

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANYOHIO EDISON COMPANYPENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANYDOCKET NO. 50-334BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1DOCKET NO. 50-334NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied, in part, a request by Duquesne Light Company, an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-⁶⁶~~68~~, issued to the licensee for operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1, located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. Notice of Consideration of issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on August 12, 1987 (52 FR 29915).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to incorporate revised Technical Specification (TS) requirements for operability and surveillance for the station batteries. The revisions were requested due to replacement of two of the four station batteries by two batteries of a different design. Included in this request was a proposed change to lower individual cell electrolyte specific gravity from 1.20 to 1.195.

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The staff has denied that proposal to change the specific gravity limit to 1.195. The current specific gravity value of 1.20 for each cell is based on the Standard Technical Specifications value of 1.20, which in turn was derived from a consensus of utilities and battery vendors. This value is considered necessary to assure adequate capacity and has been uniformly applied to all plant batteries for years without incurring much operational problem. In the absence of technical information regarding specific characteristics of the licensee's new lead-calcium batteries, the value of 1.20 should be retained to assure an adequate reserve capacity to power essential equipment.

The other provision of the amendment relating to Section 4.8.2.3.2.a.2 request has been approved by Amendment No. 122 dated March 21, 1988. Notice of Issuance of that amendment will be published in the Commission's biweekly FEDERAL REGISTER notice.

The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed TS change by the letter transmitting Amendment No. 122.

By _____, 1988, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., by the above date.

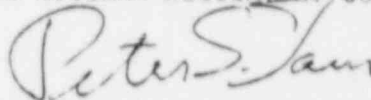
A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel-Rockville, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Gerald Charnoff of Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20027, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated July 1, 1987, (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated September 10, 1987, and (3) the Commission's Safety Evaluation dated March 21, 1988, issued with Amendment No. 122 to DPR-66.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, Washington D.C. 20555 and at B.F. Jones Memorial Library, 663 Franklin Avenue, Aliquippa, PA 15001. A copy of item (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Document Control Desk.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of March, 1988.

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