

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY  
OHIO EDISON COMPANY  
PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY

(Beaver Valley Power Station  
Unit No. 1)

) Docket No. 50-334  
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EXEMPTION

I.

The Duquesne Light Company, Ohio Edison Company and Pennsylvania Power Company (the licensees), are the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-66 (the license) which authorizes operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1. The license provides, among other things, that it is subject to all rules, regulations and Orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now and hereafter in effect.

The facility comprises a pressurized water reactor at the licensee's site located at Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

II.

By letter dated June 25, 1984, Duquesne Light Company applied for an amendment to Operating License DPR-66 to change certain provisions of the Technical Specifications. The change would require an exemption from the Commission's regulation, described as follows:

Section III.D.1(a) of Appendix J, 10 CFR 50, states that ". . . a set of three Type A tests shall be performed, at approximate equal intervals during

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each 10-year service period. The third test of each set shall be conducted when the plant is shutdown for the 10-year plant inservice inspections." This requires that containment integrated leak rate tests (CILRTs) be performed at approximately 40-month intervals (in practice,  $40 \pm 10$  month intervals, with the third one in each set performed coincident with performance of the 120-month inservice inspection).

Due to an extended shutdown of eleven months and twenty-one days, the inservice inspection interval has been extended, per the requirements of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (See letter, S. A. Varga of NRC to J. J. Carey of Duquesne Light Company, May 21, 1984). It is, therefore, no longer possible to perform the third CILRT within  $40 \pm 10$  months after the second one, and during inservice inspection shutdown.

Duquesne Light Company has requested that Technical Specification 4.6.1.2 be changed, and an exemption from Section III.D.1(a) of Appendix J be granted such that the third of each set of three CILRTs need not be performed in conjunction with the inservice inspection shutdown. The staff has reviewed the request and concluded that since the CILRT need not be performed during the inservice inspection shutdown, the licensee's request is acceptable. The licensee will continue to perform the CILRTs at intervals of  $40 \pm 10$  months but will not need to perform them in conjunction with inservice inspections.

### III.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public

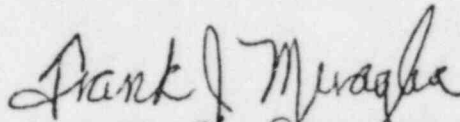
interest and hereby grants an exemption with respect to the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Section III.D.1(a):

The Beaver Valley Unit 1 Technical Specifications may be amended to require that the CILRTs be performed solely according to the  $40 \pm 10$  month frequency, not in conjunction with the inservice inspection shutdown.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the issuance of the Exemption will have no significant impact on the environment (49 FR 32134, August 10, 1984).

This Exemption is effective upon issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Frank Miraglia, Deputy Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland  
this 30th day of November 1984.