

# NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

## SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

#### SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-57

## PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY

#### ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

#### HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

DOCKET NO. 50-354

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated May 1, 1987, Public Service Electric & Gas Company (the licensee) requested an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-57 for the Hope Creek Generating Station. The proposed amendment would revise the numbering of current Technical Specification Sections 3/4.3.7.8 through 3/4.3.7.10 and of Tables 3/4.3.7.9-1 and 3/4.3.7.10-1 by renumbering them Sections 3/4.3.7.9 through 3/4.3.7.11 and Tables 3/4.3.7.10-1 and 3/4.3.7.11-1 respectively. In addition, the section numbers referenced in the text of these sections and in the text of Section 4.11.2.6 would be changed to correspond with the appropriate new sections numbers. These numbering changes are proposed in order that the Technical Specification section numbers will be consistent with the numbers referenced in the Hope Creek Generating Station procedures. A new Section 3.3.7.8 would be added which would be blank except for a note to indicate that the purpose of the section is to maintain numerical continuity of the section numbers. The Bases Section would also be revised to reflect the revised section numbering.

## 2.0 EVALUATION

The Draft and Low Power License Technical Specifications for Hope Creek Station contained a section on fire detection instrumentation that, as the result of a licensee request, was removed from the Technical Specifications as described in Section 9.5.1, Supplement No. 6 of NRC Safety Evaluation Report (NUREG 1048) for Hope Creek Station, when the Full Power Operating License was issued. All of the instrumentation sections that originally followed the fire detection instrumentation section were renumbered to avoid a sequential void in Revision O of the Technical Specifications.

The licensee stated in its May 1, 1987 submittal that a large number of existing station procedures, written prior to issuance of the Full Power Operating License, make reference, by section number, to various portions of the original (Draft and Low Power) Technical Specifications.

To avoid a cumbersome review and rewrite of all procedures affected by the renumbering of Technical Specifications in Revision O, this amendment is being proposed. The requested changes will restore the numbering, for those specifications that are associated with the above procedural references, to that which was in place when the procedures were written.

On the basis that it is purely an administrative change that does not degrade the safety of the plant or change any technical requirements and will avoid a cumbersome review and rewrite of plant procedures affected by the renumbering of the Technical Specification Sections as discussed above, the staff concludes that the proposed changes are acceptable.

## 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves editorial changes to requirements with respect to the installation or use of facility components located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 by renumbering Technical Specification sections. The staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that this amendment involves no significant hazards consideration and there has been no public comment on such finding. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

## 4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration which was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> (52 FR 24557) on July 1, 1987 and consulted with the State of New Jersey. No public comments were received and the State of New Jersey did not have any comments.

The staff has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security nor to the health and safety of the public.

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