

Evaluation dated December 11, 1995. No significant hazards consideration comments received: None

Local Public Document Room location: Chattanooga-Hamilton County Library, 1101 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. No significant hazards consideration comments received: None

TU Electric Company, Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446, Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Somervell County, Texas

Date of amendment request: August 15, 1995 (TXX-95215)

Brief description of amendments: These changes relocated the Shutdown Margin limits from the Technical Specifications (TSs) to the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). The changes were consistent with the intent of Generic Letter 88-16 which provides guidelines for the removal of cycle-specific parameter limits from the TSs.

Date of issuance: December 15, 1995

Effective date: December 15, 1995

Amendment Nos.: Unit 1 - Amendment No. 44; Unit 2 - Amendment No. 30

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-87 and NPF-89. The amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: October 11, 1995 (60 FR 52935) The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated December 15, 1995. No significant hazards consideration comments received: No

Local Public Document Room Location: University of Texas at Arlington Library, Government Publications/Maps, 702 College, P.O. Box 19497, Arlington, TX 76019

Union Electric Company, Docket No. 50-483, Callaway Plant, Callaway County, Missouri

Date of amendment request: April 26, 1995

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.7.6 to reduce the upper limit on the flow rate through the control room filtration subsystem and adopts ASTM D-3803-1989 as the laboratory testing standard for control room filtration and control building pressurization charcoal adsorber. The amendment also revises the Bases for TS 3/4.7.6 to reflect the changes.

Date of issuance: December 20, 1995

Effective date: December 20, 1995, to be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

Amendment No.: 106

Facility Operating License No. NPF-30. The amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27345) The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated December 20, 1995. No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Local Public Document Room location: Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court Street, Fulton, Missouri 65251.

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Docket No. 50-482, Wolf Creek Generating Station, Coffey County, Kansas

Date of amendment request: June 14, 1995, as supplemented by letters dated July 13, 1995, and August 22, 1995.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises Technical Specification (TS) 3.2.3, "Nuclear Enthalpy Rise Hot Channel Factor," TS 6.9.1.9, "Core Operating Limits Report," and the associated Bases sections. The revisions incorporate changes associated with the planned implementation of advanced nuclear and core thermal-hydraulic design methodologies licensed from Westinghouse Electric Corporation for core reload design, starting with Cycle 9.

Date of issuance: December 8, 1995

Effective date: December 8, 1995, to be implemented prior to restart from the eighth refueling outage, which is scheduled to begin in March 1996.

Amendment No.: 92

Facility Operating License No. NPF-42. The amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: August 2, 1995 (60 FR 39456) The August 22, 1995, supplemental letter forwarded the nonproprietary version of Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation's safety evaluation and analysis provided in the June 14, 1995, submittal and did not change the staff's original no significant hazards determination. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated December 8, 1995. No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Local Public Document Room locations: Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas 66801 and Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, Kansas 66621

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Docket No. 50-482, Wolf Creek Generating Station, Coffey County, Kansas

Date of amendment request: August 22, 1995

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises the requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.1 and TS 3.3.2 and relocate Tables 3.3-2 and 3.3-5 and applicable Bases, which provide the response time limits for the reactor trip system (RTS) and the engineered safety features actuation system (ESFAS) instruments, from the TS to the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR). The licensee has stated that the next USAR change request will include these changes.

Date of issuance: December 12, 1995

Effective date: December 12, 1995, to be implemented within 60 days of issuance.

Amendment No.: 93

Facility Operating License No. NPF-42. The amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: September 27, 1995 (60 FR 49950) The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated December 12, 1995. No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Local Public Document Room locations: Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas 66801 and Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, Kansas 66621 Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st Day of December 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Steven A. Varga,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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[Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304]

Commonwealth Edison Company, (Zion Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); Exemption

I

The Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-39 and DPR-48, which authorize operation of the Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 (the facilities). The licenses provide, among other things, that the facilities are subject to all the rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facilities are pressurized water reactors located at the licensee's site in Lake County, Illinois.

II

In 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage," paragraph (a), in part, states that "the licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization which will have as its objective to provide high assurance that activities involving special nuclear material are not inimical to the common defense and security and do not constitute an unreasonable risk to the public health and safety."

In 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," paragraph (1), it specifies that "the licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." Also, 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) requires that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It further states that individuals not employed by the licensee (e.g., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without escort provided that the individual, "receives a picture badge upon entrance into a protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area * * *."

The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit location to the protected area and would allow all individuals, including contractors, to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing Zion Station.

III

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific exemptions," the Commission may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest. According to 10 CFR 73.55, the Commission may authorize a licensee to provide alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage provided the licensee demonstrates that the alternative measures have the same "high assurance" objective, that the proposed measures meet the general performance requirements of the regulation, and that the overall level of system performance provides protection

against radiological sabotage equivalent to that which would be provided by the regulation.

Currently, unescorted access into the protected area for both employee and contractor personnel into Zion Station, Units 1 and 2, is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel which are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making a visual comparison of the individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. In accordance with 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), contractor personnel are not allowed to take their picture badges off site. In addition, in accordance with the plant's physical security plan, the licensee's employees are also not allowed to take their picture badges off site.

The proposed system will require that all individuals with authorized unescorted access have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badge to gain access to the protected area, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed. All individuals, including contractors, who have authorized unescorted access into the protected area will be allowed to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing the Zion Station.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a bullet-resistant structure. It should also be noted that the proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for those individuals requiring escorts.

Sandia National Laboratories conducted testing which demonstrated that the hand geometry equipment possesses strong performance characteristics. Details of the testing performed are in the Sandia report, "A Performance Evaluation of Biometric Identification Devices," SAND91-0276 UC-906 Unlimited Release, June 1991. Based on the Sandia report and the licensee's experience using the current photo picture identification system, the false acceptance rate for the proposed hand geometry system would be at least equivalent to that of the current system. To assure that the proposed system will continue to meet the general performance requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), the licensee will implement a process for testing the system. The site

security plans will also be revised to allow implementation of the hand geometry system and to allow employees and contractors with unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when leaving Zion Station.

IV

For the foregoing reasons, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage meet the same high assurance objective and the general performance requirements of 10 CFR 73.55. In addition, the staff has determined that the overall level of the proposed system's performance will provide protection against radiological sabotage equivalent to that which is provided by the current system in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, this exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the following exemption:

The requirement of 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) that individuals who have been granted unescorted access and are not employed by the licensee are to return their picture badges upon exit from the protected area is no longer necessary. Thus, these individuals may keep their picture badges in their possession upon leaving Zion Nuclear Power Station.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact (60 FR 66566).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of December 26, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Gail Marcus,
*Acting Director, Division of Reactor Projects—
III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*
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Gary A. Minnick; Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities

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On various dates in 1992 and 1993, Gary A. Minnick was employed by various contractors to perform rigging and scaffolding work at nuclear power plants licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission), including Palo Verde, Beaver Valley, and North Anna. In each case, Mr. Minnick was granted