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10 CFR 50, Appendix H, Section IV.B

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Hope Creek Generating Station
Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-57
NRC Docket No. 50-354

Subject: 10 CFR 50 Appendix H Status Update for Hope Creek Generating Station

Reference: Letter No. 2016-114 from EPRI to NRC "BWRVIP-298NP: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Testing and Evaluation of the Hope Creek 120° Capsule," dated October 31, 2016

On October 31, 2016, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), on behalf of the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP), submitted "BWRVIP-298NP: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Testing and Evaluation of the Hope Creek 120° Capsule," as required by 10 CFR 50, Appendix H, Section IV.A.

PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) has reviewed the test results provided in BWRVIP-298NP and determined that changes to the Pressure-Temperature (P-T) Limit Curves (Figures 3.4.6.1-1, 3.4.6.1-2 and 3.4.6.1-3) contained in the Hope Creek Generating Station (Hope Creek) Technical Specifications (TS) are required. PSEG will submit a license amendment request to revise the Hope Creek P-T limit curves by March 31, 2017.

The Hope Creek TS P-T curves are valid for 32 effective full power years (EFPY), and Hope Creek is currently at approximately 25.5 EFPY. However, preliminary analysis of the results of this recent capsule information shows that there is a negative impact on the Hope Creek pressure-temperature operating limits.

PSEG implemented a 28°F adjustment to the P-T limit curves to ensure that the fracture toughness requirements for the reactor coolant pressure boundary contained in 10 CFR 50 Appendix G are maintained through administrative controls until the license amendment request is submitted and approved.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this letter.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Tanya Timberman at 856-339-1426.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric S. Carr', followed by a long horizontal line.

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