

# Washington Public Power Supply System

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Docket No. 50-508

Mr. H. R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 3  
REVISED CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AMENDMENT REQUEST

References: a) Letter (G03-84-0688), G. C. Sorensen to H. R. Denton,  
same subject, dated November 2, 1984.  
b) Letter (G03-85-0386), G. C. Sorensen to H. R. Denton,  
same subject, dated July 17, 1985.

In the referenced letters, the Supply System requested an amendment of the Construction Permit for WNP-3, to extend the latest construction completion date to July 1, 1989. The Supply System has committed to keep the NRC advised regarding developments in the regional power planning process, to the extent this affects WNP-3 and, if appropriate, to modify the WNP-3 Construction Permit Amendment request.

This is to inform you that BPA recently recommended that the Supply System assume, for planning purposes, a construction restart date of 1994. The Supply System's most current plan calls for a 54 month period to complete WNP-3. Thus, if the restart signal were to be given on January 1, 1994, the latest construction completion date would be July 1, 1998. Therefore, it is requested that the Supply System's Construction Permit Amendment request for WNP-3 (Reference a), now pending before the NRC Staff, be revised to reflect a latest construction completion date of July 1, 1999. This will allow a margin for uncertainties such as those associated with regional load growth or the time to ramp-up the project to full construction.

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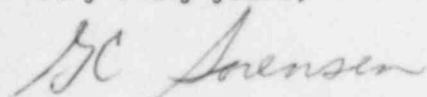
The temporary lack of demand for the energy to be produced by WNP-3 and the temporary inability to finance the continued construction of WNP-3 are beyond the control of the Supply System. Thus, the deferral of construction in light of these developments is for valid business purposes. The duration of the requested Construction Permit extension is reasonable because it will not frustrate regulatory oversight by the NRC and because it is commensurate with the reasons for the requested Construction Permit extension. Accordingly, there is good cause for the requested extension and it is for a reasonable period of time. 10 C.F.R. § 50.55(b); Public Service Co. of New Hampshire (Seabrook Station, Unit 2), CLI-84-6, 19 NRC 975 (1984); Washington Public Power Supply System (WNP-1), ALAB-771, 19 NRC 1183 (1984).

The requested Construction Permit Amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. This is because the requested amendment would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. 10 C.F.R. § 50.92. Accordingly, the Supply System requests that the Staff dispense with prior notice of issuance of the requested Construction Permit Amendment in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 50.92(a).

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 50.30, we are submitting three (3) signed originals and nineteen (19) copies of this Revised Construction Permit Amendment request along with the related Oath of Affirmation.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, the Supply System point of contact for this matter is Mr. D. W. Coleman, WNP-3 Project Licensing Manager, phone (206) 482-4428, Ext. 5436.

Very truly yours,



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I, G. C. SORENSEN, being duly sworn, subscribe to and say that I am the Manager, Regulatory Programs, for the WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM, the applicant herein; that I have full authority to execute this oath; that I have reviewed the foregoing; and that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the statements made in it are true.

DATE 10 MARCH, 1986

G. C. Sorensen  
G. C. Sorensen, Manager  
Regulatory Programs

On this day personally appeared before me G. C. SORENSEN to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge that he signed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1986.

Shirley A. Reese  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Washington

Residing at Kennecook.