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ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, ET AL.

DOCKET NO. STN 50-530

PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 119
License No. NPF-74

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by the Arizona Public Service Company (APS or the licensee) on behalf of itself and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, El Paso Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Southern California Public Power Authority dated October 6, 1998, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-74 is hereby amended to read as follows:

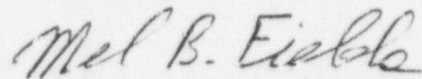
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(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 119, and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, are hereby incorporated into this license. APS shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan, except where otherwise stated in specific license conditions.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment: Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: October 19, 1998

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 119 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-74

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the enclosed pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the areas of change.

REMOVE

1.1-5
3.3.1-6
3.3.1-8
3.3.1-10
3.3.2-5

INSERT

1.1-5
3.3.1-6
3.3.1-8
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3.3.2-5

1.1 Definitions

LEAKAGE
(continued)

c. Pressure Boundary LEAKAGE

LEAKAGE (except SG LEAKAGE) through a nonisolable fault in an RCS component body, pipe wall, or vessel wall.

MODE

A MODE shall correspond to any one inclusive combination of core reactivity condition, power level, cold leg reactor coolant temperature, and reactor vessel head closure bolt tensioning specified in Table 1.1-1 with fuel in the reactor vessel.

NEUTRON RATED
THERMAL POWER (NRTP)
(for Unit 3 only)

The indicated neutron flux at RTP.

OPERABLE - OPERABILITY

A system, subsystem, train, component, or device shall be OPERABLE or have OPERABILITY when it is capable of performing its specified safety function(s) and when all necessary attendant instrumentation, controls, normal or emergency electrical power, cooling and seal water, lubrication, and other auxiliary equipment that are required for the system, subsystem, train, component, or device to perform its specified safety function(s) are also capable of performing their related support function(s).

PHYSICS TESTS

PHYSICS TESTS shall be those tests performed to measure the fundamental nuclear characteristics of the reactor core and related instrumentation. These tests are:

- a. Described in Chapter 14, Initial Test Program of the UFSAR;
- b. Authorized under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59; or
- c. Otherwise approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

SURVEILLANCE	FREQUENCY
<p>SR 3.3.1.6 -----NOTE----- Not required to be performed until 12 hours after THERMAL POWER \geq 15% RTP. ----- Verify linear power subchannel gains of the excore detectors are consistent with the values used to establish the shape annealing matrix elements in the CPCs.</p>	<p>31 days</p>
<p>SR 3.3.1.7 -----NOTES----- 1. The CPC CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST shall include verification that the correct values of addressable constants are installed in each OPERABLE CPC. 2. Not required to be performed for logarithmic power level channels until 2 hours after reducing THERMAL POWER*/logarithmic power* below 1E-4% RTP (NRTP for Unit 3). ----- Perform CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST on each channel.</p>	<p>92 days</p>
<p>SR 3.3.1.8 -----NOTE----- Neutron detectors are excluded from the CHANNEL CALIBRATION. ----- Perform CHANNEL CALIBRATION of the power range neutron flux channels.</p>	<p>92 days</p>

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* THERMAL POWER for Units 1 and 2, logarithmic power for Unit 3.

Table 3.3.1-1 (page 1 of 3)
Reactor Protective System Instrumentation

FUNCTION	APPLICABLE MODES OR OTHER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS	SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS	ALLOWABLE VALUE
1. Variable Over Power	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.4 SR 3.3.1.6 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.8 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.13	Ceiling \leq 111.0% RTP Band \leq 9.9% RTP Incr. Rate \leq 11.0%/min RTP Decr. Rate $>$ 5%/sec RTP
2. Logarithmic Power Level - High ^(a)	2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.12 SR 3.3.1.13	\leq 0.011% (NRTP for Unit 3)
3. Pressurizer Pressure - High	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.13	\leq 2388 psia
4. Pressurizer Pressure - Low	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.12 SR 3.3.1.13	\geq 1821 psia
5. Containment Pressure - High	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.13	\leq 3.2 psig
6. Steam Generator #1 Pressure - Low	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.13	\geq 890 psia
7. Steam Generator #2 Pressure - Low	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.13	\geq 890 psia

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(a) Trip may be bypassed when THERMAL POWER^{*}/logarithmic power^{*} is $>$ 1E-4% RTP (NRTP for Unit 3). Bypass shall be automatically removed when THERMAL POWER^{*}/logarithmic power^{*} is \leq 1E-4% RTP (NRTP for Unit 3).

^{*} THERMAL POWER for Units 1 and 2, logarithmic power for Unit 3.

Table 3.3.1-1 (page 3 of 3)
Reactor Protective System Instrumentation

FUNCTION	APPLICABLE MODES OR OTHER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS	SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS	ALLOWABLE VALUE
14. Local Power Density - High ^(b)	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.2 SR 3.3.1.3 SR 3.3.1.4 SR 3.3.1.5 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.10 SR 3.3.1.11 SR 3.3.1.12 SR 3.3.1.13	≤ 21.0 kw/ft
15. Departure From Nucleate Boiling Ratio (DNBR) - Low ^(b)	1,2	SR 3.3.1.1 SR 3.3.1.2 SR 3.3.1.3 SR 3.3.1.4 SR 3.3.1.5 SR 3.3.1.7 SR 3.3.1.9 SR 3.3.1.10 SR 3.3.1.11 SR 3.3.1.12 SR 3.3.1.13	≥ 1.30

(b) Trip may be bypassed when THERMAL POWER^{*}/logarithmic power^{*} is < 1E-4% RTP (NRTP for Unit 3). Bypass shall be automatically removed when THERMAL POWER^{*}/logarithmic power^{*} is ≥ 1E-4% RTP (NRTP for Unit 3).

* THERMAL POWER for Units 1 and 2, logarithmic power for Unit 3.

Table 3.3.2-1
Reactor Protective System Instrumentation - Shutdown

FUNCTION	APPLICABLE MODES OR OTHER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS	SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS	ALLOWABLE VALVE
1. Logarithmic Power Level-High ^(d)	3 ^(a) , 4 ^(a) , 5 ^(a)	SR 3.3.2.1 SR 3.3.2.2 SR 3.3.2.3 SR 3.3.2.4 SR 3.3.2.5	$\leq 0.011\% \text{ RTP}^{(c)}$ (N RTP ^(c) for Unit 3)
2. Steam Generator #1 Pressure-Low ^(b)	3 ^(a)	SR 3.3.2.1 SR 3.3.2.2 SR 3.3.2.4 SR 3.3.2.5	$\geq 900 \text{ psia}$
3. Steam Generator #2 Pressure-Low ^(b)	3 ^(a)	SR 3.3.2.1 SR 3.3.2.2 SR 3.3.2.4 SR 3.3.2.5	$\geq 890 \text{ psia}$

- (a) With any Reactor Trip Circuit Breakers (RTCBS) closed and any control element assembly capable of being withdrawn.
- (b) The setpoint may be decreased as steam pressure is reduced, provided the margin between steam pressure and the setpoint is maintained $\leq 200 \text{ psig}$. The setpoint shall be automatically increased to the normal setpoint as steam pressure is increased.
- (c) The setpoint must be reduced to $\leq 1\text{E-}4\% \text{ RTP}$ (N RTP for Unit 3) when less than 4 RCPs are running.
- (d) Trip may be bypassed when THERMAL POWER^{*}/logarithmic power^{*} is $> 1\text{E-}4\% \text{ RTP}$ (N RTP for Unit 3). Bypass shall be automatically removed when THERMAL POWER^{*}/logarithmic power^{*} is $\leq 1\text{E-}4\% \text{ RTP}$ (N RTP for Unit 3).

* THERMAL POWER for Units 1 and 2, logarithmic power for Unit 3.