Overtemperature N-16 reactor trip setpoint for obtaining the total uncertainty as discussed in reference 1 (pages 1, 2, and 3 of 13, Attachment 2 and TS Table 2.2-1) and the Overpower N-16 trip setpoint (page 5 of 13, Attachment 2 and TS Table 2.2-1).
- Please explain the difference between how the power is calculated using the N-16 power indication and that from the calorimetric power indication as discussed in reference 1 (page 11 of 21, Attachment 2).
- Please provide a list of the NRC approved codes, with the titles of the approved reports, used for the Unit 2, Cycle 3 reload analysis.

ENCLOSURE

- 6. You mention on page 11 of 13 of Attachment 2 that the most relevant design basis analysis in Chapter 15 of the CPSES Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) which is affected by the change in the safety analysis value for the CPSES Unit 2 Overtemperature N-16 reactor trip setpoint is the Uncontrolled Rod Cluster Control Assembly Bank Withdrawal at Power (FSAR section 15.4.2) and that all acceptance criteria were satisfied. Please provide information on all the Chapter 15 accident analyses that were performed for CPSES Unit 2, cycle 3 and indicate what approved codes were used for each accident or transient and why the results were acceptable (i.e., met the DNBR requirement, met the pressure requirement, etc.).
- 7. Provide the input parameters for (power, pressure, temperature, flow, and power density) used to calculate DNBR and other Chapter 15 analyses for Unit 2 Cycle 3 and the resultant DNBR value.
- Provide the uncertainty values and bases used in the statistical combination of uncertainties as required by the safety evaluation report that approved RXE-91-002, "Reactivity Anomaly Events Methodology," dated January 19, 1993.