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AVERAGE POWER RANGE MONITORS (APRM)

It has come to our attention that the BWR Technical Specification requirements regarding the APRM Rod Block and Scram settings may be interpreted in various ways by the licensee. For example; the Monticello Technical Specifications on pages 20-21 (Bases) allows the actual setpoints to be 2 or 3 (varies with power level) percent greater than that specified on Figure 2.3.1 of the specification. This apparently allows for instrument drift. On the other hand, the APRM setpoint Bases in the Dresden 2 and other Technical Specifications are mute regarding the actual setpoint being higher than that required by the Specifications.

We have recently taken the position with Commonwealth Edison (RO Inspection Report 050-237/73-05) that the actual setpoint may not exceed the limit specified in the specification unless the allowable instrument drift is specified in the Specification or Bases.

Since we propose to take this position with all licensees, your views regarding this matter are requested.

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