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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
**Proposed Change to the Technical Specifications Regarding
Safety/Relief Valve Testing Requirements (JPTS-94-004)**

- REFERENCES:
1. NYPA letter, W. A. Josiger to NRC (JPN-94-013); regarding Updated SRV Performance Requirements, dated March 2, 1994.
 2. NRC letter, J. E. Menning to W. J. Cahill, Jr.; regarding issuance of Amendment 217, dated September 28, 1994.
 3. NRC letter, D. Pickett to R. Phares; regarding issuance of Amendment 81 for Clinton Power Station, dated July 15, 1993.
 4. NRC letter, J. W. Clifford to J. V. Parrish; regarding issuance of Amendment 128 for WPPSS Unit 2, dated July 8, 1994.

Dear Sir:

This application for an amendment to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications proposes to revise the surveillance requirement for Reactor Coolant System (RCS) safety/relief valve testing so that the time allowed for testing does not start before the conditions necessary for these tests exist.

A recent amendment (References 1 and 2) added a 12 hour time limit for completing the manual cycling of RCS safety/relief valves during plant startups, based on Standard Technical Specifications. The only test condition currently specified is that RCS pressure must be at least 940 psig. Sufficient steam flow, in addition to minimum pressure, is needed to perform this test. The revised specification makes it clear that the 12 hour limit does not begin until after all prerequisite test conditions have been established. Similar amendments have been previously granted for other facilities (References 3 and 4).

ADD

Editorial changes to clarify the intent of specifications involving safety/relief valve testing and performance requirements are also proposed. The signed original of the Application for Amendment to the Operating License is enclosed for filing.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr.

Very truly yours,



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