

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION) Docket No. 50-410
)
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit 2)

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT

TO

OPERATING LICENSE

Pursuant to Section 50.90 of the Regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, holder of Facility Operating License NPF-69, hereby requests that Section 3/4.8.1 of the Technical Specifications set forth in Appendix A to that license be amended. The proposed changes have been reviewed in accordance with Section 6.5 of the Technical Specifications.

The proposed changes to the Action requirements and associated Bases for Technical Specification 3/4.8.1 are set forth in Attachment A to this application. This revision of Technical Specification 3/4.8.1 is being proposed, in part, to eliminate unnecessary diesel generator testing when a diesel generator or an off-site power source becomes inoperable. The proposed amendment will increase diesel generator reliability by reducing the stresses on the diesel generators caused by unnecessary testing. The increased diesel generator reliability will result in an overall increase in plant safety. The changes include deleting the requirement to start and load the diesel generators when an off-site power source is declared inoperable. Also, with the current Technical Specifications, if a diesel generator(s) is declared inoperable, the remaining operable diesel generator(s) is required to be started and loaded. This requirement will be revised to allow station personnel to determine whether the cause of the diesel generator(s) being inoperable impacts the operable diesel generator(s). Testing requirements of the operable diesel generator will be based on this determination. The proposed changes will also preclude unnecessary plant shutdowns when safe continued operation would normally be allowed by the current Technical Specification Actions for redundant systems/components.

The proposed changes would not authorize any change in the type of effluents or in the authorized power level of the facility. Supporting information and analyses which demonstrate that the proposed changes involve no significant hazards consideration pursuant to 10CFR50.92 are included as Attachment B.

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WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that Appendix A to Facility Operating License NPF-69 be amended in the forms attached hereto as Attachment A.

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

By

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Exec. Vice President-Nuclear

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on this 4th day of June 1993.

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My Commission Exp. ~~Mar 30, 1994~~

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