



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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February 9, 2015

Mr. Timothy S. Rausch
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SUBJECT: SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 -
WITHDRAWAL OF AN AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NOS. ME9607 AND
ME9608)

Dear Mr. Rausch:

By letter dated September 18, 2012,¹ as supplemented by letter dated, May 10, 2013,² PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL, the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review. The proposed amendments requested to change Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirements (SRs) 3.8.1.9, 3.8.1.11, 3.8.1.12 and 3.8.1.19 in TS 3.8.1, "AC Sources-Operating." Specifically, the proposed amendments would increase the diesel generator acceptable minimum steady state voltage when operating in emergency/isochronous mode. A notice of the NRC's consideration of the proposed amendment was published in the *Federal Register* on November 27, 2012 (77 FR 70842).

Subsequently, by letter dated December 22, 2014,³ PPL requested to withdraw the amendment request. In this letter, PPL stated that the reason for withdrawing the license amendment request was related to plans for new design analysis that will impact the original proposal. PPL further stated that it intends to request a pre-submittal meeting with the NRC staff to discuss submitting an amendment to change the above stated TS SRs based on this new design analysis.

The NRC staff has ceased all work on this licensing action and closed Technical Assignment Control (TAC) Nos. ME9607 and ME9608. The NRC has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application to Amend the Facility Operating Licenses, with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

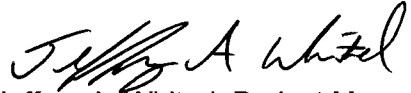
1 Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12262A322.
2 ADAMS Accession No. ML13130A130.
3 ADAMS Accession No. ML15022A013.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-4090.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Whited". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jeffrey A. Whited, Project Manager
Plant Licensing Branch I-2
Division of Operating Reactor Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388

Enclosure:
Notice of Withdrawal

cc w/encl: Distribution via Listserv

ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

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[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388; NRC-2012-0283

PPL Susquehanna, LLC; Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal by applicant.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of PPL Susquehanna, LLC to withdraw its application dated September 18, 2012, as supplemented by letter dated May 10, 2013, for a proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22 for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment would have changed Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirements 3.8.1.9, 3.8.1.11, 3.8.1.12, and 3.8.1.19 in TS 3.8.1, "AC Sources-Operating." Specifically, the proposed amendments would increase the diesel generator (DG) acceptable minimum steady state voltage when operating in emergency/isochronous mode.

DATES: Notice of withdrawal of license amendment application given on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0283 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0283. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; e-mail: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey A. Whited, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4090, e-mail: jeffrey.whited@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC has granted the request of PPL Susquehanna, LLC (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated September 18, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12262A322), as

supplemented by letter dated May 10, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13130A130), for a proposed amendment to the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would have changed TS Surveillance Requirements 3.8.1.9, 3.8.1.11, 3.8.1.12, and 3.8.1.19 in TS 3.8.1, "AC Sources-Operating." Specifically, the proposed amendments would increase the DG acceptable minimum steady state voltage when operating in emergency/isochronous mode.

The NRC published a Biweekly Notice in the *Federal Register* on November 27, 2012 (77 FR 70842), that gave notice that this proposed amendment was under consideration by the NRC. However, by letter dated December 22, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No ML15022A013), the licensee requested to withdraw the proposed amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9 day of February 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



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