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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

Subject: WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21, REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: REVISION TO UNIT STAFF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Reference: Letter GO2-95-265, dated December 8, 1995, JV Parrish (SS) to NRC, "Request For Amendment To Technical Specifications"

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Parts 50.90 and 2.101, the Supply System hereby submits a request for amendment to the WNP-2 Technical Specifications.

As discussed in Attachment 1, the proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification Section 6.3, Unit Staff Qualifications, by changing the operations manager qualification requirements associated with operations knowledge from meeting ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 (holding a senior reactor operator's license at the time of appointment) to: 1) holding a senior reactor operator license at the time of appointment; 2) having held a senior reactor operator's license; or 3) having been certified for equivalent senior reactor operator knowledge.

Attachment 2 provides an annotated Technical Specification page reflecting the proposed change. Attachment 3 provides a markup of the proposed "Improved" Technical Specifications for WNP-2 (see Reference above) page to reflect the change proposed by this amendment request. Attachment 4 provides the Supply System's evaluation of the proposed change performed pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.92(c). It is requested that this proposed amendment be effective when issued.

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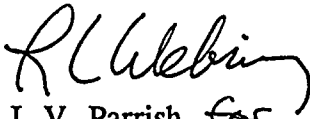
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The Supply System has concluded that the proposed change to the WNP-2 Technical Specifications does not involve a significant hazards consideration. In addition, the proposed change does not create the potential for a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, nor does the change involve a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the proposed change meets the eligibility criteria for a categorical exclusion as set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(b), an environmental assessment of the change is not required.

This Technical Specification amendment request has been reviewed and approved by the WNP-2 Plant Operations Committee and the Supply System Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board. The State of Washington has been provided a copy of this letter in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call me or Ms. L. C. Fernandez at (509) 377-4147.

Respectfully,



J. V. Parrish *for*
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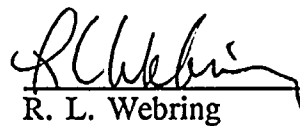
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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
)
COUNTY OF BENTON)

Subject: Amendment to Technical Specifications
Revision to Unit Staff Qualification
Requirements

I, R. L. Webring, being duly sworn, subscribe to and say that I am the Acting Chief Executive Officer for the WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM, the applicant herein; that I have the 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.

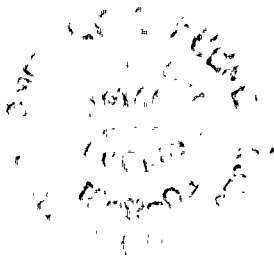
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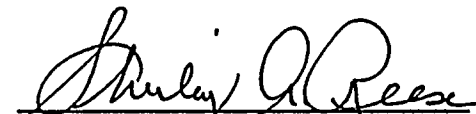


R. L. Webring
Acting Chief Executive Officer

On this date personally appeared before me R. L. WEBRING, to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 9th day of August 1996.




Notary Public in and for the
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Residing at Kennecott

My Commission Expires 12/11/96



ATTACHMENT 1

Proposed Change to Section 6.3.1 of the WNP-2 Technical Specifications

Technical Specification 6.3.1 requires that "Each member of the unit staff shall meet or exceed the minimum qualifications of ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 for comparable positions." ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 lists several requirements for the operations manager. One requirement is "At the time of initial core loading or appointment to the active position the operations manager shall hold a Senior Reactor Operator's License." It is this requirement for which a change is proposed.

The proposed amendment is to revise Technical Specification 6.3.1 by adding an exception to ANSI/ANS N18.1-1971 for the operations manager. The proposed change would modify the ANSI/ANS operations manager qualification requirements associated with a senior reactor operator's license (holding a senior reactor operator's license at the time of appointment) to: 1) holding a senior reactor operator's license at the time of appointment; 2) having held a senior reactor operator's license; or 3) having been certified for equivalent senior reactor operator knowledge.

The purpose of requiring the operations manager to have a senior reactor operator's license at the time of appointment is to ensure that the individual filling this position has an adequate understanding of plant operations requirements to fulfill the requirements of the position. The Supply System proposes an alternative method, certification of knowledge or having a past license, to ensure that the individual filling the operations manager position has an adequate level of knowledge. The basis for certification will be documented and maintained by the Supply System and will be available for NRC staff review.

The requirements of Technical Specification 6.2.2.f will continue to be met. That is:

The Shift Manager and Control Room Supervisors shall hold a senior reactor operator license. In addition, the Operations Manager or the Assistant Operations Manager shall hold a senior reactor operator license. The Reactor Operators shall hold either a senior reactor operator license or a reactor operator license.

In accordance with the above requirements, sufficient licensed reactor operators and senior reactor operators will be available to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(m)(2). Additionally, either the operations manager or the assistant operations manager, not normally on shift, shall maintain a senior reactor operator's license. During transition periods when new personnel are appointed to either the operations manager or assistant operations manager positions, appointments will be made, including the use of acting assignments if necessary, to ensure an individual filling one of these two positions has an active senior reactor operator's license.

ATTACHMENT 2

ANNOTATED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION PAGE