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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of a small, (365 MWt) nuclear reactor for supplying process steam and electricity as a replacement for energy sources using increasingly scarce natural gas or oil. The PPG Industries, Incorporated Plant Site at Lake Charles, Louisiana, was chosen as representative of industrial installations that require sizeable amounts of process steam and electricity. For comparison purposes conventional coal-fired boilers were also evaluated.

It was determined that both nuclear- and coal-based process energy supply systems are technically feasible. For the specific steam/electricity demands at the reference site, the coal-fired plant proved to be economically more attractive than the nuclear units. For an application requiring a base-loaded supply of saturated steam, utilizing full reactor capacity, the nuclear option appears competitive for coal costing \$40/ton in 1978 dollars.

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Project Background and Description

The work discussed in this report has been sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE). Participants in the cooperative study included Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); Power Systems Engineering, Inc. (PSE), Houston, Texas; The Babcock and Wilcox Company, Nuclear Power Generation Division (B&W), Lynchburg, Virginia; and United Engineers and Constructors, Inc. (UE&C), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. PSE acted as the study coordinator under subcontract ORNL-Sub-7257 and was supported by ORNL, B&W, and UE&C.

The present study is an outgrowth of previous DOE-sponsored studies by ORNL, B&W, and UE&C, in which the generalized economic and commercial feasibility of utilizing small nuclear reactors to provide industrial process steam was investigated (References 1 and 2). The work being reported herein addresses the specific siting, technical, and economic feasibility of utilizing B&W's Process Energy Consolidated Nuclear Steam Generator (PE-CNSG) design as a process steam generator for an existing chemical facility. To provide a comparative basis for evaluating the economic feasibility of the PE-CNSG, the study included a comparable site, technical and economic evaluation of coal-fired process steam generation systems. Coal was chosen as the alternative fuel because it is the most abundant domestic fuel resource and because of the great emphasis being placed on its use.

The PPG plant site at Lake Charles, Louisiana, was chosen as one of three to be studied in the Gulf Area (References 3 and 4). This site was chosen as representative of large industrial process steam users and because it appeared to be suited for both the PE-CNSG and the coal applications. The study was designed to yield results applicable at numerous sites. In the course of the study, PPG provided such site, technical, and economic inputs as were required in order to generate a complete and meaningful feasibility evaluation for the specific site under study. The PPG participation was contributed by PPG. Without this support on the part of PPG, which amounted to approximately two man-months, this study would not have been possible.

This section is a summary of the work accomplished and summarizes information contained in more detail in later sections of the report.

The stated objective of the work performed was the evaluation of the site, technical and economic feasibility of utilizing a small nuclear reactor as a process steam generator at a specific industrial site. Generalized feasibility has previously been investigated for the hypothetical "Middletown, U.S.A." site for the B&W PE-CNSG nuclear system. (Reference 2). In order to demonstrate economic feasibility, the nuclear system must be compared to an alternative steam supply system, either an existing system at the site, or a new system. Since PPG currently uses natural gas or fuel oil at its Lake Charles site, and since neither of these fuels is as domestically abundant as coal, it was decided to

1.1 Project Background and Description - (Continued)

evaluate a new coal-fired facility as the alternative to the PE-CNSG. B&W, UE&C, and ORNL provided all site evaluations, technical information, and cost estimates for two candidate nuclear systems plus two benchmark systems. The benchmark systems were studied to aid in evaluating the economic impact of the addition of electrical generation and oil-fired superheating to the basic nuclear steam generator system. PSE's scope of work included estimating fuel-oil fired superheat systems for those nuclear plant system options requiring them, as well as the development of the coal plant configuration and cost estimates for comparison with the nuclear plants. The two coal plant designs were developed, estimated and analyzed, including a high-sulfur Illinois coal-fired and a low-sulfur Wyoming coal-fired plant. PSE then performed the economic evaluations of the coal/nuclear alternatives using net present value (NPV) cash flow economic methods.

The base date for all economic comparisons is, January 1, 1978. Cash flows reported in current dollars are escalated beyond January 1, 1978. Where discount rates have been applied, the "present" date is January 1, 1978. The study assumes all equity funding, i.e., no cost of capital nor debt service has been considered.

1.2 Major Considerations and Conclusions

1.2.1 Site Feasibility

The preliminary site feasibility study has been based on existing geological, topographic, meteorological, population, and seismic information supplied by PPG for their Lake Charles, Louisiana plant site. The study failed to disclose any condition that would preclude the construction and operation of either the PE-CNSG or coal-fired process steam systems. There was no attempt made to generate new site information, and the conclusions infer no assurance that in-depth site studies will bear out these preliminary conclusions. The available data indicate that this site is probably quite well suited for nuclear as well as for fossil-fueled installations of the type studied. Final site suitability would be subject to detailed study.

Figure 1-1 shows the PE-CNSG plant layout which has been selected for the study. Figure 1-2 presents the coal plant layout. The study plants were located in areas designated by PPG as acceptable. They are not necessarily optimum locations, but are judged to be representative and feasible locations.

1.2.2 Economic Feasibility

A total of four PE-CNSG plant configurations and two coal plant configurations were evaluated on the basis of economics tailored to the Lake Charles plant site. Each nuclear plant and each coal plant was compared on the basis of net present value (NPV) over a 30 year total project life in order to arrive at an optimum pair of plants from which to make the final economic choice. No attempt has been made to compare these study plants with existing facilities.

Because of the seven year construction period for the nuclear plants and the four year period for the coal plants, economic comparisons were made under two sets of assumptions regarding project start times. In both comparisons, the nuclear plants are assumed to begin construction on January 1, 1978. Coal plant economics were generated first under the assumption that the coal plants start construction concurrently with the nuclear plants. An additional set of coal plant economics was generated under the assumption that the coal plants were to start operation concurrently with the nuclear plants (i.e., start construction on January 1, 1981). The major economic impact that occurs as a result of the difference in nuclear and coal plant construction time requirements is the penalty incurred by the nuclear plants for the number 6 fuel oil equivalent of the steam required by the user during the last three years of nuclear plant construction for the cases where the coal plants go into operation three years prior to the nuclear plants. The removal of this three year fuel oil expense from the nuclear plant economics improves its net present value as shown when comparing Figures 1-3 and 1-5.

Capital cost estimates are of a quality consistent with the scope of this feasibility study; i.e., they are budgetary in nature. The estimates represent neither the maximum nor minimum costs, but rather represent average costs to be expected for the systems under study. Capital investment costs for each study plant are summarized in Tables 1-1 and 1-2. Refer to section 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 for plant descriptions.

The optimum nuclear plant configuration, within the constraint of PPG steam requirements, is one which delivers a maximum of 750,000 lb/hr process steam flow at 600 psig and 750°F, while generating an average of 15.3 MW net electrical power via a condensing-cycle turbine-generator in the PE-CNSG secondary steam loop. This is identified as Nuclear Case 3 in the body of the report. For this study, it is considered to be "Nth-of-a-Kind" and exclusive of "First-of-a-Kind" costs.

For both assumptions for construction start date, the optimum coal plant configuration is one which delivers a maximum of 750,000 lb/hr process steam at 600 psig and 750°F while generating an average 10.9 MW net electrical power via an back-pressure turbine generator. Boiler design steam conditions are 1500 psig at 950°F. This plant is Coal Case 1.

1.2.2 Economic Feasibility - (Continued)

The results for these two plants are shown in Figures 1-3 through 1-6 for both the concurrent nuclear/coal plant construction start date and the concurrent nuclear/coal plant operation start date.

The nuclear plant is presented for both reprocessing and non-reprocessing fuel cycles, while the coal plant is presented as a high-sulfur coal plant with flue gas scrubbing for 1978 delivered coal prices of \$1.20, \$1.40 and \$1.60/10⁶Btu.

Under the assumptions in force for this study, the coal plant is seen to be the economic choice for 1978 coal prices up to approximately \$2.20/10⁶ Btu for concurrent nuclear/coal plant construction start date and up to \$2.70/10⁶Btu for concurrent nuclear/coal plant operation start date.

Since these 1978 coal prices are quite high and not to be realistically expected, the coal plant is the economic choice of this study. It is judged to be possible to obtain \$1.20/10⁶Btu high-sulfur coal and the \$1.40-\$1.60 high sulfur coal price is quite likely obtainable on long term contract.

The PE-CNSG plants are much more capital-intensive projects than the coal-fired plants. Even though the PE-CNSG annual operating costs are substantially lower than annual costs for coal plants, the large capital investment required for the PE-CNSG results in low NPV's that are not competitive with the coal-fired option studied.

For comparison purposes, Figures 1-4 and 1-6 also show the fuel cost of process steam derived from number 6 fuel oil. This comparison is idealized in that it assumes that all capital related costs have ceased and that operating and maintenance costs are zero. For the idealized conditions just cited, oil may be an attractive alternative to either coal or nuclear systems.

The relatively high energy costs predicted for nuclear (compared to earlier estimates) arise from several factors. The average industrial steam load of 714,000 lb/hr. amounts to only 67% of rated reactor capacity, and while the excess steaming capacity is used to generate electricity, power generation does not provide sufficient net revenue to yield attractive overall steam production costs. For a PE-CNSG producing steam only, a rise in industrial steam load from 67% to 100% of reactor capacity would lower steam cost by about 20%.

The requirement for superheated steam imposes an additional cost penalty on the PE-CNSG since a supplemental oil fired superheater is required to elevate the reactor steam to about 750°F. Thus, oil provides about one-fifth of the energy consumed to produce process steam during normal operations. Superheating increases steam costs by about 10%.

1.2.2 Economic Feasibility - (Continued)

A PE-CNSG application for supplying base-load saturated steam to industry, either prime steam or via cogeneration, probably would be more attractive. Present results project saturated steam costs of about \$2/10⁶Btu in 1978 dollars for a 1,062,000 lb/hr constant steam demand and a 15% discount rate. Oil based superheat should increase the steam cost to about \$2.20/10⁶Btu; this is roughly equal to the cost of superheated process steam from a Case 1 coal based plant with a 0.85 plant availability factor and burning high sulfur coal costing \$1.90/10⁶Btu or \$40/ton.

1.2.3 Technical Feasibility

All PE-CNSG and coal-fired process steam generation systems studied are technically feasible. Both types of systems represent essentially state-of-the-art technology. An application of the PE-CNSG would be a First-of-a-Kind (FOAK) installation and as such the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would have to be satisfied concerning the PE-CNSG safety features. There is no reason to anticipate that the PE-CNSG would prove technically unsatisfactory to the NRC in light of both its small size and its application of essentially state-of-the-art technology. Considerable preparation for soliciting NRC approval has already been factored into the PE-CNSG design.

The coal plant poses no apparent problems from a technical licensing standpoint. However there is a degree of uncertainty about future environmental requirements. Based on current environmental regulations, the coal plant designs studied are acceptable in the Lake Charles, Louisiana, area if the flue-gas is scrubbed.

1.3 Study Scope

This feasibility study has been designed specifically around the requirements of the PPG plant site at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The study includes site, technical, and economic comparisons between B&W's PE-CNSG and coal-fired facilities for the generation of up to 750,000 lb/hr of process steam at 600 psig and 750°F. Several alternatives of each concept (nuclear/coal) have been investigated, some of which include cogeneration of electrical power. PE-CNSG and coal cycles have been individually developed to make best use of the potentials inherent in each, subject to the conditions required by the PPG plant site application. The most economically attractive nuclear and coal options are compared in detail.

In order to insure that this study is compatible with the specific plant site, PPG has supplied certain site, technical, and economic information. This information includes site layout and topography, suggested study sites, soil and subsoil data, and economic inputs including state and local tax rates, insurance rates, labor rates, and backup steam supply cost. Information not supplied by PPG has been estimated. All of the above parameters are documented in the body of the report.

1.3 Study Scope - (Continued)

Significant study premises are itemized below:

- (1) PPG supplies, at their existing header, non-deaerated but treated boiler feedwater (including makeup) in sufficient quantities for each study plant. The feedwater is supplied at 0 psig and 80°F.
- (2) PPG receives, at their existing header, 600 psig, 750°F steam from the study plants. Two of the four nuclear study plants supply saturated steam to the process. These plants were studied to gain insight into the effects of superheating with fuel oil and of operating the PE-CNSG at reduced load.
- (3) Study plants having different availabilities, capacities or operating life are equalized economically by charging the study plant with the number 6 fuel oil equivalent of any steam deficit with reference to the steam flow requirement. In so doing, each plant is compared on the basis of equal total Btu production over the life of the project.
- (4) Auxiliary power and/or net power generated by study plants is routed through PPG's existing substation near the Riverside Power Station.
- (5) Service water, potable water, and fire water are provided by PPG at existing headers.
- (6) Estimates include provisions for absorbing additional heat rejection loads resulting from the operation of the study plants.
- (7) The study plants include provisions for all other items necessary for engineering, construction and operation. The cost of PPG internal administration and management has not been estimated.

This feasibility study compares the PE-CNSG with coal-fired alternatives. No attempt has been made to compare these systems with those facilities currently being operated by PPG.

1.4 System Designs

1.4.1 Nuclear Systems

The PE-CNSG is an integral pressurized water reactor (PWR) pressurized by an electrically heated, external pressurizer. The reactor pumps are of the wet-motor type with impeller located within the reactor vessel. The steam generator consists of 12 modular, once-through units located above the top level of the core in the annulus between the core and pressure vessel. See Figure 1-7. Steam from the steam generators is delivered to reboilers where tertiary (process) steam is generated. This process steam is then delivered either directly to process or to a fired superheater as required. Electrical power can be generated in the secondary steam loop if total secondary steam is not required for process steam generation.

See Figure 1-8 for the PE-CNSG containment arrangement and Table 1-3 for Reactor Coolant System Design Parameters. Reference 1 gives a complete description of the basic PE-CNSG system, and Section 3 of this report summarizes the design features particular to this study.

Five configurations of this standard PE-CNSG were designed and studied. Reboiler, superheater, fuel cycle and electrical generation designs have been varied. See Figure 1-9 for the simplified diagram of the cases. The following design points were considered:

Case 1 - 750,000 lb/hr maximum (714,000 lb/hr average) process steam at 600 psig, 750°F. No electrical generation. Plant Factor, 0.54

Case 2 - 750,000 lb/hr maximum (714,000 lb/hr average) process steam at 600 psig, saturated. No electrical generation. Plant Factor, 0.54

Case 3 - 750,000 lb/hr maximum (714,000 lb/hr average) process steam flow at 600 psig, 750°F with provisions for generating condensing cycle electrical power with reactor secondary steam when system is delivering less than design steam flow to process. Plant Factor, 0.80

Case 4 - 1,062,000 lb/hr process steam flow (maximum that the CNSG with reboilers will deliver) at 600 psig, saturated. No electrical generation. Plant Factor, 0.80

Plant Factor is defined as annual energy output divided by maximum possible annual energy output assuming continuous, full load reactor operation.

1.4.2 Coal Systems

Two coal-fueled boiler cycles were studied. One cycle was developed to fire high-sulfur Illinois coal (10,900 Btu/lb) with flue gas scrubbing and the other to fire low-sulfur Wyoming coal (8,250 Btu/lb) without flue gas scrubbing. See Figure 1-10 for a typical schematic arrangement of a high-sulfur coal-fired steam generator system. Each of the coal plant designs satisfies the 750,000 lb/hr peak process steam flow requirements. Electrical cogeneration was investigated to more fully utilize the potential of the coal plant concept. The following cases were considered:

Case 1 - 750,000 lb/hr maximum (714,000 lb/hr average) process steam flow generated at 1,500 psig, 950°F, and delivered to process at 600 psig, 750°F through a back pressure turbine-generator. Illinois Coal. Plant Factor, 0.88.

Case 2 - Same as 1 except Wyoming Coal.

Plant Factor is defined in Section 1.4.1.

1.5 Summary of Recommendations

The economic analyses have shown that on an all-equity, NPV basis, the nuclear plants are not competitive economically with coal fired plants for this specific application under the present ground rules. A number of constraints particular to this application have been identified which seems to place an economic penalty on the nuclear option. The following recommendations, if pursued, might determine if removal of the constraints would bring about a significant improvement in the relative ranking of small industrial reactors.

- (1) Consider debt financing in cash flow analyses. This is necessary due to the wide differences in capital investment required between the nuclear and coal plants.
- (2) Study the economics of converting existing plants to accept saturated steam. This improves the economics of the CNSG plant considerably, especially as the steam demands increases towards the CNSG generating capacity.
- (3) If use of saturated steam is not feasible, consider alternate fuels for superheating, including waste or by-product fuels which may be available but not in use for steam production.

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FIGURE 1-1 PE-CNSG PLOT PLAN

1. ISSUED FOR REPLY 2. ISSUED FOR PRELIMINARY	DEC 9/24/78 DEC 10/1/78	ISSUED FOR DATE BY CHECKED DATE BY	SCALE 1" = 400' DATE BY CHECKED DATE BY	SITE PLAN CONSOLIDATED NUCLEAR STEAM GENERATOR (CNSG) FEASIBILITY STUDY CLIENT: PPG-LAKE CHARLES, LA PROJECT NO: 41	DRAWING NO. 4027-M-310.1 SHEET 1 OF 1

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FIGURE 1-2 COAL PLANT PLOT PLAN

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CASE	COAL 1	NUCLEAR 3
FUEL CYCLE	N/A	SEE CURVES
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	10.9	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.81	0.80
COAL COST - \$/10 ⁶ Btu	SEE CURVES	N/A

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
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FIGURE I-4 - COMPARISON OF OPTIMUM NUCLEAR
AND COAL PLANTS

CASE	COAL 1	NUCLEAR 3
FUEL CYCLE	N/A	SEE CURVES
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	10.9	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.81	0.80
COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{Btu}$	SEE CURVES	N/A

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981.

FIGURE 1-5 - COMPARISON OF OPTIMUM NUCLEAR
AND COAL PLANTS

CASE	COAL 1	NUCLEAR 3
FUEL CYCLE	N/A	SEE CURVES
DESIGN STEAM FLOW -LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION -MW	10.9	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.81	0.80
COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	SEE CURVES	N/A

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1981.

FIGURE 1-6 - COMPARISON OF OPTIMUM NUCLEAR
AND COAL PLANTS

Figure 1-7 PE-CNSG Reactor Vessel

FIGURE 1-8

365 MWt PE-CNSG CONTAINMENT ARRANGEMENT

FIGURE 1-9
PPG STUDY CASES

FLUE GAS TREATMENT SYSTEM HIGH SULPHUR COAL

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0.1 LBS PARTICULATE/10⁶ BTU FUEL
1.2 LBS SO₂/10⁶ BTU FUEL

400' STACK

TABLE 1-1
PE-CNSG CAPITAL COST ESTIMATES
(1,000's - BASE JANUARY 1, 1978)

		C A S E			
		1	2	3	4
PROCESS STEAM	{ FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000	750,000	1,063,000
DESIGN CONDITIONS	{ PRESSURE - PSIG	600	600	600	600
	{ TEMPERATURE - °F	750	489*	750	489*
DESIGN POWER GENERATION	- MW (GROSS)	0	0	27	0

E S T I M A T E S												
	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS
LAND	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105
STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	29,114	447	29,561	29,114	389	29,503	29,460	715	30,175	29,200	389	29,589
REACTOR PLANT	60,191	---	60,191	60,191	---	60,191	60,191	---	60,191	60,191	---	60,191
TURBINE PLANT	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,185	---	6,185	---	---	---
SECONDARY/TERTIARY/SUPERHEATER SYSTEMS	4,060	7,140	11,200	4,060	5,403	9,463	5,091	7,140	12,231	5,296	5,403	10,699
ELECTRICAL PLANT	8,655	---	8,655	8,655	---	8,655	10,172	1,310	11,482	8,655	---	8,655
MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT	3,312	---	3,312	3,312	---	3,312	3,468	---	3,468	3,312	---	3,312
OTHER COSTS	2,200	---	2,200	2,200	---	2,200	2,500	---	2,500	2,200	---	2,200
UNDISTRIBUTED COSTS	<u>16,770</u>	<u>1,538</u>	<u>18,308</u>	<u>16,770</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>17,949</u>	<u>17,960</u>	<u>1,854</u>	<u>19,814</u>	<u>16,770</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>17,949</u>
SUBTOTAL	124,407	9,125	133,532	124,407	6,971	131,378	135,132	11,019	146,151	125,729	6,971	132,700
CONTINGENCY	7,332	924	<u>8,256</u>	7,332	708	<u>8,040</u>	8,421	1,113	<u>9,534</u>	7,455	708	<u>8,163</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATE			<u>141,788</u>			<u>139,418</u>			<u>155,685</u>			<u>140,863</u>

* SATURATED STEAM

TABLE 1-2

COAL PLANT CAPITAL COST ESTIMATES

(1,000's - BASE JANUARY 1, 1978)

		CASE	
		1	2
PROCESS STEAM	{ FLOW - LB/HR PRESSURE - PSIG TEMPERATURE - °F	750,000	750,000
DESIGN CONDITIONS		600	600
		750	750
DESIGN POWER GENERATION MW (GROSS)		25	25
TYPE OF COAL		HIGH SULFUR	LOW SULFUR

		ESTIMATES	
LAND		\$ 298	\$ 298
SITWORK		322	322
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES		200	200
COAL YARD		8,868	8,868
STEAM GENERATOR		15,650	15,600
TURBINE-GENERATOR		3,884	3,884
PROCESS MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT		4,866	5,306
ELECTRICAL		4,407	4,431
CIVIL-STRUCTURAL		1,186	961
PROCESS PIPING & INSTRUMENTATION		7,090	7,090
FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION FACILITIES		6,800	----
UNDISTRIBUTED COSTS		<u>7,278</u>	<u>5,913</u>
SUBTOTAL		60,849	52,873
CONTINGENCY		<u>6,085</u>	<u>5,287</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATE		<u>66,934</u>	<u>58,160</u>

Table 1-3 Reactor Coolant System Parameters

NOMINAL VALUES

<u>Design Performance Summary</u>	<u>Metric</u>	<u>English</u>
Power	365 MWt	365 MWt
Steam pressure at SG outlet (at full load)	5.52 MPa	800 psia
Steam temperature at SG outlet	270°C	518°F
Steam flow	191 kg/s	1.512 x 10 ⁶ lb/hr
Feedwater inlet temperature	204°C	400°F
Nominal core inlet temperature	300°C	571.6°F
Nominal core outlet temperature	319°C	606.4°F
Reactor vessel average temperature	309.4°C	589°F
RCS flow	3289 kg/s	26.06 x 10 ⁶ lb/hr

Equipment Data/Design Performance Data

No. of SG modules	12	12
RCS total primary volume	106.9 m ³	3775 ft ³
Primary water volume	99.8 m ³	3525 ft ³
Pressurizer gas volume	7.08 m ³	250 ft ³
Reactor Vessel ID	3.99 m	157 in.
No. of Control Rod Assemblies	17	17
No. of fuel assemblies	57	57
RC pump flow (four used)	1.196 m ³ /s	18,950 gpm
RC pump head	32.31 m	106 ft
RC pump expected power, hot	0.326 MW	437 hp
Pressurizer		
Overall length	8.969 m	29 ft, 5.125 in.
Sheel OD	2.013 m	79.25 in.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

To date, there have been no domestic applications of nuclear steam generation for industrial applications. Until the advent of the small PE-CNSG, nuclear plants had been much too large to consider for use by a single industrial user. Also, in the Gulf Coast area, the incentive for industrial users to convert from inexpensive, plentiful, and clean natural gas fuel has been virtually nonexistent until the pending fossil fuel shortage was recognized recently.

With the stated national goal of energy independence coupled with the domestic fuel oil and natural gas shortages and large oil import requirements at increasing and unpredictable cost, attention has been focused on increased utilization of abundant domestic fuels. The most abundant domestic fuel is coal, followed by nuclear fuel. Therefore, the current interest in energy production is now centered on the utilization of these two fuels. The Gulf Coast is an area in which an industrial nuclear steam generation plant might prove economically attractive. Major coal deposits are located some distance from the Gulf Coast, and coal prices are expected to contribute to the nuclear plant appeal along the Gulf Coast more so than at other locations nearer coal supplies.

The B&W PE-CNSG is a small nuclear reactor, being approximately one-tenth the size and output of central generating station reactor plant. The 365-MW thermal capacity of the PE-CNSG is suited for applications requiring 1 to 1.2 million lb/hr of process steam. While the PE-CNSG is a pressurized water reactor (PWR) and designed to deliver saturated or slightly superheated steam, it is feasible to superheat this steam in an external fossil fired superheater with some economic penalty.

The technical and economic feasibility of using the PE-CNSG to provide process steam for industrial use has been found attractive for the hypothetical "Middletown, U.S.A." site in previous studies by ERDA, ORNL, B&W, and UE&C (Reference 1). It is the intent of this study to determine PE-CNSG feasibility for an actual plant site; namely, PPG's site at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The PPG site was chosen as a study site because it is within the range of PE-CNSG applicability and is typical of large industrial steam users. In addition, PPG and other industries are faced with cutbacks in their current natural gas supplies and increases in the price of natural gas. Therefore, if industry is to expand its operations, or even maintain current output, an alternative fuel is going to have to be utilized. PPG has already made provisions to burn number 6 fuel oil as a backup fuel, and the evaluation of coal as an alternative fuel has already been initiated by PPG.

The study report herein has been designed to complement PPG's in-house efforts to find economical alternative sources of energy for process steam production. Coal has been chosen for comparison with the nuclear option because PPG is also studying coal and because coal is the most plentiful domestic fuel and offers promise of being economically attractive.

2.0 INTRODUCTION - (Continued)

The nuclear plants and coal plants considered in this study have been designed to match, in steam output and conditions, the following PPG requirements:

Steamflow:	
Peak	750,000 lb/hr
Annual Average	715,000 lb/hr
Pressure	600 psig
Temperature	750 °F

While a coal plant can be sized and optimized around the stated conditions, the PE-CNSG capacity is fixed by design except for changes in operating mode and auxiliary equipment. The PPG requirements do not fully utilize the steaming capacity of the PE-CNSG, but the nuclear plants studied have been optimized by including by-product electrical power to make more efficient use of the available steaming capacity.

The coal plants studied have been optimized as well through the incorporation of backpressure/extraction cycle electrical power generation.

This study has been a cooperative effort. Those participating in the study are the following:

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
Power Systems Engineering, Inc. (PSE)
The Babcock and Wilcox Company, Nuclear Power Generation
Division (B&W)
United Engineers and Constructors, Inc. (UE&C)
PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG)

The study has been funded by the Department of Energy (DOE). PPG provided all information necessary to interface this study with their requirements, and without PPG's significant contribution, this study would not have been possible.

The study was directed by ORNL with PSE acting as study coordinator. PSE was responsible for the physical interfacing of all study plants to the existing PPG system and for the development of all coal plant aspects of the study. The economic evaluation of alternatives was the responsibility of PSE as was the assembly of this final report. B&W and UE&C were responsible for all aspects of nuclear study plant development, site evaluations and reporting.

3.0 SYSTEMS DESCRIPTIONS

3.1 Design Requirements

3.1.1 Description of Existing Plant

3.1.1.1 General

The site is located near Lake Charles with access to the site by highway (I-10, I-210), rail service (Kansas City Southern, Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific), and barge/ ship (Calcasieu River with access to the Port of Lake Charles). The site is at an average elevation of 12 to 15 feet above Mean Low Gulf. There are no flood control levees. The principle use of the land adjacent to PPG's property is industrial or projected to be industrial. Figure 3-1 locates the site.

Currently, PPG has an approximate electrical generating capacity of 320 mw and a demand of 260 mw. Plans are to retire about 100 mw of in-plant generation while increasing demand by about 190 mw through chlorine expansion. Power will be purchased from Gulf States Utilities as required.

PPG distributes about 900,000 lb/hr of steam. Expansion may add another 250,000 lb/hr. Plant cooling is by means of cooling towers and once-through Calcasieu River water cooling. Fuel is natural gas with number 6 oil backup being installed. Fuel oil supply is either via barge or pipeline. There are no significant amounts of by-product or waste fuels.

3.1.1.2 Historical and Structural Geology

The tertiary structures in the Gulf region, known as growth-faults, consist of a series of generally gulfward oriented faults in Louisiana and Texas initiated as a result of slumping, and often associated with salt or clay. The age of development and formation of the faulting is lower for faults nearer the Gulf. The oldest Pleistocene structures occur closest to the present shore and appear as large isolated salt deposits while the recent Pleistocene and salt structures are developing further south on what is known as the continental shelf. The sedimentation process presently is taking place in this area.

The thickness of the Quaternary strata reaches 12,000 feet of hard clays and silts (neritic deposits) which alternate with dune sands and hard clays and silts (shore deposits). Subsidence, consolidation, erosion and sedimentation as well as oxidation are some of the common features of this phase.

The structural geology of the Gulf Coastal Plain is rather complex and started its development more than 230 million years before present (mybp). The presence of salt and its movement during the Tertiary

3.1.1.2 Historical and Structural Geology - (Continued)

(65 to 2 mybp) has been responsible for the development of many types of salt structures. This motion has been sustained by continued sedimentary loading in the Gulf. Also, a system of normal faults is known to have developed in association with the development of salt domes.

In contrast to these, another system of structures known as growth faults exist in the Gulf Coastal Plain. These faults are most of the time dipping southward 40 to 60 degrees. This angle decreases as the fault extends downward essentially becoming a bedding plain fault. The faults therefore are essentially within the sedimentary sequence and not an extension of the deeply buried Tertiary structures. The movement of these faults is contemporaneous and associated with sediment deposition. Since this is a rather slow phenomenon, it is believed that strain accumulation leading to sudden movement and generating of seismic energy cannot take place.

3.1.1.3 Site Geology

Information on the site geology was presented in a report prepared by the geologist of Pollution Control & Waste Disposal, Inc. The study was made in order to evaluate the storage of 600 gpm of water at the PPG plant. Also of use were boring logs of the water wells drilled in the plant area.

The base of the Miocene - at least in the plant area - is shown at about 6500 ft. while the Pliocene-pleistocene transition is not defined. These deposits show sequences of sandstone, shales, hard clays or hard silts and combination of these. The nature of these deposits is both marine and nonmarine. The geologic structure of these deposits is characterized by nearly flat-lying sediments which can be traced laterally by marker horizon with identical geophysical log signatures.

A considerable number of borings have been drilled to define the foundation conditions for the existing plant area. Two types of soils considered for foundation purposes have been defined by the borings and soil analysis:

The first type is fill and recent deposits consisting of clay, silt, sand and various organic materials. Their distribution as well as the characteristics of each type of soil are non-uniform. Clays are generally soft and compressible and the sands are loose and fine. The depth of these soils can reach up to 30 feet and their highest thickness is reached in the vicinity of the waterways. The nature of these soils make them unreliable for heavy loads or when settlement control is of prime importance.

The second type is Pleistocene solid, which consists of organic stiff to very stiff clays, sandy or silty. Occasionally, deep organic clays show a relatively higher strength than the recent organic clays.

A plot plan with all borings drilled in the site area shows that no borings have yet been drilled on the proposed CNSG site. A relatively high concentration of borings is located 500-1000 feet north of the pro-

3.1.1.3 Site Geology - (Continued)

posed site (south of the silica pigments plant). These borings show the presence of Pleistocene cohesive soils under the mantle of recent soils or fills. Though the Pleistocene consists of cohesive soils as a rule, some sand in lenses or layers of limited extent are also present. Their distribution and the liquefaction potential will have to be studied when the location of the plant is optimized.

There are several faults at a distance of less than about two miles from the site. The trend of these faults towards the surface is unknown. All available information, however, leads to the belief that these are not tectonic structures which could trigger crust movements.

Past experience with nuclear plants in the Gulf Coast area shows that plants located in similar soils and geologic conditions can be licensed.

3.1.2 Steam/Power Requirements

Steam is supplied to process and for auxilliary use from two sources:

- (1) Power house A - There is a 400 psi system which is being phased out, including its 60 + mw electrical generation capacity, and being replaced by gas turbine generators and heat recovery boilers.
- (2) There is a 600 psi/750°F system with a capacity of 875,000 lb/hr. Part of this steam is supplied to an extraction turbine and distributed at 175 psi and 30 psi. The remainder is supplied to a second turbine back-pressured at 30 psi with an uncontrolled 110 psi extraction for feedwater heating (approximately 10% of boiler steam.)

It is the (2) system that was "replaced" in the feasibility study. The study will be based on a steam requirement of 750,000 lb/hr, 600 psi/750°F delivered to the 600 psi header some 5 - 6,000 feet from the proposed site. Existing extraction and backpressure turbines and other steam users will be maintained. The plant load factor is 92-95%. Otherwise the load on the steam systems can be considered steady. Approximately 80% condensate will be returned with the remainder deionized make up water, all supplied by PPG. Condensate will be returned at 0 psig and 80°F. The interface for feedwater is at PPG's feedwater header, with the condensate pump being the first major equipment in the study scope.

3.1.3 Study Premises

Significant study premises are itemized below:

- .1 PPG supplies, at their existing header, nondeaerated but treated boiler feedwater (including makeup) in sufficient quantities for each study plant. The feedwater is supplied at 0 psig and 80°F.

3.1.3 Study Premises - (Continued)

- .2 PPG receives, at their existing header, 600 psig, 750°F steam from the study plants. Two of the four nuclear study plants supply saturated steam to the process. These plants were studied to gain insight into the effects of superheating with fuel oil and of operating the PE-CNSG at reduced load.
- .3 Study plants having different availabilities, capacities or operating life are equalized economically by charging the study plant with the number 6 fuel oil equivalent of any steam deficit with reference to the steam flow requirement. In so doing, each plant is compared on the basis of equal total Btu production over the life of the project.
- .4 Auxiliary power and/or net power generated by study plants is routed through PPG's existing substation near the Riverside Power Station.
- .5 Service water, potable water, and fire water are provided by PPG at existing headers.
- .6 Estimates include provisions for absorbing additional heat rejection loads resulting from the operation of the study plants.
- .7 The study plants include provisions for all other items necessary for engineering, construction and operation. The cost of PPG internal administration and management has not been estimated.

This feasibility study compares the PE-CNSG with coal-fired alternatives. No attempt has been made to compare these systems with those facilities currently being operated by PPG.

3.2 Study Systems

3.2.1 Process Energy - Consolidated Nuclear Steam Generator Facility

3.2.1.1 Plant Layout

The plant layout and balance-of-plant (BOP) design for this study are based on a previous land based PE-CNSG application study conducted by B&W in conjunction with UE&C. The approach taken in this study has been to modify the previous study plant layout, conceptual design and cost estimates to incorporate the site-specific and user-related criteria of the existing PPG Plant.

This section discusses the site layout and plot plan for the PE-CNSG for PPG site. The major factors affecting the layouts are first discussed, followed by a description of the actual layout for the site.

3.2.1.1 Plant Layout - (Continued)

As discussed in Section 3.1.1.3 titled "Site Geology", the site is characterized by significant heave and settlement. Based upon these and other soil characteristics expected to be encountered at the site, a "floating foundation" concept was selected. This foundation concept consists of a thick concrete mat supporting one building (called "nuclear island") which houses all safety related systems and which would need further study to ensure evenly distributed loads on the foundation mat to minimize differential settlements.

Hanford nuclear plant (units 3 and 4) for Washington Public Power Supply System is an example of a central station nuclear plant using the "floating foundation" concept because of soil conditions similar to those for the PPG site.

Soil conditions also have a major influence on the type of ultimate heat sink employed. A once-through intake and discharge system may be difficult to license because of liquefaction (due to seismic events) and settlements. Costly deep and wide excavations with non-liquifiable fill may be required along the pipe lines and at the intake structure to prevent liquefaction damaging to the system. Because of these considerations, a two-cell wet mechanical draft cooling tower, with a basin for 30 day supply of make-up water is used.

The proposed plant location is approximately 13' above "Mean Low Gulf". Based on an examination of the open coast surge induced by "Probable Maximum Hurricane" at various points on the Gulf of Mexico, it seems likely that some protection against flooding due to hurricanes will be required to meet NRC requirements. Thus, an allowance for an embankment 10' above grade was used as a design feature against flooding. It is assumed that appropriate quality material for the embankment is available within a radius of five miles from the site.

Off-site power requirements of the nuclear plant were met by tapping the two independent 69 KV lines which serve the existing plant. A transformer is used for each 69 KV line to reduce the voltage to 4.16 KV. A circuit from each transformer is routed to the proposed PE-CNSG plant via an underground duct bank.

The site layout and plot plan based on these basic criteria were developed as shown in Figures 3-2 and 3-3 respectively. The particular location shown for the nuclear plant was selected for study purposes, and no attempt was made to evaluate if alternate locations may be more desirable based upon safety and/or economic considerations. The nuclear island, as discussed previously, contains the reactor service building, which houses the reactor containment; the ultimate heat sink with the water reservoir; the diesel generator; the fuel oil storage building; and the control building; the borated and demineralized water storage building. The nuclear island proposed is considered to be a reasonable concept for the particular geological and soil conditions expected at the PPG site. The cost estimates assume that the reactor service, control diesel generator and diesel fuel oil storage are contained in separate buildings, which is the basis for previous PE-CNSG studies.

3.2.1.1 Plant Layout - (Continued)

Specifically, it is assumed that the cost of the nuclear island is equal to a concept utilizing separate buildings. It is more than likely, however, that the nuclear island with a floating foundation will require additional strength in the foundation mat, exterior walls, some interior walls and the roof. While an evaluation of the additional cost is beyond the scope of this study, it is believed that the direct capital costs for the nuclear plant may possibly be higher by an amount of up to \$2,000,000 for an installation using this concept. The cost estimated presented in Section 4.0 do not reflect this potential additional costs.

The administration and process heat service buildings provide space for offices, change rooms, maintenance shop, spare parts storage, etc. The process area is an open area with ground floor slab and individual equipment foundations and supports. All facilities are located in two main sections that are joined by an underground piping tunnel which permits the installation of an access road through the middle of the plant layout. The access road permits easy movement of equipment and personnel around the site.

For the purposes of this study, it is assumed that the bottom of the foundation for the nuclear island is approximately 25 feet below existing grade or 35 feet below the new grade after allowance for the proposed embankment.

3.2.1.2 Nuclear Steam Generating System

The Consolidated Nuclear Steam Generator (CNSG) concept was originally developed to provide propulsion power for commercial nuclear ships. This marine nuclear propulsion system, on which the PE-CNSG for industrial use is based, evolved as an advanced ship propulsion reactor having size, weight, and reactor safety benefits. The CNSG design was an extension and advancement of Babcock & Wilcox's experience beginning in the late 1950's with the company's activities in the NSS Savannah program. Design modifications to the basic concept have been made as a result of design reviews by both governmental and industrial groups. Modifications to the marine CNSG design were made only to change the design to landbased application where significant benefits could be realized.

3.2.1.2.1 Reactor Coolant System

The PE-CNSG is an integral pressurized water system in which the core, steam generator, and reactor pumps are located within the 157-inch inside diameter cylindrical reactor vessel (Figure 3-4). An electrically heated pressurizer of conventional design is connected externally to the pressure vessel to maintain the coolant in a sub-cooled liquid condition.

The steam generator consists of 12 modular once through units located above the top level of the core in the annulus between the core and pressure vessel. A steam generator module can be isolated in the unlikely event of tube failure, with total steam output being reduced by only about 8%. Each steam generator module incorporates counterflow

3.2.1.2.1 Reactor Coolant System - (Continued)

heat transfer with shell-side boiling to produce saturated steam. The control scheme developed for this application maintains the reactor coolant average temperature constant at 589°F between 100% and 50% power load. The steam pressure varies from 800 psia at 100% power to 1100 psia at 50% power and remains constant at 1100 psia below 50% power.

Four primary coolant pump motors are mounted on the reactor vessel head with the shafts passing through the head to the impellers inside the vessel. The pumps are rated at 18,950 gpm and 106 ft head and are vertical single-stage, single suction, constant-speed mixed-flow units. They are glandless, wet stator/rotor machines with no mechanical seal between the pump and motor. The pump motors are cooled by an external heat exchanger.

The reactor core consists of 57 fuel assemblies with Zircaloy-4 tubes containing slightly enriched UO₂ pellets enclosed by welded end plugs. Tubes containing fuel are supported in assemblies by a spring-clip grid structure and end fittings. The 17 control rod assemblies, which control reactor power, are clusters of neutron absorber rods containing B₄C that move in guide tubes within the fuel assemblies.

During operation the reactor coolant is pumped downward through the steam generator tubes where the coolant transfers heat to the secondary side feedwater, thereby producing saturated steam. Leaving the steam generator modules, the coolant flows downward over mixing vanes and then turns upward into the core at the bottom of the reactor vessel. Heat generated by fission in the nuclear fuel raises the coolant temperature as it passes upward through the core. The coolant continues to flow upward until it reaches the reactor coolant pump suctions.

Reactor coolant system parameters are shown in Table 3-1.

3.2.1.2.2 Auxiliary Systems

A number of auxiliary systems are required to support the reactor coolant system. Major systems are listed below with a brief functional description.

Makeup and Purification System - Regulates inventory of the reactor coolant system during all modes of operation and removes corrosion products, fission products, and other impurities from the reactor coolant.

Decay Heat Removal System - Removes fission product decay heat from the reactor core during normal cooldown or following reactor trip and during shutdown, and provides cooling water injection to the reactor vessel and core under emergency conditions.

Emergency Decay Heat System - Removes heat from the reactor coolant system via the steam generators during accident conditions.

Chemical Addition & Boron Recovery System - Transfers, stores, recovers and thereby changes concentration of boric acid in the reactor coolant system during normal operation.

3.2.1.2.2 Auxiliary Systems - (Continued)

Reactor Plant Service Water System - Supplies cooling water to the reactor plant from the available water sources.

Component Cooling Water System - Transfers heat from various sources in the reactor plant to the reactor plant service water system via heat exchangers.

Containment Drywell Cooling System - Removes heat from the containment drywell atmosphere during both normal operating and emergency loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) conditions.

Reactor Building Ventilation System - Provides ventilation of various areas in the reactor building and controls release of radioactive gases to the environment via filters.

Radwaste Disposal System - Collects, stores, and disposes of all solid, liquid, and gaseous wastes generated by normal operation of the reactor plant.

Post-LOCA Combustible Gas Control System - Injects Halon 1301 into containment following a LOCA to prevent ignition of hydrogen.

Sampling System - Provides a means of remotely sampling primary coolant, key auxiliary system effluents, and all waste gases.

Suppression Pool Cooling System - Maintaining the containment suppression pool water temperature and chemistry at required levels during normal and emergency conditions.

3.2.1.2.3 Reactor Plant Instrumentation & Control Systems

The following sub-systems comprise the reactor plant instrumentation and control systems and provide for control, monitoring and safe shut-down of the reactor plant.

- Integrated Control System
- Nuclear Instrumentation System
- Reactor Protection System
- Non-Nuclear Instrumentation and Control Systems
- Engineered Safety Features Actuation System
- Safety-Related Control and Instrumentation System
- Control Rod Drive Control System
- Incore Monitoring Systems

3.2.1.2.4 Containment

The PE-CNSG nuclear steam system is enclosed by a containment vessel the purpose of which is to condense and contain the steam-water mixture that would discharge from a postulated pipe break in the PE-CNSG.

3.2.1.2.4 Containment - (Continued)

The pressure-suppression containment (Figure 3-5) comprises a dry well into which the steam-water mixture expands after being discharged through the break, a wet well containing a large volume of water for condensing the steam as it discharges through the vent pipes, and a suppression system air space into which the containment non-condensable gases are collected after condensation of the steam in the wet well. Because the steam is condensed in the wet well, the PE-CNSG containment can be relatively small and still produce a reasonably low design pressure (105 psig). The large PWR nuclear power plants do not have pressure-suppression containments and, thus, with the rapid release of steam-water mixtures, the containment must be very large to maintain a reasonably low design pressure.

Because of the compact reactor design and resulting suitability of pressure suppression containment as well as improved loss-of-coolant-accident (LOCA) transient characteristics of the PE-CNSG, the relatively small containment can be housed within the reactor service building in contrast to the loop-type PWRs where the containment is a large separate structure outside the reactor service building. The pressure-containing wall of the cylindrical PE-CNSG containment is 38 feet in diameter by 64 feet high. The containment is free-standing and bottom-supported. An upper closure is provided for refueling, inspection, and maintenance. The containment has a normal personnel access at about mid-height, which is closed and sealed during operation. Access to the area under the reactor vessel and through the NSS/containment load-bearing support plate is provided by an access tunnel and a bolted containment closure.

The PE-CNSG containment is surrounded by a concrete biological shield which protects against direct radiation from the PE-CNSG core and induced radioactivity in the primary coolant. The concrete biological shield and the reactor service building itself provide two additional barriers to the containment for minimizing the accidental release of radioactivity to the environment. This is accomplished by controlling and isolating these areas and filtering the air that is released to the environment.

3.2.1.3 Refueling, Maintenance, and Inspections

The PE-CNSG fuel handling systems provide a safe, effective means of transporting and handling nuclear fuel from the time of its arrival at the plant in an unirradiated condition until its departure from the plant after post-irradiation cooling. Supporting systems have been designed to minimize the possibility of mishandling which could cause fuel damage or potential release of fission products.

The land-based PE-CNSG uses a conventional method of "wet" refueling where all operations are performed underwater. Underwater transfer of spent fuel assemblies will provide an effective, transparent radiation shield as well as a reliable cooling medium for removal of decay heat. Use of borated water provides an added safety margin that will ensure subcritical conditions during refueling. Both new and spent fuel storage are housed in the fuel storage pool located next to the reactor

3.2.1.3 Refueling, Maintenance, and Inspections - (Continued)

containment inside the reactor service building.

The refueling outage is estimated to be 30 days if performed every 12 months, 35 days if performed every 18 months, and 40 days if performed every 24 months. The outage days shown include not only the refueling time but also time for maintenance and inspections. The additional outage time for longer refueling cycles is for estimated additional maintenance due to the longer plant operating time.

The PE-CNSG has been designed to be highly accessible for the performance of Code-required inservice inspection. Through the use of remote examination devices, all the welds and components requiring examination under the rules of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 1975 Winter Addenda, can be examined.

The initial inspection results obtained prior to critical operation of the plant form the base map against which future inspection results will be compared. Subsequent changes in inspection results are recorded.

During the post operational inspection this data will be compared and evaluated against the original base data and Code-established fracture mechanics criteria. Manual scanning will be used wherever possible to provide economical inspection.

Piping and other associated components are designed taking maximum inspectability into account. Access requirements for the performance of inservice examinations required by the Code are well defined and will be applied to the maximum extent possible consistent with effective design and operation of the Nuclear Steam Plant.

The PE-CNSG is designed to facilitate any maintenance that may be required. In addition, the equipment is arranged for minimal radiation exposure to personnel during maintenance or repair. For example, in the event that it becomes necessary to plug a defective steam generator tube, the straight-tube design of the steam generator facilitates the insertion and subsequent plugging of each end of the defective tube using remote plugging techniques. Tube plugging would be conducted during a refueling outage when the vessel head and upper flow distributor are removed. Sufficient water is added between the steam generator and the maintenance personnel so that radiation doses are acceptably low.

3.2.1.4 Secondary/Tertiary Systems

3.2.1.4.1 Introduction

In the process heat applications, it is desirable to have an additional loop or separation barrier between the reactor coolant (primary system) and the process steam (tertiary system) to minimize the possibility of radioactive contamination of the process steam. Although primary-to-secondary system leakage is not expected, the possibility of activity in secondary system steam is not excluded as a conservative design consideration. To avoid any possible radioactive carryover to the process

3.2.1.4.1 Introduction - (Continued)

steam, a third loop or tertiary system is provided with process steam evaporators (herein referred to as reboilers) used to transfer heat from the secondary system. Although operational experience may indicate that reboilers can be eliminated from the design for certain applications, it is believed prudent to include them for initial plant design.

3.2.1.4.2 Study Cases

Four cases for supplying the process steam requirements of the process plant were devised and a reboiler system was designed for each case.

Design points for each case are as follows:

CASE 1 - 750,000 #/hr process steam @ 600 psig and 750°F - Fig. 3-6

CASE 2 - 750,000 #/hr process steam @ 600 psig, saturated - Fig. 3-7

CASE 3 - 750,000 #/hr process steam @ 600 psig, 750°F, with the CNSG operating at maximum power and the excess secondary steam to be used in a condensing turbine for electric power generation - Fig. 3-8.

CASE 4 - Maximum process steam that CNSG will deliver @ 600 psig saturated Fig. 3-9.

Cases 1 and 3 require an oil-fired superheater to be located in the user's process plant in order to superheat the process steam to 750°F.

3.2.1.4.3 Secondary System Description

The major components of the system are the reboilers and feedwater heaters. The reboilers are U-tube and shell heat exchangers with the secondary steam from the CNSG condensing in the tubes and the process fluid heated on the shell side.

A large drain reservoir is located in the condensate line between the reboilers and feedheater. This tank has a volume of 2500 ft³ and serves as a four-fold purpose. This is: (1) to ensure a supply of fluid to the feedheater in the liquid state, (2) to provide the CNSG system with a 5-minute makeup supply (at maximum flow conditions) of steam generator coolant should it be required in an emergency situation, (3) to provide a location for hydrogen injection for control of oxygen in the secondary system and (4) to provide a water level which may be monitored to determine makeup requirements. During normal operation, the condensate enters the tank from the reboilers via spray nozzles. The tank contains approximately 2000 ft³ of stored water, and the hydrogen gas collects above the water. The spray system provides adequate exposure of water to hydrogen gas to ensure entrainment of the hydrogen in the water. The water ultimately passes through the tank to the feedwater heaters.

3.2.1.4.3 Secondary System Description - (Continued)

The feedwater heaters are used to cool the secondary water on the tube side while heating the process fluid on the shell side. All secondary water from the tube sides of the reboilers passes through the feedheaters.

The water leaves the feedheaters and enters the suction side of the motor-driven centrifugal feedwater pump. The system has two feedwater pumps, each with 100% capacity, to provide full backup capability. The pump increases the water pressure and discharges the water to the steam generators.

Systems are provided for filtration and purification of the secondary water. An electro-magnetic filter is located downstream of the feedwater pumps. This system is designed to handle 100% of the flow. The system filters the CNSG secondary water to eliminate suspended magnetic solids formed during plant operation. The demineralization system is located downstream of the electromagnetic filter. The system is designed to handle up to 100 gpm of the system flow. The water first passes through a letdown cooler where the temperature is reduced from 400°F to 120°F. The demineralizer system is used for purification of both the letdown fluid and the makeup water.

The system is intended for intermittent use depending on water quality conditions. The demineralizer discharges directly to the suction side of the feedwater pumps. Secondary system sample lines are provided on both the influent and effluent sides of the demineralizer and are used to monitor both the need for and effectiveness of the demineralizer.

The makeup system is tied directly into the demineralization system. The makeup system is controlled by the level in the drain reservoir. Water is added by the makeup system through the demineralizer when the bypass system is in operation.

If the bypass line is not in use, water is added directly to the feedwater pump inlet piping.

A chemical addition system is included for corrosion control. This system consists of hydrazine addition for oxygen control and ammonia addition for pH control. The system is manually controlled, based on input from sample readings, and used during system heatup and cooldown. Provisions for hydrogen addition have been made in the drain reservoir to suppress oxygen generated in the water by radiolysis as the water passes through the CNSG steam generator near the nuclear core. The oxygen concentration in the system is controlled to a maximum 7 ppb.

3.2.1.4.4 Tertiary System

The tertiary system steam is produced on the shell side of the reboilers. Tertiary system water is returned from the user's process at 280°F and 67 psia. It then enters the suction side of the tertiary feed pump. The system has two feed pumps, each with 100% capacity. The water is

3.2.1.4.4 Tertiary System - (Continued)

increased in pressure by the pumps and then enters the shell side of the feedwater heaters, where it is partially heated while cooling the secondary fluid. At the feedwater heater outlet, the fluid is ready to enter the shell side of the reboilers. Steam leaves the reboilers at saturated conditions, and is superheated for cases 1, and 3.

Solids buildup in the reboiler is controlled by blowdown. There is one blowdown cooler in the system with a common intake line connected directly to the shell side of the reboilers and discharging to the user. The continuous blowdown rate is 1% flow for control of solids.

The tertiary system fluid is sampled from the blowdown cooler discharge line. This method of sampling allows examination of effluent from the reboilers without affecting operation.

3.2.1.4.5 System Control

The CNSG reactor and reboiler systems are monitored and controlled by computer systems. The Operator Information System (OIS) computer provides display, logging, and alarm monitoring of reactor and reboiler systems. The OIS also provides diagnostic monitoring of other computer systems. The Plant Control System (PCS) controls the PE-CNSG and reboiler by monitoring plant variables and initiating control action as well as by interfacing with the control console and OIS.

Secondary System

Reboiler heating steam is supplied by the main steam from the CNSG compartment. The heating steam is controlled via control valves that regulate the flow to the reboilers. These control valves are monitored and controlled by the plant control system. If the heating steam demand becomes too low for the control valves to operate satisfactorily, one or more of the reboilers can be valved out of service. The process steam demand also regulates reactor power level. The secondary fluid level in the drain reservoir is monitored and controlled by the plant control system via the makeup supply. The plant control system automatically adjusts the makeup water supply valve to allow more or less flow to the secondary system, which ultimately adjusts the level in the drain reservoir to a present value.

Feedwater flow is controlled by the action of the feed control valve and pumps in response to signals from the plant control system. In steady-state conditions, the feed flow matches steam flow, but the flows may differ during transients.

The flow through the demineralization system is controlled by the operator through the operator information system. Temperature sensors measure effluent temperature of the letdown cooler, and flow rate is determined with a flow orifice. These values are monitored by the plant control system and, if the effluent temperature rises above 120°F, flow is stopped to avoid damaging the resins in the demineralizer. The pressure drop through the demineralizer is monitored by the OIS. This

Secondary System - (Continued)

pressure measurement along with sample readings of both the influent and effluent are used to determine the need for demineralizer resin replacement.

The secondary chemical addition system is monitored by the operator information system. The ammonium hydroxide tank level is measured and transmitted by this system to the control room. The flow rates of both the hydrazine and ammonium hydroxide addition system are monitored by the operator information system and the rates are controlled manually by the operator.

Tertiary System

Two identical redundant feedwater pumps are included in the system design. During normal operation, one pump is running while the other remains idle. If the operating pump should fail, flow will be picked up by the idle pump. Both pumps have built-in recirculation loops with flow orifices.

The feedwater pumps discharge to the shell side of the feedwater heater where the fluid is heated before going into the reboilers. The feedwater to the reboilers is controlled by individual control valves; each valve is controlled by its respective reboiler water level. The level controller maintains the liquid level slightly above the tube bundle to prevent tube dry-out and excessive static pressure in the shell. If, during low-flow demand periods, the control valves fail to operate satisfactorily, one or more reboilers can be valved out of service. As the control valves are closed, the feedwater pump head increases and flow in the recirculation loop around the pumps increases.

Flow to the blowdown cooler is controlled manually by individual valves on each blowdown line. A flow orifice, located just downstream of the blowdown cooler is used by the operator information system to monitor flow. The blowdown fluid is cooled to 120°F by the cooler and flow is controlled remotely by an OIS-actuated throttle valve. The blowdown is discharged to the user's water system. Reboiler sampling is accomplished by a small line coming directly off the blowdown line. This system allows intermittent or continuous monitoring of samples from the reboilers.

3.2.1.4.6 Condensing Cycle T-G System

A schematic flow diagram for the turbine generator system is shown in Figure 3-8. Of the 440,000 lb/hr of secondary steam directed to the turbine generator system, only 327,000 lb/hr passes through the turbine to the condenser with the remaining being used for feedwater heating under normal operating conditions. The turbine generator consists of a 3600 rpm, 27 MWe single flow non-reheat steam turbine with a direct coupled, 3600 rpm, three phase, 60 Hertz, air cooled synchronous generator. The exhaust steam from the turbine is condensed in a condenser designed at 3.5" Hg vacuum. Condensate from the condenser is

3.2.1.4.6 Condensing Cycle T-G System - (Continued)

pumped to the deaerator by two 650 gpm condensate pumps. The deaerator is an open heat exchanger tank which directly mixes the condensate with the remainder of secondary steam directed to the turbine generator system. This feedwater joins with the secondary feedwater from the process energy system and is pumped to the steam generators by means of secondary feed pumps. Condenser heat is removed by the circulating water system. This heat is then rejected to the atmosphere by a single cell wet mechanical draft cooling tower.

3.2.1.5 Construction Techniques

The consolidated plant layout described in Section 3.2.1.1 lends itself to construction techniques that use a fixed lifting device, such as a 300 ton stiff-leg crane, for all major lifts. This device will help to speed construction by making heavy lifts readily available and facilitating component placement.

The load-bearing structure for the entire reactor complex is a steel plate 4-inches thick and 38 feet in diameter. This plate is shop-fabricated to include the code-welded, 4-foot-high bottom segment of the reactor containment cylindrical sections.

The reactor vessel support pedestal upon which the skirt-supported reactor vessel will be positioned is centrally located on this plate. Webbing structures distribute the load from the vessel support pedestal to the support plate. The prefabricated, stress-relieved support plate and attachments are transported to the site, set on the reactor service building concrete base, jacked level, and grouted into position with cement. The reactor support pedestal is then ground to reactor vessel mounting flatness requirements.

The upper portion of the 38-foot-diameter, 64-foot-high containment vessel structure is shop-fabricated. This large containment segment would be lifted into position and circle-seam welded to the load-bearing base plate segments to form the containment vessel. Major components can then be lifted and placed, and the concrete shielding can be poured. The outer steel containment wall is covered with crushable material and is used as an inner form for the shield wall concrete to facilitate construction. The crushable material separates the concrete and steel and provides space for differential expansion and contraction. An access tunnel under the load-bearing base plate permits access to the bottom head of the reactor vessel and to incore instrumentation guide tubes and nozzles located there.

The reactor vessel is transported to the site in one piece, except for the head. The reactor vessel internals are prefitted to eliminate major field assembly problems. An NOAK construction schedule is presented in Figure 3-10.

3.2.2 Coal Fueled Steam/Power Plant

3.2.2.1 Plant Layout

The study plant layout is shown on Figures 3-12 and 3-13. The area for the coal facility was designated by PPG and PSE did not attempt to optimize the location.

The site layout shows the maximum land usage anticipated for the size coal plant. The largest steam turbine generator, including a substation, condenser and cooling tower is shown, although this equipment does not apply to all study cases. Wyoming coal was used to size the coal storage pile and two flue gas desulfurization (FGD) systems with a bypass are shown also. At the time the estimates were finalized the FGD system was not required for firing Wyoming compliance coal. Although the FGD system is shown on the layout it was not included in the cost estimate for the Wyoming coal case. Schematics of the flue gas treatment systems are shown in Figures 3-14 and 3-15.

During the initial plant visit to the PPG site, PPG stated that pilings have been used at the site in the past on major concentrated load foundations. Based on this information and the fact that the foundations for the coal plant would be similar to existing foundations at PPG, pilings were included on all major foundations.

3.2.2.2 Study Cases

Two cases were selected for this study; one case with high-sulfur coal and one case with low-sulfur coal. The energy balance diagrams show the major components of each study case, the design steam conditions, the generator power output, auxiliary power load, and fuel requirement at a process steam load of 750,000 lb/hr. The following is a brief description of each study case:

CASE No.	COAL	BOILER DESIGN CONDITIONS				LEVELIZED ANNUAL CONDITIONS					ENERGY BALANCE DIAGRAM
		FLOW 10 ³ lb/hr	PRESS. PSIG	TEMP OF	GENERATOR CYCLE	FLOW 10 ³ lb/hr	PRESS. PSIG	TEMP. OF	NET MW	COAL 10 ⁶ Btu/hr	
1.	ILLINOIS	911	1,500	950	BACK PRESS.	714	600	750	15.6	1,204	3-15
2.	WYOMING	911	1,500	950	BACK PRESS.	714	600	750	16.5	1,229	3-16

All of the above data are based on two percent blowdown and a return condensate temperature of 80°F.

3.2.2.3 Design Criteria

The design criteria for each major component of the steam/power plant are as follows:

3.2.2.3 Design Criteria - (Continued)

3.2.2.3.1 Coal Yard

A 100-car unit train was selected as the method of coal delivery with a car positioner and a rotary car dumper used to unload the cars into an underground hopper and conveyor, which conveys the coal to the storage pile. The track length was sized at 6000 feet, which is capable of accomodating the 100-car unit train. It was assumed that enough trackage was available between the coal yard track and main line to store a full train prior to unloading.

The coal storage pile was sized for a 60 day supply of low-sulfur Wyoming coal. Three storage piles were used to keep the storage pile within the unit train track and to use a stacker and reclaimer with a standard span.

A separate stacker and reclaimer were specified to permit the simultaneous unloading of a unit train and the transport of coal to the plant. The stacker and reclaimer can be transferred to different piles by a cross track at one end of the coal yard.

Many design concepts are available for coal delivery and transport to the boilers. PSE selected a design which will provide an automated form of unloading and transport to the boiler. No attempt was made to optimize the design based on economics.

3.2.2.3.2 Boilers

The boilers were specified for the conditions indicated on the energy balance diagrams. Auxiliary equipment was quoted with the boiler including pulverizers, FD fan, ID fan, air preheater, feedwater controls and combustion controls.

3.2.2.3.3 Electrostatic Discharge Precipitator

The electrostatic discharge precipitator was specified on the basis of 85% of the ash in the coal being converted to fly ash and entering the precipitator. The design discharge particulate emission level was specified at the EPA limit of 0.1 lbs. of particulate/10⁶Btu of fuel. This requires a precipitator which is more than 99% efficient. A fly-ash storage silo with 60 hour capacity was specified to permit flyash storage over weekends.

3.2.2.3.4 Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) System

A limestone slurry FGD system was specified for high sulfur coal plants to limit SO₂ stack emissions to 1.2 lbs SO₂/10⁶Btu of fuel which represents the EPA new source limit in effect at the time of this study. This represents approximately 78 percent sulfur removal. A single scrubbing train was estimated as well as a bypass system to allow unit operation during short-term scrubber outages. This system was selected

3.2.2.3.4 Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) System - (Continued)

over other competitive systems because it is the most widely used system today. However, PSE did not attempt to optimize the type of FGD system based on economics or reliability.

In the specified system the bypass duct allows addition of flue gas downstream of the scrubber to heat the flue gas leaving the scrubber above the saturation point to prevent corrosion. The limestone slurry FGD system produces a sludge effluent which will not set up and is unsuitable for a landfill. However, if the fly ash from the precipitator is combined with the sludge, as shown in Figure 3-24, the mixture can be used as a landfill. This method was used for the study cases. A limestone storage area has been included to provide a 30 day limestone supply. The limestone storage area was based on truck shipments of limestone.

3.2.2.3.5 Bottom Ash Disposal System

This system was specified on the basis of 25% of the ash in the coal being converted to bottom ash. The bottom ash is collected in hoppers at the bottom of the boiler. From there it is sluiced to a landfill in the area near the coal storage pile.

3.2.2.3.6 Steam Turbine Generator

A steam turbine was specified for the steam conditions shown on the energy balance diagrams and direct connected to a hydrogen cooled synchronous generator rated at 3600 RPM, 3 phase, 60 hertz, 13.8 KVA and .90 power factor with a power output as shown on the energy balance diagrams. Power from the generator was stepped-up to a transmission voltage of 69 KV and connected to the existing substation.

A station service transformer was included to supply coal plant auxiliaries. A separate tie from the existing substation was made to supply the auxiliaries if the turbine is shutdown.

3.2.2.4 Construction Schedule

A construction schedule for typical study case using Illinois coal or Wyoming coal is shown on Figure 3-17.

Figure 3-1 - GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF
THE STUDY SITE

1. REACTOR CONTAINMENT
2. REACTOR SERVICE BUILDING
3. CONTROL, DIESEL GENERATOR & ULTIMATE HEAT SINK BLDG.
4. PROCESS AREA
5. PIPING TUNNEL
6. PROCESS HEAT SERVICE BUILDING
7. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
8. CONDENSATE STORAGE TANK
9. ACCESS ROAD
10. RAILROAD SIDING - FUEL CAR
11. TWO INDEPENDENT - 5KV - UNDERGROUND FEEDERS
12. PARKING AREA
13. EMBANKMENT 10'0" HIGH

NOTES:

1. BOILERS WATER STORAGE TANK DEMINERALIZED WATER STORAGE TANK & MAKE-UP TANKS ARE LOCATED ON ROOF OF REACTOR SERVICE BUILDING

FIGURE 3-2 PE-CNSG SITE PLAN

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Figure 3-4 PE-CNSG Reactor Vessel

FIGURE 3-5

365 MWt PE-CNSG CONTAINMENT ARRANGEMENT

NO.	FLOW (10 ³ LB/Hr)	PRESSURE (PSIG)	TEMP (°F)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)
1	1078	925	537	1195
2	1078	910	535	1196
3	1078	907	535	530
4	1078	907	535	530
5	1078	907	535	530
6	1078	907	535	530
7	1078	901	412	389
8	1128	901	400	376
9	1128	1110	400	376
10	1078	1075	400	376
11	50	1075	400	376
12	50	901	120	90
13	920	35	281	290
14	920	685	281	291
15	920	664	438	417
16	920	663	438	417
17	911	660	499	1202
18	750	650	497	1202
19	750	600	750	1350
20	—	—	—	—
21	—	—	—	—
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NO.	FLOW (10 ³ LB/Hr)	PRESSURE (PSIG)	TEMP (°F)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)
1	1078	925	537	1195
2	1078	910	535	1195
3	1078	907	535	530
4	1078	907	535	530
5	1078	907	535	530
6	1078	907	535	530
7	1078	901	412	359
8	1128	901	400	376
9	1128	1110	400	376
10	1078	1075	400	376
11	50	1075	400	376
12	50	901	120	90
13	920	35	281	250
14	920	685	281	251
15	920	664	438	417
16	920	663	438	417
17	911	660	499	1202
18	750	600	489	1202
19	—	—	—	—
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NO.	FLOW (10 ³ LB/H2)	PRESSURE (PSIG)	TEMP (°F)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)
1	1512	785	518	1199
2	1072	755	514	1199
3	1072	752	513	504
4	1072	752	513	504
5	1072	752	513	504
6	1072	752	513	504
7	1072	746	413	389
8	1122	746	400	376
9	1122	960	400	376
10	1512	935	400	376
11	50	935	400	376
12	50	746	127	90
13	920	35	281	290
14	920	685	281	291
15	920	664	409	385
16	920	663	409	385
17	911	660	499	1202
18	750	690	497	1202
19	750	600	750	1350
20	440	755	514	1199
21	327	755	514	1199
22	327	3.5"Hg	121	89
23	327	755	122	92
24	113	755	514	1199
25	440	750	400	376
26	759	0	80	48
27	759	35	80	48
28	161	660	499	1202

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NO.	FLOW (10 ³ LB/HR)	PRESSURE (PSIG)	TEMP (°F)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)
1	1512	785	518	1199
2	1512	759	512	1199
3	1512	747	514	503
4	1512	749	513	503
5	1512	749	513	503
6	1512	749	513	503
7	1512	739	409	385
8	1562	739	400	376
9	1562	960	400	376
10	1512	935	400	376
11	50	935	400	376
12	50	739	120	90
13	1304	35	281	250
14	1304	635	281	251
15	1304	616	412	389
16	1304	615	412	389
17	1291	610	491	1203
18	1063	600	489	1203
19	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—
21	—	—	—	—
22	—	—	—	—
23	—	—	—	—
24	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	1076	0	80	43
27	1076	35	80	43
28	228	610	491	1203

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FIGURE 3-10 - NUCLEAR PLANT Nth OF A KIND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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FIGURE 3-12 COAL PLANT PLOT PLAN

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FLUE GAS TREATMENT SYSTEM HIGH SULPHUR COAL

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0.1 LBS PARTICULATE / 10⁶ BTU FUEL
1.2 LBS SO₂ / 10⁶ BTU FUEL

400' STACK

FLUE GAS TREATMENT SYSTEM LOW SULPHUR COAL

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NO.	FLOW (10 ³ LB/Hr)	PRESSURE (PSIG)	TEMP (°F)	ENTHALPY (BTU/LB)
1	911	1500	950	1461
2	911	1450	950	1461
3	750	660	760	1352
4	750	600	755	1352
5	76.8	0	80	48
6	929	1650	275	247
7	18	1550	602	620
8	—	—	—	—
9	76.8	50	80	48
10	161	35	290	1179
11	929	35	275	244

FUEL — 1263 × 10⁶ BTU/Hr (HHV)
 GEN. OUTPUT — 26.5 MW
 AUX. POWER LOAD — 9.9 MW
 NET POWER OUTPUT — 16.6 MW

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COAL FUELED POWER PLANT
HIGH SULPHUR COAL-CASE NO. 1

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1	911	1500	950	1461
2	911	1450	950	1461
3	750	660	760	1382
4	750	600	755	1382
5	768	0	80	48
6	929	1650	275	247
7	18	1550	602	620
8	—	—	—	—
9	768	50	30	43
10	161	35	295	1179
11	929	35	275	244

FUEL — 1290 × 10⁶ BTU/HR (HHV)
 GEN. OUTPUT — 26.5 MW
 AUX. POWER LOAD — 8.9 MW
 NET POWER OUTPUT — 17.6 MW

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Time - Months

Activities

1. Engineering
2. Order Major Equipment
3. Site Work
4. Foundations
5. Boiler, TG Erection
6. Mechanical Installation
7. Electrical Installation
8. Coal Terminal
9. Startup & Test

Figure 3-17 - COAL PLANT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Table 3-1 Reactor Coolant System Parameters

NOMINAL VALUES

<u>Design Performance Summary</u>	<u>Metric</u>	<u>English</u>
Power	365 MWt	365 MWt
Steam pressure at SG outlet (at full load)	5.52 MPa	800 psia
Steam temperature at SG outlet	270°C	518°F
Steam flow	191 kg/s	1.512 x 10 ⁶ lb/hr
Feedwater inlet temperature	204°C	400°F
Nominal core inlet temperature	300°C	571.6°F
Nominal core outlet temperature	319°C	606.4°F
Reactor vessel average temperature	309.4°C	589°F
RCS flow	3289 kg/s	26.06 x 10 ⁶ lb/hr

Equipment Data/Design Performance Data

No. of SG modules	12	12
RCS total primary volume	106.9 m ³	3775 ft ³
Primary water volume	99.8 m ³	3525 ft ³
Pressurizer gas volume	7.08 m ³	250 ft ³
Reactor Vessel ID	3.99 m	157 in.
No. of Control Rod Assemblies	17	17
No. of fuel assemblies	57	57
RC pump flow (four used)	1.196 m ³ /s	18,950 gpm
RC pump head	32.31 m	106 ft
RC pump expected power, hot	0.326 MW	437 hp
Pressurizer		
Overall length	8.969 m	29 ft, 5.125 in.
Sheel OD	2.013 m	79.25 in.

4.0 ECONOMICS

4.1 Economic Philosophy and Methods

The investments being studied in this report (nuclear and coal process steam generation plants) are mutually exclusive projects. No attempt has been made to compare the study alternatives with the economics of continued utilization of existing facilities at the PPG site. The economic method chosen for the analyses is the "Net Present Value" (NPV) method. This method is commonly used in the industrial sector for preliminary evaluation of investment alternatives. Cash flows from project go-ahead through 30 years project life are developed which include all major cash flows that result from the implementation of each study project.

Since the nuclear study plants require seven years to construct versus four years for the coal plants, two economic analyses have been prepared. In both analyses nuclear plant construction starts on January 1, 1978. The first analysis considers that the coal plants start construction concurrently with the nuclear plants and thus begin operation three years prior to the nuclear plants. The second set of analyses considers that coal plant construction starts January 1, 1981, and coal plants start operation concurrently with the nuclear plants.

The base date for all economic studies in January 1, 1978, and all cash estimates are reported as of that date. In the analyses, cash flows are reported in current end-of-year dollars having been escalated per schedules suggested by PPG or estimated by PSE. The resultant net cash flow from each analysis is discounted at rates of 10, 15 and 20 percent to arrive at a range of NPVs for each alternative. These NPVs are then compared to determine the option most attractive from an economic standpoint, namely, the alternative having the highest NPV (or the lowest negative NPV, as is the case with these "expense center" projects).

Should the NPVs of competing projects cross between the 10 and 20 percent discount rates, the choice of alternatives would not be clear and further analysis should be performed. While such crossings do occur in the results of this study, the NPVs which do cross are so nearly the same over the prescribed range of discount rates, that further analysis would not materially aid in selection of one alternative over another. Thus, the projects are said to be equivalent under the set of assumptions applied to each. Therefore, for the purposes of this study, the NPV method is the sole method employed for economic evaluation of alternative projects. Present value steam costs are presented for each study plant as complementary information.

The following sections summarize the various economic parameters which have been employed in these analyses. The cash flow pro forma statement is described with definitions of each column including mathematical formulae and descriptions of methods. An example of a cash flow analysis is provided in order to illustrate the method. Refer to Figure 4-1.

4.1.1 Escalation Schedules

Since escalation is a very real factor in today's economic climate, its effect is accounted for in these studies. Table 4-1 summarizes escalation rates as they have been applied in these analyses. Following are discussions of each of the rates of escalation:

4.1.1.1 General Inflation Escalation Rate

The general inflation escalation rate is applied to the working capital account and to the introductory expense.

4.1.1.2 Construction Labor Escalation Rate

The construction labor escalation rate is combined with the construction material escalation rate to form a construction composite rate which is then applied to applicable capital expenditures during construction.

4.1.1.3 Construction Material Escalation Rate

The construction material escalation rate is combined with the construction labor escalation rate as in 4.1.1.4. This rate is also combined with the operating labor escalation rate as described in 4.1.1.6.

4.1.1.4 Construction Composite Escalation Rate

The construction composite escalation rate is formed from labor and material escalation rates (4.1.1.2, 4.1.1.3) as follows:

$$\text{Construction Composite Rate} = 0.4 \times \text{Construction Labor rate} \\ + 0.6 \times \text{Construction Material rate.}$$

The construction composite escalation rate is applied to cash flow occurring during, and related to, construction.

4.1.1.5 Operating Labor Escalation Rate

The operations composite escalation rate is combined with the construction materials escalation rate to form an operations composite rate as described in 4.1.1.6.

4.1.1.6 Operation Composite Escalation Rate

The operations composite escalation rate is formed from operating labor and materials rates (4.1.1.3, 4.1.1.5) as follows:

$$\text{Operations Composite Rate} = 0.4 \times \text{Operating Labor Rate} \\ + 0.6 \times \text{Construction Material Rate.}$$

4.1.1.6 Operation Composite Escalation Rate - (Continued)

The operations composite escalation rate is applied to all study plant operating costs subject to escalation except fuel.

4.1.1.7 Fuel (Primary) Escalation Rate

The fuel escalation rate is applied to primary fuel expenses (i.e., coal and nuclear fuel).

4.1.1.8 Number 6 Fuel Oil Escalation Rate

The number 6 fuel oil escalation rate is applied to backup operating expense and to the fuel oil cost for superheating nuclear-generated steam where the fuel-oil fired superheater is employed.

4.1.2 Federal Income Tax Rate

The federal income tax rate is applied to adjusted operating expense which is the cost of operations including annual operating expense, fuel expense, depreciation, state sales tax, and introductory expenses. The federal income tax rate is 48 percent. Since these projects generate no revenue, income taxes appear as credits to the project, implying that sufficient corporate tax liability exist to allow taking such a credit.

4.1.3 Investment Tax Credit

The investment tax credit is applied to all capitalizable expense during construction. Only land is exempt from the investment tax credit in this study. The investment tax credit rate is 10 percent.

4.1.4 State Tax (Ad Valorem) Rate

The state ad valorem tax is computed as the state rate times the total capital investment and remains a fixed annual expense not subject to escalation for the life of the project operation. The ad valorem tax rate is 1.05 percent and is deferred until the eleventh year of plant operation.

4.1.5 State Sales Tax Rate

The state sales tax rate is applied to an estimate of taxable capital expenditure during construction only. During operating years state sales tax is included in all expense estimates. State tax is estimated during construction as follows:

4.1.5 State Sales Tax Rate - (Continued)

State Sales Tax = Sales tax rate X (0.7 X capital expenditure)
(Nuclear Plants)

State Sales Tax = Sales tax rate X (0.5 X capital expenditure)
(Coal Plants)

The sales tax is not applied to land expense. The sales tax rate is 4 percent.

4.1.6 Insurance Rate

The insurance rate is applied to the total capital investment and remains a fixed annual expense not subject to escalation for the life of the project operation. The insurance rate is 1.0 percent.

4.1.7 Construction Labor

The construction labor hourly rate is \$18.10, which includes labor, insurance, taxes, construction equipment, small tools and expendables, contractors home office and field overhead, and profit.

4.1.8 Operations Labor

The operating staff labor hourly rate is \$15.00 which includes the base labor rate plus overhead burdens. Table 4-9 presents a breakdown of the operating staff requirements for the nuclear plants. Table 4-12 presents this breakdown for coal plants.

4.1.9 Plant Availability

Plant availability is defined as the decimal percent of a year which the study plant is available for operation at any load within its design capability. The plant availability is 0.8 for nuclear study plants and 0.85 for coal study plants.

4.1.10 Plant Factor

Plant factor is defined as the annual energy produced by the plant (reactor or coal plant) divided by the total energy that could be produced annually by continuous, full load operation.

4.1.11 Backup Operation

Backup operating expense is assumed to be the No. 6 fuel oil equivalent of the amount of backup steam flow supplied annually by PPG from existing facilities as a result of study plant unavailability, lack of

4.1.11 Backup Operation - (Continued)

capacity or differences in operating life. The nuclear cases, in which the construction period is three years longer than that for the coal cases, are debited with backup operating expenses in the amount of the No. 6 fuel oil equivalent of the PPG steam requirement during the last three years of construction for the cases in which coal plants start construction concurrently with nuclear plants. No components of fixed charges or depreciation on existing facilities are included in the backup charge. Table 4-10 summarizes backup expenses for number 6 fuel oil. These backup expenses are charged to the study plant net of taxes.

4.1.12 Electrical Power Expense/Credit.

Credit for power generation or expense for auxiliary power requirements computed on the basis of the schedule presented in Table 4-1A.

4.1.13 Working Capital

A working capital account is established in the cash flow analysis as an entry in the year prior to commercial operation. The only entries during the operating years for working capital are those increases necessary to maintain the capital account in current dollars. The working capital is computed as follows:

Nuclear Plants

Working Capital = $0.06 \times (\text{Annual operating expense} + \text{fixed charges})$
 $+ 0.25 \times \text{total annual fuel expense.}$

Coal Plants

Working Capital = $0.06 \times (\text{Annual operating expense} + \text{fixed charges})$
 $+ 30 \text{ days limestone} + 60 \text{ days coal inventory}$

4.1.14 Introductory Expense

The introductory expense includes an estimate of miscellaneous startup expenses such as setting up offices, obtaining startup personnel, and purchasing miscellaneous supplies. The introductory expense column of the cash flow analysis also includes state sales tax during construction.

4.1.15 Depreciation

Qualifying capitalizable expenditures are depreciated over 23 years of operation with the first three years depreciated double-declining balance and the remaining 20 years by the sum-of-year-digits method.

4.1.16 Cash Flow Pro Forma Statement

Figure 4-1 is a sample cash flow summary. In this section, each column is defined.

4.1.16.1 Column (1) - Capital Expense

Capital expense cash flow is developed from the total capital investment and an estimated schedule of expenditure. The base year estimate is apportioned to the appropriate year and escalated via the construction composite rate (4.1.1.4). The land expense is returned in year 30 at its escalated value.

4.1.16.2 Column (2) - Backup Operating Expense

The base year backup operating expense (4.1.10) is escalated according to the number 6 fuel oil escalation rate (4.1.1.8) and entered in each year of operation at its current dollar value, net of taxes (i.e., 52 percent of the escalated backup operating charge is entered).

4.1.16.3 Column (3) - Net Change in Working Capital

The base year working capital estimate (4.1.12) is escalated according to the general inflation rate (4.1.1.1) and entered in the year prior to commercial operation. The net change in working capital thereafter is only the escalation to maintain constant value in current dollars. Total working capital is returned in the last year of operation.

4.1.16.4 Column (4) - Investment Cash Flow

Investment cash flow is the sum of columns (1), (2) and (3).

4.1.16.5 Column (5) - Fuel Expense

The sum of primary fuel (coal or nuclear) and secondary fuel (number 6 fuel for the oil fired superheater where applicable in nuclear plants) expenses is entered in this column after having been escalated according to the (primary) fuel escalation rate (4.1.1.7) and the number 6 fuel oil escalation rate (4.1.1.8), respectively. For coal plants the base year fuel expense estimate is escalated and entered. For nuclear cases, discrete nuclear cash expenditures (Table 4-2) are escalated and entered.

4.1.16.6 Column (6) - Operating Expense

Operating expense includes all annual expenses incurred during the operating life of the project. Power expenses (or credits where applicable) are included as are fixed charges (ad valorem taxes and insurance). The non-fixed portions of the operating expense are escalated according to the operations composite escalation rate (4.1.1.6).

4.1.16.7 Column (7) - Total Annual Expense

Column (7) is the sum of fuel expenses, column (5), and operating expense, column (6).

4.1.16.8 Column (8) - Depreciation

Qualifying capital expenses incurred during construction are depreciated per 4.1.14 and the resulting depreciation entered in column (8).

4.1.16.9 Column (9) - Introductory Expense

The introductory expense as defined in 4.1.13 is escalated from its base year value to the year prior to operation and entered in column (9). Also entered in column (9) are state sales tax estimates computed as described in 4.1.5. Thus, the year prior to operation is entered as the sum of the escalated introductory expense plus the sales tax for that year.

4.1.16.10 Column (10) - Adjusted Operating Expense

This column is the sum of columns (5), (6), (8) and (9) (expenses subject to tax (credit) less depreciation). Income tax (credit) is computed from this column.

4.1.16.11 Column (11) - Federal Income Tax

Column (11) is computed as column (10) times the federal income tax rate. The federal income tax is taken to be credit if column (10) shows a cash outflow (negative cash flow).

4.1.16.12 Column (12) - Net Operating Expense

Column (12) is adjusted operating expense, Column (10), less federal income tax, column (11) (or increased by federal income tax when the tax is a credit).

4.1.16.13 Column (13) - Investment Tax Credit

All of the capital expenditures of column (1) qualify for the investment tax credit except the land expense. Column (13) reflects this credit.

4.1.16.14 Column (14) - Total Cash Flow

Column (14) is the sum of net operating expense, column (12); investment tax credit, column (13); and depreciation, column (8). The resultant column (14) is total expense charged to operations reduced by federal tax (credits).

4.1.16.15 Column (15) - Net Cash Flow

Column (15) is the sum of investment cash flow, column (4), and total cash flow, column (14). Net cash flow is the actual cash flow, in current dollars, that can be anticipated for the investment under consideration.

4.1.16.16 Column (16) - Discounted Cash Flow

Each year's net cash flow, column (15), is discounted to January 1, 1978, to form column (16). For this study, discount rates of 10, 15 and 20 percent were assumed.

4.1.16.17 Net Present Value

The sum of the discounted net cash flow values from column (16) is the net present value of the investment. The various study plants are evaluated on the basis of maximum net present value (minimum negative present value).

4.1.17 Steam Costs

The present value steam costs for each of the study cases has been calculated for discount rates of 10, 15, and 20%. These costs, when escalated at the effective project composite escalation rate, multiplied by PPG's total annual Btu requirement then discounted and summed, will yield a present value that is equal to the project NPV at the same discount rate. Expressed mathematically, the steam costs are determined as follows:

$$PVSC = \frac{NPV @DR}{SBTU \times \sum_{I=NC+1}^N \left[\frac{(1 + RSE/100)^I}{(1 + DR/100)^I} \right]}$$

Where:

N	=	Total project life, years
NC	=	Number of years of construction
I	=	Year index
SBTU	=	Annual steam generation, 10^6 Btu.
RSE	=	Rate of steam cost escalation, percent
DR	=	Discount rate, percent
NPV	=	Study plant net present value at DR, 10^6 \$
PVSC	=	Present value steam cost, $\$/10^6$ Btu

4.1.17 Steam Costs - (Continued)

For all nuclear cases, total project life (N) is 30 years and construction time (NC) is seven years, implying an operating life of 23 years for the nuclear cases. For coal cases in which construction begins concurrently with nuclear plants and operation begins three years prior to nuclear plant operation, the nuclear cases are charged for steam (number 6 fuel oil cost equivalent) during the last three years of construction. In order to make a consistent comparison of steam costs between nuclear and coal plants, the total heat generated as steam must be the same. Therefore, for comparison of steam costs in the cases just described, the last three years of construction for the nuclear plants are considered as operating years by virtue of the fuel oil charge which equalizes the Btu generation with that of the coal plants. Thus the steam costs are calculated for both nuclear and coal plants on the basis of a total life (N) of 30 years and construction period (NC) of four years, or an operating life (N-NC) of 26 years. This applies only to the calculation of steam costs in the case of concurrent nuclear/coal start construction dates. For the cases of concurrent nuclear/coal operation start dates, both types of plants are considered to have a 30 year life and seven years of construction (thus 23 years of operation) for the purposes of steam cost calculations.

4.2 Capital Estimates

4.2.1 Nuclear Plants

Total nuclear plant Nth-of-A-Kind (NOAK) capital costs have been estimated by B&W, UE&C, and PSE. The scope of responsibility for the estimates is shown in Table 4-3. Capital estimates appear in Table 4-4. Many of these costs are based on previous estimates which were revised to reflect the particular situation for the PPG site.

The estimates are based on a 40-hour work week and no allowance has been made for construction premium time. Capital cost estimates do not include owner's G&A costs such as license fees, printing of safety analysis reports, attendance of personnel at hearings, preparation of testimony, legal fees, construction and operation of an information center at plant site, talks by company management and staff members before civic groups, and the G&A overhead assignable to the project.

In general, NOAK costs are lower than First-of-A-Kind (FOAK) costs due to elimination of nonrepetitive first-time engineering and due to labor learning experience. B&W NOAK equipment costs are lower due to a B&W shop labor learning curve and the elimination of first-time engineering. These improvement factors are based on past B&W experience with central station plant engineering and equipment.

4.2.1 Nuclear Plants - (Continued)

A reduction in UE&C equipment scope costs results from field labor learning where there is a carryover of supervisor personnel from one project to another and from nonrepetitive engineering efforts such as preparation of construction procedures, etc.

First-Of-A-Kind Cost Estimates

The nuclear plant costs and the overall economic comparison are based on NOAK costs and thus include no FOAK expenses. For this study it has been assumed that the FOAK costs would be borne by others; possibly EPRI, the U.S. Government, or other organization if deployment of small industrial reactors becomes a national objective.

First-of-a-Kind (FOAK) work is defined as follows:

Those work activities which are nonrepetitive for follow-on units, including nonrepetitive elements of engineering, licensing, and test and evaluation efforts required to develop design parameters, demonstrate safety to the regulatory authorities, and verify design adequacy.

Generic activities as defined above include fabrication processes, baseline component and system design, resolution of generic licensing issues, and first-of-kind engineering proof test and evaluation programs. The detailed engineering and construction tasks for the first unit include, but are not limited to, the following FOAK tasks:

Engineering

1. Development of reactor plant baseline design (component and system specifications and drawings).
2. Design and stress analyses required to satisfy regulatory agencies.
3. Development of reactor plant checkout, startup, and operating procedures.
4. Support of test and evaluation programs.
5. Architectural and construction design.
6. Development of balance-of-plant system and equipment designs.
7. Development of balance-of-plant checkout, startup, and operating procedures.

Fabrication and Construction

1. Manufacturing development for welding procedures, special fixtures, and ASME Code cases.

Fabrication and Construction - (Continued)

2. Development of special fabrication processes for shop and field construction.
3. Preparation of detailed shop processing and construction schedules.

Licensing

1. Resolution of generic issues related to the class of reactors.
2. Determination of necessary supportive environmental monitoring programs.
3. Preparation of generic parts of preliminary and final safety analysis reports.

Inservice and Initial Operational Tests and Inspections

1. Baseline techniques for code in-service inspection.
2. Flow-induced vibration evaluation of reactor internals.
3. Hot functional test programs (field).

Hardware

1. Design and manufacture of special tools and handling equipment for major components.
2. Design and construction of fueling and refueling equipment and special tools.

In addition to the FOAK work items discussed above, certain test and evaluation programs are required to verify design adequacy or to demonstrate the margin of conservatism of the design. The test and evaluation programs also support the licensing process.

Test and Evaluation

1. Steam generator functional performance, secondary side flow distribution, and downcomer performance.
2. Steam generator fouling and chemical cleaning.
3. Upper internals vibration.
4. Control rod guide structure.
5. Fuel assembly prototype detail design and fabrication.

Test and Evaluation - (Continued)

6. Fuel assembly life test.
7. Primary pump prototype.
8. Pressure suppression containment.
9. Reactor coolant temperature sensor.
10. Containment pressure suppression test (not included as part of the cost estimate provided herein).

The total plant FOAK costs are estimated to be approximately \$25 million to \$50 million, including all FOAK costs in the area of engineering, shop and field construction, licensing, in-service and initial operational tests and inspections and hardware design and manufacture. This total plant FOAK estimate assumes all first-of-kind costs are applied to a single program and concept. In reality, many are common to three programs involving integral nuclear steam systems of similar or identical design: The PE-CNSG, the Maritime M-CNSG, and the higher power level CNSS concept. All three program studies and design activities have been supported at least in part by federal agency funding. A construction project involving any one of these programs would give impetus to the others, so some sharing of these first-of-a-kind costs over a period of six to eight years between programs can be considered. In this respect, first-of-a-kind government support of these programs should be especially cost-effective. If FOAK costs could be shared between programs, the above estimated range of FOAK costs for a given program such as PE-CNSG could be reduced correspondingly.

The FOAK cost estimates discussed above are not based on an extensive investigation in this study but rather are based on work previously done in the Phase I study and in M-CNSG program activities. If an industrial process energy user should decide to proceed further with this study, the balance-of-plant FOAK costs should be determined in more detail.

The previous estimates do not include consideration of government legislation to provide nuclear accident liability insurance similar to Price-Anderson legislation. This may be required to cover industrial organizations as an incentive to establish nuclear plants for initial industrial installations. The estimates also exclude the cost of longer first-time construction schedules and resultant cost increases for pioneer plants.

4.2.2 Coal Plants

Total coal plant costs have been estimated by PSE. Capital estimates are presented in Table 4-5. The estimates represent costs for the complete coal plant including all coal handling systems, scrubbing

4.2.2 Coal Plants - (Continued)

systems (where required), ash and sludge handling systems, and auxiliaries required under the scope of this study.

Specifications were written for major equipment items and submitted to vendors who returned budget quotations. The items estimated in this manner are as follows:

- Steam Generator (Boiler)
- Flue Gas Desulfurization System
- Electrostatic Precipitator System
- Coal Stacker/Reclaimer System
- Rail Car Roller/Positioner System
- Ash Handling System
- Turbine-Generator

The costs of auxiliary systems not obtained through quotation were estimated by PSE as were engineering and installation not provided by PPG including site preparation.

The estimates are based on a 40-hour work week and no allowance has been made to construction premium time. The capital estimates do not include PPG G&A costs, license fees, environmental impact study costs or other incidental expenses that would be assignable to internal PPG overhead.

4.3 Fuel Economics

4.3.1 Nuclear Fuel

The nuclear fuel costs used in this study are based on a typical nuclear fuel "cycle" such as that depicted in Figure 4-2. The cycle includes all of the major processes that occur from the mining of the uranium ore to the final disposal of the fuel. The criteria for determining the cost of each process are listed in Table 4-6. These criteria were supplied by Oak Ridge National Laboratory and represent 1985 costs in terms of January 1, 1978 dollars.

Fuel cycle costs were generated as discrete cash flows for input to the economic analysis computer program. These cash flows are given in Table 4-2. Nuclear fuel cycle costs were assumed to escalate at a rate of 6 percent per year.

Each process in the fuel cycle is briefly described below including its contribution to the total fuel cycle cost. The total fuel cycle cost for this study ranges from 49 to 53¢/10⁶Btu for the reprocessing fuel cycle.

4.3.1 Nuclear Fuel - (Continued)

- U_3O_8 The uranium ore is found, mined, and milled to produce U_3O_8 yellowcake. This is about 46 to 51% of the total fuel cycle cost, depending on the exact cycle.
- Conversion - The yellowcake (U_3O_8) is converted to a gas, UF_6 . This is approximately 1% of the total fuel cycle cost.
- Enrichment - The UF_6 is currently fed into the U. S. Government gaseous diffusion enrichment facilities. (Consideration is being given to the construction of privately owned enriching facilities.) Here, the ratio (enrichment) of U-235 to U-238 atoms is increased from that naturally occurring (0.00711) to between 0.02 and 0.04. The customer is charged for the number of separative work units (SWUs) used. The number of SWUs is proportional to the total amount of enriched uranium obtained and also to the final uranium enrichment. This part of the fuel cycle typically is about 28 to 33% of the total fuel cycle cost.
- Conversion
& Fabrica-
tion - The enriched UF_6 is then converted to powdered UO_2 . The powdered UO_2 is formed into pellets and loaded into fuel rods, which are then arranged into fuel assemblies. This process is about 13 to 21% of the total fuel cycle cost.
- Spent Fuel
Shipped &
Disposal - After the fuel assemblies are "burned" in the reactor to produce energy, they are unloaded from the reactor and are allowed to cool for several months before shipping. The fuel is now either reprocessed or permanently stored without reprocessing. In reprocessing, the fuel rods are disassembled, the fuel pellets are dissolved, and the remaining uranium and valuable isotopes are recovered, while the rest is disposed of in a radioactive waste storage facility. The recovery of the uranium and valuable isotopes is a credit which helps reduce the overall fuel cycle costs. These credits have been taken in the U_3O_8 and enrichment cost elements. The reprocessing and shipping costs are approximately 17% of the total fuel cycle costs. This is nearly offset by the plutonium credit, which has been specified by the ORNL criteria (Table 4-6). Permanent storage of the fuel assemblies in the nonreprocessing case is about 7% of the total fuel cycle cost.

4.3.2 Coal

In this study, it is assumed that for a project of this size the industrial user would purchase coal under long term contract from a mine in lieu of purchasing reserves or participating in a mining operation.

4.3.2 Coal - (Continued)

It is also assumed that the user would contract for unit train delivery of the coal from the mine to the plant site. The estimated delivered cost of high-sulfur Illinois coal (10,900 Btu/lb) and low-sulfur Wyoming coal (8250 Btu/lb) are presented in Table 4-7. On the basis of a 100-car, 10,000 ton capacity unit train and 1440 tons per day of Illinois coal, one unit train every six days will be required. For Wyoming coal at 1920 tons per day, one unit train every five days will be required.

High-sulfur coal from Illinois was assumed, although the range of delivered prices would include high-sulfur coal delivered from anywhere within the same approximate radius of Lake Charles. There have been no long-term contracts for Illinois coal disclosed as yet for plants near Lake Charles and this fact makes it difficult to estimate accurately the delivered price of high-sulfur coal.

Conversely, there is experience with Wyoming low-sulfur coal and the \$1.25/10⁶Btu price falls within the range for which contracts are being made. In order that high-sulfur coal remain competitive, it is reasonable to assume that its delivered price will remain no greater than, and generally less than that of low-sulfur coals. The user's actual contract negotiations will finally determine either high - or low-sulfur coal prices, but it is believed that the \$1.00/10⁶Btu (high-sulfur) and \$1.25/10⁶Btu (low-sulfur) price estimates are feasible.

As is the case with current delivered coal prices, future price determinations are quite difficult to project accurately. It has been assumed that the price of coal will escalate at a rate of 6 percent, a rate slightly higher than the general inflation rate. As discussed in Section 4.6.3, the effects of different escalation rates for coal and nuclear fuels have been determined and are seen to be quite significant, with the nuclear cycle be less sensitive.

Barge transportation of coal has not been considered in this study. Savings in transportation costs could be realized through the use of barge transportation over part or all of the route from the mine to the site. Should coal come into widespread use in locations potentially serviceable by barge, river traffic will increase significantly and could ultimately become saturated. While rail transportation facilities are expected to also undergo periods of shortages, ultimately the rail capacity can be increased to accommodate the demand. Disregarding these limitations, the exclusive use of rail transportation for this study has introduced a degree of conservatism into the results which are affected by fuel price.

4.3.3 Number 6 Fuel Oil

Number 6 fuel oil is used for superheating nuclear-generated steam in a fired superheater for nuclear cases 1 and 3. It is also used as fuel for operating backup (existing) steam generation facilities for all coal and nuclear study plants. The base price for number 6

4.3.3 Number 6 Fuel Oil - (Continued)

fuel oil has been taken as \$2.30/10⁶Btu for the purpose of this study. The escalation of fuel oil price is assumed to be at a rate of 6 percent per year.

4.4 Operating Economics

4.4.1 Operating Load and Backup Expense

The operating load is determined from the specified steam demand schedule supplied by PPG. The levelized annual steam demand is calculated as follows:

<u>REQUIRED STEAM FLOW LB/HR</u>	<u>PERCENT OF TIME REQUIRED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED STEAM FLOW LB/HR</u>
750,000	85.7	643,000
500,000	14.3	<u>71,000</u>

LEVELIZED ANNUAL STEAM FLOW 714,000 LB/HR

Thus, to met the process steam flow requirement, study plants are required to provide process steam at a levelized rate of 714,000 lb/hr, with the capability of meeting the schedule outlined above. In computing the annual operating expenses, each study plant was operated so as to satisfy the levelized steam flow requirement, subject to its plant availability. To obtain steam-load-related annual expense (fuel, backup operation, power credit or expense, etc) the expenses first were determined for level annual operation at 714,000 lb/hr steam load and then adjusted by the appropriate plant availability. In so doing, constant operating efficiencies and linear operating characteristics are implied.

Backup operating expense is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Levelized Backup Steam Requirement} &= 714,000 \text{ lb/hr} \times (1 - \text{Availability}) \\ \text{Annual Backup Btu Requirement} &= \text{Levelized Backup Steam Requirement} \times 8760 \text{ Hr/Yr} \times \text{Btu/Lb. Steam} \\ \text{Annual Backup Operating Expense} &= \text{Annual Backup Steam Requirement} \times \$ \text{ cost of No. 6 Fuel Oil/10}^6\text{Btu} \div \text{Boiler efficiency (86\%)}\end{aligned}$$

For concurrent nuclear/coal construction start date cases, in which the nuclear plants require three years longer to construct than do the coal plants, the lifetime steam output of these nuclear cases is forced to be equal to that of the coal cases through a backup charge in years 5, 6 and 7 during nuclear construction. These backup charges are the No. 6 fuel oil equivalent of PPG's steam requirement during each of those three years. See section 4.1.10 for a complete description of backup operating expenses.

4.4.2 Plant Availability

4.4.2.1 Nuclear Plants

The cumulative availability of Babcock & Wilcox's seven large operating nuclear steam systems (NSS) through June 30, 1977, ranges from 0.61 for the lowest to 0.92 for the highest, with a mean of 0.74 over the entire period of their commercial operation. Note that this refers only to nuclear system availability as opposed to plant availability. Ongoing work by B&W's Nuclear Power Generation Division to improve product reliability and thus minimize maintenance downtime has enabled B&W nuclear units to achieve this excellent availability record to date, and the data trend has been towards more reliable operation as operations continue.

Through an extensive study of nuclear plant reliability, B&W has identified the nuclear system components that have contributed most highly to plant outages (low reliability). Such equipment as reactor coolant pump seals, control rod drives, pressurizer spray valves, and surveillance specimen holder tubes have contributed significantly to the NSS unavailability. Programs have been implemented within B&W that have either corrected the problem or that have identified potential corrections. This ongoing product reliability improvement program has as its objective an increase in total plant availability.

The equipment improvement program for the large B&W NSS plants has direct impact on increasing the PE-CNSG availability by feeding forward pertinent design improvement during the design stages of the PE-CNSG. Some design improvement modifications on NSS plant equipment, such as control rod drives, have direct application to the PS-CNSG, as these drives (in shortened form) are used on the PE-CNSG. Some NSS equipment problems, such as seals on primary coolant pumps, do not apply to the PE-CNSG, as it uses glandless wet stator machines with no mechanical seals between the pump and motor.

Considering the current availability of B&W operating NSS's and the potential improvements which should occur by the time of PE-CNSG operation, a plant availability of 0.80 was chosen for the PE-CNSG nuclear fuel cycle studies. A 12-month refueling period was chosen. Availability is defined in section 4.1.9. Plant factor is defined in section 4.1.10. For nuclear cases 3 and 4, a reactor plant factor of 0.80 was assumed. To achieve this plant factor, the NSS availability must of course be greater than 0.80. Since most process plants operate near rated load most of the time, the availability required to achieve a 0.80 plant factor would probably have to be only slightly above 0.80. This is considered to be achievable, as previously discussed.

At 0.80 plant availability the system is available for design-condition operation 292 days per year and unavailable 73 days per year due to annual maintenance, refueling, or unscheduled outages.

4.4.2.2 Coal Plants

Industrial coal plants, with their around-the-clock maintenance attention, are capable of achieving quite high plant availability factors. For this study, a plant availability of 0.85 has been selected. Translated, this factor means that the coal plant will be available to deliver design steam flow or operate at any load 85% of the time, or 310 days per year. The remaining 55 days per year the coal plant will be unavailable either because of scheduled maintenance or because of unanticipated operating difficulties.

4.4.3 Annual Operating Expense

4.4.3.1 Nuclear Plants

Nuclear plant annual operating costs (less fuel) have been estimated by ORNL and PSE and are reported in Table 4-8. Staff requirements for plant operations are tabulated in Table 4-9. Costs for operating the superheater and turbine - generator are reflected in additional staff for the nuclear cases which utilize an oil-fired superheater and/or have electrical generation capability.

Fuel costs for nuclear cases 1 and 3 include the cost of number 6 fuel oil for a fired process steam superheater. For cases 2 and 4 which have no superheater, only the nuclear fuel component applies.

Because of the batch method of fueling the nuclear reactor, nuclear fuel costs are reported as discrete cash flow expenses for each year from first fueling through the life of the project. These nuclear fuel cash flow expenses are summarized in Table 4-2 for each fuel cycle considered in these analyses. The fuel expenses are net expenses and include the cost of new fuel and credits for spent fuel where such credits apply (reprocessing cycles). For nonreprocessing cycles, the spent fuel is "thrown away" and no salvage value is assigned. Costs for spent fuel storage are included.

For plants including the number 6 fuel-oil fired superheater, the number 6 fuel oil expense is added to the nuclear cash flow in each year of operation (after escalation of both fuel oil and nuclear fuel expenses). Number 6 fuel oil expenses are summarized in Table 4-10, including the cost of oil required for superheating and for backup operation. (Backup operation is not considered as an annual operating expense per se. See Section 4.1 for the treatment of all cash flow components.)

4.4.3.2 Coal Plants

Coal plant annual operating cost estimates are reported in Table 4-11. Staff requirements for plant operation are tabulated in Table 4-12. Adjustments in staff have been made according to requirements of plant configuration.

4.4.3.2 Coal Plants - (Continued)

Limestone for SO_x scurbbing is estimated at \$7.00 per ton. Sludge and/or ash disposal has been estimated to cost \$0.05/10⁶Btu of high-sulfur coal fired and \$0.035/10⁶Btu of low sulfur coal fired.

4.5 Comparative Economics

The net present value (NPV) and present value steam costs of the four nuclear plants and two coal plants were determined for discount rates of 10, 15, and 20 percent as outlined in 4.1. Figures 4-3 through 4-19 summarize the results. The assumption for coal plant construction start date is noted on the curves.

Economic results by plant type (coal, nuclear) are discussed in the following section, followed by a discussion of the results of the coal vs. nuclear economic comparisons.

4.5.1 Nuclear Plants

4.5.1.1 Plants Satisfying Process Steam Temperature Requirements

Nuclear plant cases 1 and 3 satisfy the required steam conditions of 750 F and 600 psig delivered to process. The plants are designed to deliver a maximum of 750,000 lb/hr of steam to process. Case 3 is designed with condensing cycle electrical power generation capability via a turbine-generator inserted into the secondary steam loop which generates a net 15.3 MW power for use by PPG. Each of these plants have been analyzed for operation per 4.1. The NPV results of the economic analysis are presented in Figures 4-3 through 4-6.

Cases 1 and 3 exhibit nearly identical NPV economics with the economic advantages of power generation apparently being offset by the required additional capital investment for the generating equipment and its operating costs. Case 3 has been selected for comparison with a coal-fired alternative.

4.5.1.2 Benchmark Plants (Saturated Steam)

Cases 2 and 4 were designed with no facilities for superheating the steam. Case 2 is identical to Case 1 with the single exception of steam superheat capability and thus provides a benchmark determination of the effect on NPV of the superheat capability. Figures 4-7 through 4-10 present the results of the economic study of the effect of superheating. The addition of superheat is seen to decrease NPV approximately \$10,000,000 at a discount rate of 10 percent and approximately \$7,000,000 at 20 percent.

In order to gain an appreciation of the penalty incurred by operating the PE-CNSG at less than its design capability, a hypothetical case was developed. In this case it was assumed that PPG has a leveled

4.5.1.2 Benchmark Plants (Saturated Steam) - (Continued)

annual saturated steam demand of: (a) 714,000 lb/hr and (b) 1,062,000 lb/hr. The case 4 PE-CNSG plant is designed to deliver such a demand but was limited to PPG's actual steam requirement of 714,000 lb/hr for this study. Assuming that only the steam demand is increased, with all other assumptions the same, present value steam costs were determined for the Case 4 nuclear plant at both 1,062,000 and 714,000 lb/hr steam flow. The results of this comparison is presented in Figure 4-11. The unit cost for steam is seen to be reduced approximately 16 percent as a result of using the PE-CNSG at its full capacity.

4.5.2 Coal Plants

Both of the coal plant designs satisfy PPG's process steam requirements including flow, pressure and temperature. Case 1 is a high-sulfur coal-fired plant with flue gas sulfur scrubbing and Case 2 is a low-sulfur coal-fired plant without scrubbing facilities. The plant designs include provisions for power generation by means of a back-pressure turbine-generator.

The high- and low-sulfur plants, Case 1 and Case 2, are compared in Figures 4-12 through 4-15. While the curves cross at a discount rate of approximately 16 percent, the trends of the curves are so nearly the same that, for the economic assumptions in force, the plants are equivalent economically. It is a virtual certainty that all new coal-fired plants will be required to scrub flue gases. The addition of flue gas scrubbing to the Case 2 plant would decrease its NPV below that of the high-sulfur plant, Case 1. Therefore, the Case 1 high-sulfur coal-fired plant is the economic choice for comparison with the Case 3 nuclear plant.

4.5.3 Economic Comparison of Optimum Coal and Nuclear Plants

The Case 3 nuclear plant and the Case 1 coal plant are compared in Figures 4-16 through 4-19. At the present time, there is no nuclear fuel reprocessing allowed in the United States. However, the possibility that fuel reprocessing may become feasible in the future cannot be ruled out entirely. The results of the Case 3 nuclear plant economics is presented assuming both reprocessing and non-reprocessing fuel cycles. Because of the low sensitivity of nuclear plant economics to fuel costs, the impact of non-reprocessing is quite small. The non-reprocessing fuel cycle increases fuel costs over that of the reprocessing fuel cycle approximately 10 percent. The Case 1 high-sulfur coal-fired plant is presented assuming coal prices of \$1.00, \$1.20 and \$1.40/10⁶Btu. The coal plant is seen to be the economic equivalent of the nuclear plant (Base Case) at a coal price of approximately \$2.20/10⁶Btu at a discount rate of 15 percent for the concurrent nuclear/coal construction start date (Figures 4-16 and 4-17) and a coal price of approximately \$2.70/10⁶Btu for the concurrent nuclear/coal operating start (Figures 4-18 and 4-19).

4.5.3 Economic Comparison of Optimum Coal and Nuclear Plants

The case 1 high-sulfur coal-fired plant is seen to be the economic choice for coal prices up to approximately \$2.20/10⁶Btu. This break-even point is more highly dependent on coal price than nuclear fuel price (or reprocessing) because coal plant economics are quite a bit more sensitive to fuel price changes (4.6.2).

Refer to Section 4.1.17 and note that the present value steam cost is a function of net present value, annual steam Btu production and a discount factor (same value for all coal and nuclear cases for the same discount rate and escalation rate). In the case of concurrent construction, implying 26 years of operation, this discount factor is calculated over the range 5 to 30 years. For the concurrent operation assumption, implying 23 years of operation, the discount factor is calculated over the range 8 to 30 years, thus lowering the factor and tending to increase the present value steam cost.

The higher present value steam cost for the nuclear case as shown in Figure 4-18 is the result of the discount factor decreasing at a rate faster than that of the improvement of nuclear plant net present value. The approximately equal coal present value steam cost in both Figures 4-16 and 4-18 is the result of the coal plant net present value and the discount factor decreasing at the same rate.

4.6. NPV Sensitivity to Variations in Economic Parameters

Seven economic variables have significant impact on the NPV of the investments being considered in this study:

- .. Capital investment
- .. Primary fuel cost (coal, nuclear fuel)
- .. Primary fuel cost escalation
- .. Secondary fuel (number 6 fuel oil)
- .. Operating cost (less fuel)
- .. Power cost/(credit)
- .. Availability

In order to evaluate the sensitivity of NPV to these parameters, Coal Case 1 and Nuclear Case 3 were analyzed for a range of variations in the parameters. Both cases are for the concurrent construction start date, January 1, 1978. The result of this sensitivity study are presented in Table 4-13, and discussed in the following section.

4.6.1 NPV Sensitivity to Variation in Capital Investment

Both plants exhibit approximately the same sensitivity to capital investment costs. The nuclear plants are slightly more sensitive due to the capital intensiveness of the nuclear plant.

4.6.2 NPV Sensitivity to Primary Fuel Cost.

The annual expense for nuclear fuel is significantly less than for coal. This fact is apparent in the sensitivity of nuclear plant NPV to primary fuel cost variations, which is approximately one-half to one-fourth that for coal plant sensitivity to coal price.

4.6.3 NPV Sensitivity to Variations in Primary Fuel Costs Escalation Rate

As was observed for primary fuel cost, the effect on NPV of varying fuel cost escalation rate is significantly greater for the coal plant. The amplification of sensitivity by a factor of more than three is, once again, related to the relative price of coal fuel to nuclear fuel.

4.6.4 NPV Sensitivity to Variations in Number 6 Fuel Oil Costs.

Because the nuclear plant uses number 6 fuel oil for superheating steam as well as for a backup operating fuel, its NPV is more sensitive to variations in fuel oil cost. Note that the nuclear plants exhibit a sensitivity to Number 6 fuel oil cost similar to that of the primary nuclear fuel sensitivity.

4.6.5 NPV Sensitivity to Variations in Number 6 Fuel Oil Cost Escalation Rate

For the reason stated in 4.6.4, the nuclear plant is twice as sensitive to fuel oil price escalations as is the coal plant.

4.6.6 NPV Sensitivity to Annual Operating Costs (Less Primary Fuel)

The difference between sensitivities to non-primary fuel operating costs between nuclear and coal plants reflects the higher coal plant base operating cost. The coal plant NPV is approximately twice as sensitive to such variations.

4.6.7. NPV Sensitivity to Power Credit

The study plants generate so little electrical power that the economics are virtually insensitive to this parameter.

4.6.8 NPV Sensitivity to Availability

Both nuclear and coal plants exhibit a rather high and nearly equal sensitivity to plant availability.

4.6.9 Use of Table 4-13

Table 4-13 can be used in conjunction with Figure 4-16 to construct NPV's for coal and nuclear plants not actually analyzed. Variations in the economic parameters should be limited to ± 10 percent for good

4.6.9 Use of Table 4-13 - (Continued)

accuracy, except that coal price variations of up to +50 percent will yield accurate results. Variations in excess of those stated will be less accurate and should be attempted with caution. For variations in escalation rates, +1 percentage point will yield good accuracy. Larger than 1 percentage point variations will yield doubtful accuracy. Availability variations should not exceed 15 percent.

This table has been constructed from analyses performed on Nuclear Case 3 and Coal Case 1 with concurrent construction start dates and should be limited to these cases.

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CASH FLOW SUMMARY

CLIENT - PPG (NUCLEAR)
CASE - 3
PSE JOB - 4027

REPROCESSING FUEL CYCLE 5R
(Table 4-2)

YEAR	(1) CAPITAL EXPENSE	(2) BACKUP OPERATING EXPENSE	(3) NET CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL	(4) INVESTMENT CASH FLOW (1+2+3)	(5) FUEL EXPENSE	(6) OPERATING EXPENSE	(7) TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE (5+6)	(8) DEPRECIATION	(9) INTROD. EXPENSE	(10) ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSE (7-8+9)
1	-111751	0	0	-111751	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	-316033	0	0	-316033	0	0	0	0	-8533	-8533
3	-4179709	0	0	-4179709	0	0	0	0	-112852	-112852
4	-22616982	0	0	-22616982	0	0	0	0	-610659	-610659
5	-66662639	-14300952	0	-80963591	0	0	0	0	-1799891	-1799891
6	-95612037	-15159009	0	-110771047	-22936292	0	-22936292	0	-2581525	-25517817
7	-30327557	-16068550	-3184976	-49501083	-8270272	0	-8270272	0	-818844	-9089116
8	0	-3407216	-191099	-3598314	-11244412	-4490488	-15734900	19056153	0	-34791053
9	0	-3611649	-202564	-3814213	-11750686	-4738286	-16488972	18189965	0	-34678936
10	0	-3828348	-214718	-4043066	-12296041	-5015666	-17311707	17323776	0	-34635483
11	0	-4058049	-227601	-4285650	-12992897	-5324524	-18317421	15673892	0	-33991313
12	0	-4301531	-241258	-4542789	-13772471	-5559650	-19332121	14890198	0	-34222319
13	0	-4559623	-255733	-4815356	-14598819	-5937634	-20536453	14106503	0	-34642956
14	0	-4833201	-271077	-5104278	-15474748	-6246311	-21721059	13322809	0	-35043838
15	0	-5123193	-287342	-5410534	-16403233	-6702552	-23105785	12539114	0	-35644899
16	0	-5430584	-304582	-5735166	-17387427	-7094495	-24481922	11755419	0	-36237341
17	0	-5756419	-322857	-6079276	-18430673	-7532109	-25962781	10971725	0	-36934506
18	0	-6101865	-342228	-6444033	-19516513	-9653011	-29189524	10188030	0	-39377511
19	0	-6467913	-362762	-6830675	-20708704	-10190923	-30899627	9404335	0	-40303962
20	0	-6855988	-384528	-7240515	-21951226	-10376625	-32327851	8620641	0	-41248192
21	0	-7267347	-407599	-7674946	-23268299	-11328084	-34596383	7836946	0	-42433330
22	0	-7703388	-432055	-8135443	-24664397	-11934600	-36598998	7053252	0	-43652249
23	0	-8165591	-457979	-8623570	-26144261	-12607382	-38751644	6269557	0	-45021201
24	0	-8655526	-485458	-9140984	-27712917	-13350672	-41063589	5485862	0	-46549451
25	0	-9174858	-514585	-9689443	-29375692	-14061758	-43437450	4702168	0	-48139618
26	0	-9725350	-545460	-10270810	-31138233	-14959887	-46098121	3918473	0	-50016594
27	0	-10308871	-578188	-10887058	-33006528	-15835724	-48842251	3134778	0	-51977030
28	0	-10927403	-612879	-11540282	-34986919	-16801924	-51788844	2351084	0	-54139927
29	0	-11583047	-649652	-12232699	-37086134	-17864273	-54950408	1567389	0	-56517797
30	680944	-12278030	11477179	-119907	-39311302	-18921701	-58233004	783695	0	-59016698
COL. TOTALS	-219145765	-205653439	0	-424799204	-544449096	-236828280	-781277376	219145765	-5932304	1006355445

FIGURE 4-1 - CASH FLOW EXAMPLES

CASH FLOW SUMMARY

CLIENT - PPB (NUCLEAR)

CASE - 3

PSE JOB - 4027

REPROCESSING FUEL CYCLE 5R

(Table 4-2)

YEAR	(11) FEDERAL INCOME TAX (-TRX10)	(12) NET OPERATING EXPENSE (10+11)	(13) INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (-ITCX1)	(14) TOTAL CASH FLOW (8+12+13)	(15) NET CASH FLOW (4+14)	(16) DISCOUNTED CASH FLOW DR=15.0
1	-0	0	-0	0	-111751	-97175
2	4096	-4437	31603	27166	-288867	-218425
3	54169	-58683	417971	359288	-3820421	-2511989
4	293116	-317542	2261698	1944156	-20672826	-11819756
5	863948	-935943	6665264	5730320	-75233271	-37404232
6	12248552	-13269265	9561204	-3708061	-114479108	-49492477
7	4362776	-4726340	3032756	-1693584	-51274667	-19276047
8	16699706	-18091348	0	964806	-2633509	-860899
9	16645889	-18033047	0	156918	-3657295	-1039632
10	16625032	-18010451	0	-686675	-4729741	-1169120
11	16315830	-17675483	0	-2001590	-6287240	-1351400
12	16426713	-17795606	0	-2905408	-7448197	-1392121
13	16628619	-18014337	0	-3907834	-8723190	-1417762
14	16821056	-18222811	0	-4900003	-10004280	-1413892
15	17109552	-18535348	0	-5996234	-11406768	-1401829
16	17393924	-18843417	0	-7087998	-12823164	-1370345
17	17728563	-19205943	0	-8234218	-14313495	-1330094
18	18901226	-20476328	0	-10288298	-16732331	-1352058
19	19345902	-20958060	0	-11553725	-18384400	-1291786
20	19799276	-21449216	0	-12828575	-20069090	-1226227
21	20367998	-22065331	0	-14228385	-21903332	-1163739
22	20953080	-22699170	0	-15645918	-23781361	-1098713
23	21610176	-23411024	0	-17141467	-25765037	-1035096
24	22343736	-24205715	0	-18719852	-27860836	-973298
25	23107016	-25032601	0	-20330433	-30019876	-911933
26	24007965	-26008629	0	-22090156	-32360965	-854826
27	24948974	-27028055	0	-23893277	-34780335	-798899
28	25987165	-28152762	0	-25801678	-37341960	-745860
29	27128543	-29389254	0	-27821865	-40054564	-695688
30	28328015	-30688633	0	-29904989	-30024895	-453468
COL. TOTALS	483050614	-523304832	21971496	-282187571	-706986775	

NET PRESENT VALUE =-146168783

FIGURE 4-1 - CONTINUED

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CASH FLOW SUMMARY

CLIENT - PFG (H.S. COAL)

COAL PRICE - \$1.00/10⁶ BTU

CASE - 1

PSE JOB - 4027

YEAR	(1) CAPITAL EXPENSE	(2) BACKUP OPERATING EXPENSE	(3) NET CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL	(4) INVESTMENT CASH FLOW (1+2+3)	(5) FUEL EXPENSE	(6) OPERATING EXPENSE	(7) TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE (5+6)	(8) DEPRECIATION	(9) INTROD. EXPENSE	(10) ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSE (7-8+9)
1	-2849519	0	0	-2849519	0	0	0	0	-50458	-50458
2	-20471012	0	0	-20471012	0	0	0	0	-409420	-409420
3	-38732975	0	0	-38732975	0	0	0	0	-774659	-774659
4	-18035283	0	-2632119	-20667403	0	0	0	0	-2506917	-2506917
5	0	-2147287	-157927	-2305214	-11997171	-3985031	-15982202	6796474	0	-22728676
6	0	-2276124	-167403	-2443527	-12717001	-4002448	-16719449	6487543	0	-23206993
7	0	-2412691	-177447	-2590138	-13480021	-3960596	-17440617	6178613	0	-23619229
8	0	-2557453	-188094	-2745547	-14288822	-3860875	-18149697	5590173	0	-23739871
9	0	-2710900	-199379	-2910279	-15146152	-4110583	-19256735	5310665	0	-24567400
10	0	-2873554	-211342	-3084896	-16054921	-4386662	-20441583	5031156	0	-25472739
11	0	-3045962	-224023	-3269985	-17018216	-4690798	-21709014	4751647	0	-26460662
12	0	-3228725	-237464	-3466189	-18039309	-4943626	-22982936	4472139	0	-27455074
13	0	-3422449	-251712	-3674161	-19121668	-5309380	-24431048	4192630	0	-28623678
14	0	-3622726	-266815	-3889541	-20268968	-5627762	-25896737	3913121	0	-29802858
15	0	-3845463	-282823	-4128287	-21485106	-6766087	-28251193	3633613	0	-31884806
16	0	-4076191	-299793	-4375984	-22774212	-7158698	-29932910	3354104	0	-33287014
17	0	-4320763	-312780	-4638543	-24140665	-7592018	-31732683	3074525	0	-34807228
18	0	-4580008	-336847	-4916856	-25589105	-8068654	-33657759	2795087	0	-36452845
19	0	-4854809	-357058	-5211867	-27124451	-8591378	-35715829	2515578	0	-38231407
20	0	-5146027	-378482	-5524509	-28751218	-9081277	-37833895	2336062	0	-40069965
21	0	-5454863	-401191	-5856054	-30477033	-9705914	-40182947	1956561	0	-42139507
22	0	-5782155	-425262	-6207417	-32305655	-10304204	-42609859	1677052	0	-44286911
23	0	-6122084	-450278	-6572362	-34243925	-10941562	-45205556	1397543	0	-46603099
24	0	-6496830	-477824	-6974654	-36298634	-11681768	-47980402	1118035	0	-49098437
25	0	-6886639	-506494	-7393133	-38476552	-12387683	-50864235	838526	0	-51702761
26	0	-7222838	-536883	-7759721	-40785145	-13245910	-54031055	559017	0	-54590023
27	0	-7737828	-569096	-8306924	-43232254	-14098679	-57330933	279509	0	-57610442
28	0	-8202098	-603242	-8805340	-45826189	-15031997	-60858187	0	0	-60858187
29	0	-8694223	-639437	-9333660	-48575761	-16051020	-64626780	0	0	-64626780
30	1929340	-9215877	11296716	4010179	-51490306	-17080070	-68570376	0	0	-68570376
COL. TOTALS	-78159448	-127025713	0	-205185161	-709709233	-222485386	-932394619	78159448	-3741654	1014295722

FIGURE 4-1 - CONTINUED

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CASH FLOW SUMMARY

CLIENT - PPG (H.S. COAL)

COAL PRICE - \$1.00/10⁶ BTU

CASE - 1

PSE JOB - 4027

YEAR	(11) FEDERAL INCOME TAX (-TRX10)	(12) NET OPERATING EXPENSE (10+11)	(13) INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (-ITCX1)	(14) TOTAL CASH FLOW (8+12+13)	(15) NET CASH FLOW (4+14)	(16) DISCOUNTED CASH FLOW DR=15.0
1	24316	-26342	253289	226947	-2622572	-2280497
2	196522	-212899	2047101	1834203	-18636809	-14092105
3	371837	-402823	3873297	3470475	-35262500	-23185666
4	1203320	-1303597	1803528	499932	-20167471	-11530817
5	10933265	-11844912	0	-5048438	-7353652	-3656065
6	11139356	-12067636	0	-5580093	-8023620	-3468832
7	11337230	-12281999	0	-6103387	-8693525	-3268218
8	11395138	-12344733	0	-6754559	-9500106	-3105602
9	11792352	-12775048	0	-7464383	-10374663	-2949127
10	12226915	-13245824	0	-8214668	-11299564	-2793079
11	12701118	-13252544	0	-9007897	-12277887	-2639049
12	13178436	-14276639	0	-9804500	-13270689	-2480387
13	13739165	-14884312	0	-10691682	-14365843	-2334851
14	14308732	-15501126	0	-11588005	-15482615	-2188137
15	15304707	-16580099	0	-12946486	-17074773	-2098395
16	15977767	-17309247	0	-13955143	-18331127	-1958952
17	16707494	-18098285	0	-15025189	-19663233	-1822270
18	17497366	-18955480	0	-16160393	-21077249	-1703150
19	18351075	-19880331	0	-17364754	-22576621	-1586353
20	19233583	-20836382	0	-18600312	-24124891	-1474038
21	20226964	-21912544	0	-19955983	-25812037	-1371411
22	21257717	-23029194	0	-21352142	-27559559	-1273268
23	22362488	-24233612	0	-22836068	-29415931	-1181768
24	23567250	-25531187	0	-24413152	-31387806	-1096510
25	24817325	-26885436	0	-26046910	-33440043	-1015829
26	26203235	-28386838	0	-27822820	-35664542	-942091
27	27653012	-29957430	0	-29677921	-37984846	-872507
28	29211930	-31646257	0	-31646257	-40451597	-807972
29	31020855	-33605926	0	-33605926	-42939586	-745797
30	32913781	-35656596	0	-35656596	-31646416	-477958
COL. TOTALS	436861946	-527433275	7977216	-441297111	-646482272	

NET PRESENT VALUE = -100405700

FIGURE 4-1 - CONTINUED

FIGURE 4-2 NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

FUEL CYCLE	CASE 1 REPROCESSING	CASE 3 REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	0	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.80	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.54	0.80

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978.

FIGURE 4-3 COMPARISON OF NUCLEAR PLANTS
GENERATING SUPERHEATED STEAM

	CASE 1	CASE 3
FUEL CYCLE	REPROCESSING	REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	0	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.80	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.54	0.80

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978

FIGURE 4-4 - COMPARISON OF NUCLEAR PLANTS
GENERATING SUPERHEATED STEAM

	CASE 1	CASE 3
FUEL CYCLE	REPROCESSING	REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	0	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.80	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.54	0.80

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1981

FIGURE 4-5 COMPARISON OF NUCLEAR PLANTS
GENERATING SUPERHEATED STEAM

FUEL CYCLE	CASE 1 REPROCESSING	CASE 3 REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	0	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.80	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.54	0.80

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981

FIGURE 4-6 - COMPARISON OF NUCLEAR PLANTS
GENERATING SUPERHEATED STEAM

FUEL CYCLE		REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW		0
PLANT AVAILABILITY		0.80
PLANT FACTOR		0.54
NO. 6 FUEL OIL PRICE - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$		2.30

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978.

FIGURE 4-7 - EFFECT OF OIL-FIRED SUPERHEATER
ON NUCLEAR PLANT ECONOMICS

FUEL CYCLE		REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW		0
PLANT AVAILABILITY		0.80
PLANT FACTOR		0.54
NO. 6 FUEL OIL PRICE - \$/10 BTU		2.30

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978.

FIGURE 4-8 - EFFECT OF OIL-FIRED SUPERHEATER
ON NUCLEAR PLANT ECONOMICS

FUEL CYCLE		REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW		0
PLANT AVAILABILITY		0.80
PLANT FACTOR		0.54
NO. 6 FUEL OIL PRICE - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$		2.30

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981

FIGURE 4-9 - EFFECT OF OIL FIRED SUPERHEATER
ON NUCLEAR PLANT ECONOMICS

FUEL CYCLE		REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR		715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW		0
PLANT AVAILABILITY		0.80
PLANT FACTOR		0.54
NO. 6 FUEL OIL PRICE - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$		2.30

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981

FIGURE 4-10 - EFFECT OF OIL FIRED SUPERHEATER
ON NUCLEAR PLANT ECONOMICS

CASE	4
FUEL CYCLE	REPROCESSING
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	1,062,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	SEE CURVES
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	0
AVAILABILITY	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	SEE CURVES

SATURATED STEAM

NOTE: INCLUDES NUMBER 6 FUEL COST FOR STEAM GENERATION DURING LAST 3 YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION.

FIGURE 4-11 - EFFECT OF STEAM FLOW RATE ON PRESENT VALUE STEAM COSTS FOR NUCLEAR CASE 4.

DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	SEE CURVES
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85
PLANT FACTOR	0.81
HIGH-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	1.00
LOW-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	1.25

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978.

FIGURE 4-12 - COMPARISON OF HIGH - AND LOW-SULFUR
COAL PLANTS

DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	SEE CURVES
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85
PLANT FACTOR	0.81
HIGH-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6$ BTU	1.00
LOW-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6$ BTU	1.25

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978.

FIGURE 4-13 - COMPARISON OF HIGH- AND LOW-SULFUR
COAL PLANTS

DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	SEE CURVES
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85
PLANT FACTOR	0.81
HIGH-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	1.00
LOW-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	1.25

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1981.

FIGURE 4-14 - COMPARISON OF HIGH- AND LOW-SULFUR COAL PLANTS

DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	SEE CURVES
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85
PLANT FACTOR	0.81
HIGH-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6$ BTU	1.00
LOW-SULFUR COAL COST - $\$/10^6$ BTU	1.25

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981

FIGURE 4-15 - COMPARISON OF HIGH- AND
LOW-SULFUR COAL PLANTS

CASE	COAL 1	NUCLEAR 3
FUEL CYCLE	N/A	SEE CURVES
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	10.9	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.81	0.80
COAL COST - \$/10 ⁶ BTU	SEE CURVES	N/A

NOTE: NUCLEAR/COAL PLANTS START
CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 1, 1978.

FIGURE 4-17 - COMPARISON OF OPTIMUM
NUCLEAR AND COAL PLANTS

CASE	COAL 1	NUCLEAR 2
FUEL CYCLE	N/A	SEE CURVES
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	10.9	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.81	0.80
COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	SEE CURVES	N/A

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981.

FIGURE 4-18 - COMPARISON OF OPTIMUM NUCLEAR
AND COAL PLANTS

CASE	COAL 1	NUCLEAR 3
FUEL CYCLE	N/A	SEE CURVES
DESIGN STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	750,000	750,000
PROCESS STEAM FLOW - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
NET POWER GENERATION - MW	10.9	15.3
PLANT AVAILABILITY	0.85	0.80
PLANT FACTOR	0.81	0.80
COAL COST - $\$/10^6\text{BTU}$	SEE CURVES	N/A

NOTE: COAL PLANT STARTS CONSTRUCTION
JANUARY 1, 1981.

FIGURE 4-19 - COMPARISON OF OPTIMUM NUCLEAR
AND COAL PLANTS

TABLE 4-1
ESCALATION RATES

GENERAL INFLATION	6.0
CONSTRUCTION LABOR	7.0
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	6.0
CONSTRUCTION COMPOSITE	6.4
OPERATIONS LABOR	7.0
OPERATIONS COMPOSITE	6.4
FUEL (PRIMARY)	6.0
NO. 6 FUEL OIL	6.0

Values are Percents

TABLE 4-1A

POWER COST SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MILS/KWHR</u>
1	16.4
2	17.5
3	18.3
4	22.0
5	25.0
6	29.0
7	34.0
8	40.0
9	40.0
10 - 30	Escalated at 5% per annum

Year 1 is 1978 (January 1)

TABLE 4-2

NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES

CASH FLOW - \$1,000's

FUEL CYCLE NUMBER

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>5R</u>	<u>5N</u>	<u>6R</u>
1. thru 5	0	0	0
6	\$16,169	\$16,169	\$15,883
7	5,500	5,500	2,853
8	4,682	5,867	2,520
9	4,583	5,863	3,953
10	4,494	5,860	2,495
11	4,472	5,858	2,453
12	4,472	5,858	4,203
13	4,472	5,858	2,294
14	4,472	5,858	2,415
15	4,472	5,858	3,842
16	4,472	5,858	2,356
17	4,472	5,858	2,415
18	4,472	5,858	4,198
19	4,472	5,858	2,297
20	4,472	5,858	2,415
21	4,472	5,858	3,842
22	4,472	5,858	2,356
23	4,472	5,858	2,415
24	4,472	5,858	4,198
25	4,472	5,858	2,294
26	4,472	5,858	2,415
27	4,472	5,858	3,842
28	4,472	5,858	2,356
29	4,472	5,858	2,415
30	4,472	5,858	4,198

Base Rate - January 1, 1978

TABLE 4-3

365 MWt PE-CNSG STUDIES

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRICING	UE&C	B&W	PSE
<u>LAND AND LAND RIGHTS</u>	X		
<u>STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS</u>			
YARD WORK	X		
CONTAINMENT STRUCTURE			
SUBSTRUCTURE	X		
SUPERSTRUCTURE	X		
CONCRETE SHIELDING	X		
STEEL CONTAINMENT AND COMPONENTS	X		
BUILDING SERVICES			
REACTOR COMPARTMENT VENTILATION SYSTEM	X		
CONTAINMENT DRY WELL COOLING SYSTEM	X		
POST LOCA COMBUSTIBLE GAS CONTROL SYSTEM	X		
LIGHTING AND SERVICE WIRING	X		
REACTOR SERVICE BUILDING	X		
CONTROL BUILDING	X		
DIESEL GENERATOR AND FUEL OIL BUILDING	X		
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING	X		
PROCESS BUILDING	X		
PROCESS HEAT SERVICE BUILDING	X		
WATER TREATMENT BUILDING	X		
SERVICE WATER INTAKE	X		
<u>REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT</u>			
REACTOR EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS			
REACTOR VESSEL SHELL, HEAD, INTERNALS		X	
STEAM GENERATORS		X	
PRIMARY PUMPS (incl. HEAT EXCHANGER, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE TOOLS)		X	
INSULATION (REACTOR VESSE) -		X	
REACTOR CONTROL EQUIPMENT			
CONTROL RODS AND CONTROL ROD DRIVES		X	
HANDLING EQUIPMENT (HEAD STORAGE STAND AND INTERNALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT)		X	
FIELD INSTALLATION OF ALL REACTOR EQUIPMENT	X

REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM			
EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS			
PRESSURIZER AND HEATERS			X
PRESSURIZER SURGE AND SPRAY LINE			X
PRESSURIZER RELIEF LINE			X
PRESSURIZER RELIEF VALVES			X
INSULATION (PRESSURIZER, AND SURGE, SPARY AND RELIEF LINES)	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF ALL REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM	X		
SAFEGUARDS COOLING SYSTEMS			
DECAY HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM			
DECAY HEAT REMOVAL PUMP'S			X
DECAY HEAT REMOVAL HEAT EXCHANGER			X
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF DECAY HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM	X		
EMERGENCY DECAY HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM			
EMERGENCY DECAY HEAT REMOVAL PUMPS			X
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD. INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY DECAY HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM	X		
RADIOACTIVE WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS			
LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM			
ALL EQUIPMENT	X		
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM	X		
GASEOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM			
ALL EQUIPMENT	X		
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF GASEOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM	X		
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM			
ALL EQUIPMENT	X		
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM	X		
NUCLEAR FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE SYSTEMS			
ALL EQUIPMENT	X		
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE SYSTEMS	X		

	UE&C	B&W	PSE
NITROGEN AND HYDROGEN GAS SYSTEM			
ALL EQUIPMENT	X		
PIPING	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF NITROGEN AND GAS SYSTEM	X		
COOLANT PURIFICATION AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT SYSTEMS			
MAKEUP AND PURIFICATION SYSTEM			
MAKEUP TANK		X	
MAKEUP PUMPS AND MOTORS		X	
PURIFICATION DEMINERALIZERS		X	
BORATED WATER STORAGE TANK	X		
FILTERS		X	
LETDOWN COOLERS		X	
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF MAKEUP AND PURIFICATION SYSTEM	X		
CHEMICAL ADDITION AND BORON RECOVERY SYSTEM			
R-C BLEED HOLD-UP TANKS		X	
R-C BLEED EVAPORATOR DISTILLATE TEST TANKS		X	
CONCENTRATED BORIC ACID STORAGE TANKS		X	
BORIC ACID MIX TANK		X	
BORIC ACID ADDITION TANK		X	
CAUSTIC MIX TANK		X	
LITHIUM HYDROXIDE MIX TANK		X	
R-C BLEED EVAPORATOR FEED PUMPS		X	
R-C DISTILLATE TRANSFER PUMPS		X	
R-C BLEED EVAPORATOR DISTILLATE TEST TANK PUMPS		X	
CAUSTIC PUMP			
CHEMICAL ADDITION PUMP		X	
DEBORATION DEMINERALIZERS		X	
DISTILLATE DEMINERALIZERS		X	
R-C BLEED EVAPORATOR DEMINERALIZERS		X	
R-C DEGASIFIER PACKAGE		X	
R-C BLEED EVAPORATOR PACKAGE		X	
BORIC ACID BIN AND SCREW CONVEYOR		X	
BORIC ACID FILTERS		X	
MAKEUP AND PURIFICATION DEMINERALIZERS		X	
PIPING AND VALVES	X		
INSULATION	X		
FIELD INSTALLATION OF CHEMICAL ADDITION AND BORON RECOVERY SYSTEM	X		
COMPONENT COOLING SYSTEM			
COMPONENT COOLING WATER SURGE TANK		X	
COMPONENT COOLING WATER PUMPS AND MOTORS		X	
COMPONENT COOLING WATER BOOSTER PUMPS AND MOTORS		X	
COMPONENT COOLING WATER ELECTROMAGNETIC FILTER		X	
COMPONENT COOLING WATER HEAT EXCHANGERS		X

UE&C B&W PSE

CHEMICAL ADDITION EQUIPMENT
PIPING AND VALVES
INSULATION
INSTRUMENTATION
FIELD INSTALLATION OF SECONDARY SYSTEM

X
X
X
X

TERTIARY SYSTEM

FEED AND PROCESS RETURN PUMPS
GENERATOR
SUPERHEATER (Incl. FUEL SUPPLY SYSTEM)
PIPING AND VALVES - INSIDE PROCESS BLDG.
 - FROM PROCESS BLDG TO USER'S
 PLANT
INSULATION - INSIDE PROCESS BLDG.
 - FROM PROCESS BLDG. TO USER'S PLANT
FIELD INSTALLATION - INSIDE PROCESS BLDG.
 - FROM PROCESS BLDG. TO USER'S
 PLANT
INSTRUMENTATION

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

TURBINE - GENERATOR SYSTEM

EQUIPMENT
PIPING AND VALVES
INSULATION
INSTRUMENTATION
FIELD INSTALLATION OF TURBINE - GENERATOR SYSTEM

X
X
X
X
X

ELECTRIC PLANT EQUIPMENT

SWITCH GEAR

STATION SERVICE EQUIPMENT (Incl. T-G's and D-G's)

SWITCHBOARDS

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

ELECTRICAL STRUCTURES AND WIRING CONTAINERS

POWER AND CONTROL WIRING

X

X

X

X

X

MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT

TRANSPORTATION AND LIFTING EQUIPMENT
AIR, WATER AND STEAM SERVICE SYSTEMS
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
FURNISHINGS AND FIXTURES

X
X
X
X

UE&C B&W PSE

UNDISTRIBUTED COST

ENGINEERING AND HOME OFFICE SERVICES

NUCLEAR PLANT

BALANCE-OF-PLANT

FIELD SUPERVISION, QUALITY CONTROL AND JOB OFFICE
EXPENSE

TEMPORARY FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

X

X

X

X

X

X

OTHER PLANT COST

LICENSING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSE,
OPERATOR TRAINING AND SPARE PARTS

X

TABLE 4-4

PE-CNSG CAPITAL COST ESTIMATES

(1,000's - BASE JANUARY 1, 1978)

C A S E				
	1	2	3	4
PROCESS STEAM (FLOW - LB/HR DESIGN CONDITIONS {PRESSURE - PSIG TEMPERATURE - °F	750,000 600 750	750,000 600 489*	750,000 600 750	1,063,000 600 483*
DESIGN POWER GENERATION - MW (GROSS)	0	0	27	0

E S T I M A T E S												
	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS	CNSG	SUPER- HEATING & PROCESS INTERFACING	SUBTOTALS
LAND	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105	\$ 105	\$ ---	\$ 105
STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	29,114	447	29,561	29,114	389	29,503	29,460	715	30,175	29,200	389	29,589
REACTOR PLANT	60,191	---	60,191	60,191	---	60,191	60,191	---	60,191	60,191	---	60,191
TURBINE PLANT	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,185	---	6,185	---	---	---
SECONDARY/TERTIARY/SUPERHEATER SYSTEMS	4,060	7,140	11,200	4,060	5,403	9,463	5,091	7,140	12,231	5,296	5,403	10,699
ELECTRICAL PLANT	8,655	---	8,655	8,655	---	8,655	10,172	1,310	11,482	8,655	---	8,655
MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT	3,312	---	3,312	3,312	---	3,312	3,468	---	3,468	3,312	---	3,312
OTHER COSTS	2,200	---	2,200	2,200	---	2,200	2,500	---	2,500	2,200	---	2,200
UNDISTRIBUTED COSTS	16,770	1,538	18,308	16,770	1,179	17,949	17,960	1,854	19,814	16,770	1,179	17,949
SUBTOTAL	124,407	9,125	133,532	124,407	6,971	131,378	135,132	11,019	146,151	125,729	6,971	132,700
CONTINGENCY	7,332	924	8,256	7,332	708	8,040	8,421	1,113	9,534	7,455	708	8,163
TOTAL ESTIMATE			141,788			139,418			155,685			140,863

* SATURATED STEAM

TABLE 4-5

COAL PLANT CAPITAL COST ESTIMATES

(1,000's - BASE JANUARY 1, 1978)

		CASE	
		1	2
PROCESS STEAM	{ FLOW - LB/HR PRESSURE - PSIG TEMPERATURE - °F	750,000	750,000
DESIGN CONDITIONS		600	600
		750	750
DESIGN POWER GENERATION MW (GROSS)		25	25
TYPE OF COAL		HIGH SULFUR	LOW SULFUR

		ESTIMATES	
LAND		\$ 298	\$ 298
SITWORK		322	322
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES		200	200
COAL YARD		8,868	8,868
STEAM GENERATOR		15,650	15,600
TURBINE-GENERATOR		3,884	3,884
PROCESS MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT		4,866	5,306
ELECTRICAL		4,407	4,431
CIVIL-STRUCTURAL		1,186	961
PROCESS PIPING & INSTRUMENTATION		7,090	7,090
FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION FACILITIES		6,800	----
UNDISTRIBUTED COSTS		<u>7,278</u>	<u>5,913</u>
SUBTOTAL		60,849	52,873
CONTINGENCY		<u>6,085</u>	<u>5,287</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATE		<u>66,934</u>	<u>58,160</u>

TABLE 4-6
CRITERIA FOR FUEL CYCLE COSTS
 (Source - ORNL)

<u>BASIC COSTS</u> <u>1/1/78 DOLLARS</u>	<u>WITH</u> <u>REPROCESSING</u>	<u>WITHOUT</u> <u>REPROCESSING</u>
U ₃ O ₈ (\$/lb)	43	43
CONVERSION COST (\$/Kg)	3.80	3.80
ENRICHMENT COST (\$/SWU)	100	100
TAILS CONCENTRATION (% U-235)	0.25	0.25
FUEL RECOVERY COST (\$/Kg)	196	---
FISSILE PLUTONIUM VALUE (\$/g)	33	---
DISPOSAL (\$/Kg)	---	1.00

TABLE 4-7

COAL PRICE ESTIMATES

Wyoming Low-Sulfur Coal - 8,250 Btu/Lb

Illinois High-Sulfur Coal - 10,900 Btu/Lb

	<u>COST - \$/MBtu</u>	
	<u>WYOMING</u>	<u>ILLINOIS</u>
Rail Transportation	\$.78	\$.44
Coal Cost at mine	<u>\$.47</u>	<u>\$.56</u>
Delivered Price	\$1.25	\$1.00

NOTE: These prices include all costs for delivered coal. ~
 It is assumed that the purchaser does not own the
 unit train.

TABLE 4-8

PE-CNSG TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE
ESTIMATES (LESS NUCLEAR FUEL*)

(\$1,000's - BASE JANUARY 1, 1978)

PLANT AVAILABILITY 0.80

C A S E				
	1	2	3	4
PROCESS STEAM DESIGN/OPERATING CONDITIONS	(FLOW - 10 ³ LB/HR PRESSURE - PSIG TEMPERATURE - °F	750/714 600 489**	750/714 600 489**	750/714 600 489**
DESIGN POWER GENERATION FUEL CYCLE NUMBER*	0 6R	0 6R	27 5R	0 5R

E S T I M A T E S				
STAFF	\$ 2,465	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,340
MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	850	850	850	850
SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES	325	325	325	325
GENERAL/ADMINISTRATIVE	270	270	270	270
NUCLEAR LIABILITY INSURANCE	340	340	340	340
NUCLEAR INSPECTION FEE	22	22	22	22
SUBTOTAL	4,272	4,147	4,397	4,147
POWER EXPENSE (CREDIT)++	1,230	1,230	(1,758)	1,230
NO. 6 FUEL OIL FOR SUPERHEATING +	2,372	-----	2,372	-----
TOTAL ESCALATING EXPENSE (LESS NUCLEAR FUEL)	7,874	5,377	5,011	5,377
TAXES AND INSURANCE (FIXED) **	1,418(2,907)	1,394(2,858)	1,557(3,192)	1,409(2,888)
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE ** (LESS NUCLEAR FUEL)	9,292(10,781)	6,771(8,235)	6,568(8,203)	6,786(8,265)

* See Table 4.2 for nuclear fuel cycle costs.

** Saturated Steam

+ No. 6 Fuel Oil Costs - \$2.30/MBtu

++ Includes 4.7 MW lost generation from existing facility.

** Amount in parentheses reflects addition of ad valorem tax and applies starting in eleventh year of operation.

TABLE 4-9

NUCLEAR PLANT OPERATIONS MANPOWER*

	<u>NUMBER</u>
PLANT MANAGEMENT:	
PLANT MANAGER	1
ASSISTENT PLANT MANAGER	1
TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS	<u>2</u>
SUB-TOTAL	4
ADMINISTRATION:	
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT	1
CLERKS	2
STOCKMEN	2
ADDITIONAL SECURITY GUARDS	<u>16</u>
SUB-TOTAL	21
OPERATIONS:	
SUPERINTENDENT	1
SHIFT SUPERVISORS	5
OPERATING SUPERVISORS	5
CONTROL OPERATORS	5
AUXILIARY OPERATORS	5
QUALITY ASSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE	<u>1</u>
	22
SUB-TOTAL	
MAINTENANCE:	
SUPERINTENDENT	1
FORMEN	2
MECHANICS	3
REPAIRMEN	3
REPAIRMEN HELPERS	3
UTILITY MEN	<u>2</u>
SUB-TOTAL	14

TABLE 4- 9 Cont'd.

	<u>NUMBER</u>
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROLS:	
INSTRUMENT AND CONTROLS ENGINEER	1
TECHNICIANS	2
REPAIRMEN	1
	<hr/>
SUB-TOTAL	4
REACTOR ENGINEERING:	
REACTOR ENGINEER	1
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	1
	<hr/>
SUB-TOTAL	2
CHEMISTRY AND HEALTH PHYSICS:	
RADIOCHEMICAL ENGINEER	1
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	2
TECHNICIANS	2
RADIATION CONTROL HELPER	2
HEALTH PHYSICIST	1
	<hr/>
SUB-TOTAL	8
TOTAL MANPOWER REQUIREMENT	<hr/> <hr/> 75

- * Manpower for steam generation only. For nuclear cases 1 and 3 add 4 men for superheater operations. For Case 3 add an additional 4 men for turbine-generator operations.

TABLE 4-10

NUMBER 6 FUEL OILBACKUP OPERATING EXPENSES - \$ 1000's

		<u>No. 6 FUEL OIL</u> (5)
<u>NUCLEAR PLANTS</u> (8)		
Case 1	Years 5-7 (1)	\$ 20,551
	Years 8-30	6,483 (7)
Case 2	Years 5-7 (1)	20,551
	Years 8-30	4,111
Case 3	Years 5-7 (1)	20,551
	Years 8-30	6,483 (7)
Case 4	Years 5-7 (2) (3)	19,305
	Years 8-30	3,861
Case 4	Years 5-7 (2) (4)	28,715
	Years 8-30	5,743

COAL PLANTS (years 5-30) (9)

Case 1	\$ 3,086
Case 2	3,086

NOTES:

- (1) No. 6 Fuel not charged in years 5, 6, and 7 when coal and nuclear plants are assumed to start operation concurrently.
- (2) Only concurrent construction start date case considered.
- (3) Assumed 714,000 lb/hr saturated steam demand.
- (4) Assumed 1,062,000 lb/hr saturated steam demand.
- (5). No. 6 Fuel oil price - \$2.30/10⁶Btu.
- (6) Backup fuel is sufficient to make up the difference between annual Btu produced and annual Btu required by PPG.
- (7) Includes No. 6 fuel for superheating.
- (8) Availability 0.80
- (9) Availability 0.85

Base Date - January 1, 1978

TABLE 4-11

COAL PLANT TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE

(\$1,000's - BASE JANUARY 1, 1978)

PLANT AVAILABILITY - 0.85

C A S E			
		1	2
PROCESS STEAM	{ FLOW - 10 ³ LB/HR	1,000/723	1,000/723
DESIGN/OPERATING	{ PRESSURE - PSIG	600	600
CONDITIONS	{ TEMPERATURE - °F	750	750
DESIGN POWER GENERATION	- MW (GROSS)	0	0
COAL TYPE **		HIGH SULFUR	LOW SULFUR

E S T I M A T E S		
STAFF	\$ 2,309	\$ 2,028
MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	700	624
LIMESTONE	304	-----
ASH/SLUDGE DISPOSAL	448	320
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	<u>158</u>	<u>158</u>
SUBTOTAL	3,719	3,130
POWER EXPENSE (CREDIT) *	(1,331)	(1,441)
COAL EXPENSE **	<u>8,965</u>	<u>11,440</u>
TOTAL ESCALATING EXPENSE	<u>11,353</u>	<u>13,129</u>
TAXES AND INSURANCE (FIXED) +	<u>669 (1,372)</u>	<u>582 (1,193)</u>
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE ⁺	<u>12,022 (12,725)</u>	<u>13,711 (14,322)</u>

* Includes 4.7 MW lost generation from existing facility.

** High sulfur coal cost - \$1.00/MBtu; Low Sulfur coal cost - \$1.25/MBtu.

+ Amount in parenthesis reflects addition of ad valorem tax and applies starting in eleventh year of operation.

TABLE 4-12

COAL PLANT OPERATIONS MANPOWER*

	<u>Number</u>
MANAGEMENT STAFF:	
PLANT MANAGER	1
MECHANICAL ENGINEER	1
ELECTRICAL/INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEER	1
PURCHASING AGENT	1
WAREHOUSEMAN	1
PAYROLL CLERK	1
RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY	<u>1</u>
SUB-TOTAL	7
MAIN CONTROL ROOM:	
SUPERVISOR	2
OPERATORS:	
BOILER	10
TURBINE-GENERATOR	5
INSTRUMENTATION	<u>5</u>
SUB-TOTAL	22
ROVING:	
BOILERS	15
WATER TREATMENT	10
PRECIPITATOR/DUST COLLECTION	5
ASH HANDLING	5
TURBINE GENERATOR	<u>5</u>
SUB-TOTAL	40
COAL HANDLING:	
SUPERVISOR	1
COAL RECEIVING AND STACKING	20
COAL RECLAIMING AND DELIVERY	10
ASH PONDS	<u>10</u>
SUB-TOTAL	41

TABLE 4- 12 Cont'd.

	<u>NUMBER</u>
FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION:	
SUPERVISOR	1
PUMP HOUSE	5
ROVING	5
LIMESTONE HANDLING	5
CONTROL ROOM	5
SLUDGE DISPOSAL	<u>4</u>
SUB-TOTAL	25
MAINTENANCE:	
SUPERVISOR	1
PREVENTATIVE	4
STANDBY	<u>10</u>
SUB-TOTAL	15
TOTAL MANPOWER	<u><u>150</u></u>

*INCLUDES MANPOWER FOR TURBINE-GENERATOR AND FLUE GAS
DESULFURIZATION FACILITIES.

	COAL	NUCLEAR
Process Steam Flow - LB/HR	715,000	715,000
Net Power Gen. - MW	10.9	15.3
Plant Availability	0.85	0.80

BASE CASES: Coal Case 1 (High Sulfur Coal @ \$1.00/MBtu)
Nuclear Case 3 (Reprocessing Fuel Cycle)

PARAMETER	SENSITIVITIES % CHANGE IN NPV/% CHANGE IN PARAMETER					
	10% DISCOUNT RATE		15% DISCOUNT RATE		20% DISCOUNT RATE	
	COAL	NUCLEAR	COAL	NUCLEAR	COAL	NUCLEAR
CAPITAL INVESTMENT	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6
PRIMARY FUEL COST	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
PRIMARY FUEL ESCALATION*	-6.8	-2.2	-4.7	-1.5	-3.2	-1.2
NO. 6 FUEL OIL COST	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	<-0.1	-0.2
NO. 6 FUEL OIL ESCALATION* (Less	-2.3	-4.0	-1.6	-2.9	-1.1	-2.2
OPERATING COST Primary Fuel)	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	<-0.1	-0.1	<-0.1
POWER CREDIT	<+0.1	<+0.1	<+0.1	<+0.1	<+0.1	<+0.1
AVAILABILITY*	+0.5	+0.6	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3

* Per Percentage Point

Example: A 1% Increase in nuclear (primary) fuel cost results in a 0.4% Decrease in net present value at 15% discount rate.

TABLE 4-13 - COMPARISON OF NET PRESENT VALUE SENSITIVITY
TO ECONOMIC PARAMETER VARIATIONS

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Site Feasibility

This section treats the results of the preliminary evaluation of the suitability of the PPG site for siting a nuclear power plant such as the PE-CNSG. The objective of this evaluation was to identify gross site inadequacies such as possible active faults which could place very serious limitations on locating the PE-CNSG at the site, and could lead to complex licensing problems and the associated substantially higher costs that would accrue.

Although proper investigation of such potential inadequacies would require extensive field studies, it was felt that the stated objective could be met by a site visit and by examination of PPG's available geologic data. This has been accomplished, but the costs associated with site suitability studies and preparations or remedial work (that may be revealed later by detailed field investigations) have not been factored into the economic assessment.

As pointed out before, the objective of the site evaluation was to identify major geological inadequacies if any. Brief consideration was also given to some other site-related factors. The summary of our findings listed below are preliminary and should be verified in future studies.

- (1) No gross site characteristics were identified which would preclude locating a nuclear plant at the PPG site.
- (2) The structural map of the sand No. 7 (see report prepared by the geologists of Pollution Control & Wash Disposal, Inc.) shows the presence of several faults at about 5000 feet below surface and striking 40°N to 50°E. A geologic cross-section based on electro logging in four gas wells indicates a movement of about 450 feet at Calco Lock Moore No. 1. The trend of development of the fault towards the surface is not clear.
- (3) There are numerous gas wells at distances of less than 30 miles from the site. Some of these wells are pumping from deep basins. There is no information on the subsidence, if any, resulting from the pumping.
- (4) A continuous sand layer bearing fresh water is located in the vicinity of 600 to 900 feet from the surface. Large quantities of water are being pumped from this thick aquifer and there is no account of subsidence from this.
- (5) The proposed location for the PE-CNSG is approximately 13 feet above "Mean Low Gulf". Based on an examination of the open coast surge induced by "Probably Maximum Hurricane" at various points of the Gulf of Mexico, it seems likely that some protection against flooding due to hurricanes will be required to meet NRC requirements. The site layout (Section 3.2.1.2) reflects this consideration.

5.1 Site Feasibility - (Continued)

(6) The Proposed PE-CNSG location is approximately five miles from the Lake Charles Airport and air traffic does pass over the site. Should protection against aircraft impingment be required for the PE-CNSG plant, the associated cost penalty may significantly affect the nuclear plant economics in this study.

(7) The maximum single explosion source (from the existing PPG plant) is believed to be a storage vessel located approximately 1,800 feet NNE of the proposed CNSG site. This container could potentially generate an explosion equivalent to 2,550 lbs. of TNT which is not considered to be severe.

(8) For purposes of getting some insight into the potential effects of explosions on the capital costs of the nuclear plant, an equivalent 1/4 truckload*(10,750 lbs.) of TNT is postulated to detonate on Interstate 210 at a distance of about 900 ft. from the proposed CNSG site. This produces a peak overpressure of about 2.5 psi, which is about the same as the design basis tornado-generated overpressure for the nuclear plant. It would therefore seem that the potential explosions around the site should not have a significant impact on the capital costs of the CNSG plant.

The physical requirements for nuclear plant siting are more restrictive than those for a conventional coal plant. Thus, the lack of apparent site difficulties affecting nuclear siting ensure that there are anticipated to be no problems in locating a coal plant physically on the site.

The licensing of a nuclear plant is based on safety considerations and analyses which demonstrate that even under conditions associated with the "design basis" loss-of-coolant accident, and with a number of conservative assumptions, the reactor core will be adequately cooled and no fuel melting or fission product release will occur. Federal regulations (10CFR Part 100), however, state that as an aid in evaluating a proposed site an applicant should assume a fission product release from the core together with containment leakage for the purpose of determining that the radiation dose to human individuals around the site is below certain values. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires further conservative ("worst case") assumptions for siting analysis including lower radiation limits to humans plus conservative assumptions with respect to atmospheric dispersion and human inhalation. These conservative assumptions are designed to ensure that the reactor site will be such that radiation exposure to the population will be minimized in the event of an accident.

The results of the siting analysis determine the so-called "Exclusion Area" (EA) and the "Low Population Zone" (LPZ) to be associated with the nuclear plant site. The EA is the area surrounding the reactor in which the reactor licensee has the authority to determine all activities

*A 1/4 truckload is defined as the allowable net weight carried by an 18 foot truck.

5.1 Site Feasibility - (Continued)

within the area, including removal of personnel and property. In selecting a site for a nuclear power plant, it is necessary to provide for an exclusion area in which the applicant has the authority to control activities within the area. This is typically accomplished by providing a fence with guards to monitor and control the personnel who enter the area.

The LPZ is an area that immediately surrounds the exclusion area in which the population number and distribution is such that there is a reasonable probability that appropriate measures could be taken in their behalf in the unlikely event of a reactor accident. A fence would not typically be used at the LPZ since this area can contain residential dwellings and other occupants not under the control of the plant owner.

In a typical large electrical generating nuclear plant, the EA can be as large as a circular area with radius of 0.4 of a mile, and the LPZ as large as an area with radius of 3 miles. Because of the small size and inherent safety features of the PE-CNSG, the preliminary LPZ was calculated to be 900 feet and the EA was calculated to be so small as to be virtually at the reactor building. This implies that an individual standing near the reactor building following a reactor accident would not receive a radiation dose in two hours that exceeds regulatory acceptable limits nor would a person standing at the LPZ boundary receive a radiation dose that exceeds safe limits even if he stands at the location for the entire duration of the activity release (usually assumed to be 30 days).

Due to the very low EA and LPZ distances that result from a PE-CNSG reactor accident, it is recommended for this site that the EA boundary be moved out to the 900 foot distance so that the EA and LPZ are the same. This implies that fence would be placed around the reactor plant the reactor plant at a 900 foot radius with appropriate security guards to control and monitor personnel entering the site. Since the process plant is outside of the LPZ, then, even the worst assumed reactor accident conditions should not interfere with continued operation of the plant with auxiliary steam.

From a radiation standpoint, it is concluded that the proposed plant-site will be acceptable for licensing based on the limited study performed.

5.2 Economic Feasibility

The case 3 nuclear plant is the optimum of the four nuclear plants studied under the established net present value (NPV) criterion. This configuration is designed to meet PPG's stated process steam requirements and generates 15.3 MW of electrical power on a levelized annual basis.

The case 1 high-sulfur coal-fired plant is the optimum coal plant.

5.2 Economic Feasibility - (Continued)

The case 2 low-sulfur coal-fired plant has similar NPVs but does not include expenses for flue gas scrubbing, which most probably will be required. Therefore it has been concluded that the case 1 plant is more representative of a realistic alternative. The case 1 coal plant also satisfies PPG's process steam requirements, while generating 10.9 MW of electrical power on a levelized annual basis.

Under the assumptions in force for the study and for this particular application, it is concluded that the coal-fired plant is the economic choice for coal prices less than \$2.20/10⁶Btu for the concurrent construction start date plants and less than \$2.70/10⁶Btu for the concurrent operation start date plants.

The relatively high energy costs predicted for nuclear (compared to earlier estimates) arise from several factors. The average industrial steam load of 714,000 lb/hr amounts to only 67% of rated reactor capacity, and while the excess steaming capacity is used to generate electricity, power generation does not provide sufficient net revenue to yield attractive overall steam production costs. For a PE-CNSG producing steam only a rise in industrial steam load from 67% to 100% of reactor capacity would lower steam cost by about 20%.

PPG's requirement for superheated steam imposes an additional cost penalty on the PE-CNSG since a supplemental oil-fired superheater is required to elevate the reactor steam to about 750°F. Thus, oil provides about one-fifth of the energy consumed to produce process steam during normal operations. Superheating increases steam costs by about 10%.

A PE-CNSG application for supplying base-load saturated steam to industry, either prime steam or via cogeneration, probably would be more attractive. Present results, project saturated steam costs of about \$1.90/10⁶Btu in 1978 dollars for a 1,062,000 lb/hr constant steam demand and a 15% discount rate. Oil based superheat would increase the steam cost to about \$2.10/10⁶Btu; this is roughly equal to the cost of superheated process steam from a case 1 coal-fired plant burning high-sulfur coal costing \$1.90/10⁶Btu, or \$40/Ton.

Sensitivity studies showed that the nuclear plant economics are less sensitive to fuel prices than the coal-fired plants.

Since the capital investments required for nuclear and coal plants are widely different, a NPV analysis may not provide sufficient economic information to allow a final choice to be made. However, a more detailed evaluation that considers company financing explicitly, is beyond the scope of the present study. It is expected that consideration of debt financing in place of equity financing would improve the economic outlook for the capital intensive nuclear option.

5.3 Technical Feasibility

All CNSG and coal-fired process steam generation systems studied are technically feasible. Both types of systems represent essentially state-of-the-art technology.

For the CNSG plants, the major technologically related uncertainty is the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) licensing requirements. The CNSG application considered in this study would be a "First-of-a-kind" installation. As such, there is no direct precedent to guide the NRC in its licensing procedures. B&W has expended considerable effort towards generic-type licensing of the reactor plant itself. Since the plant is an extension of previous marine applications and calls for no technological advances, and since the design appears to offer certain safety advantages, there is no reason to doubt its licenseability.

The coal plant poses no apparent problems from a technical licensing standpoint. Environmental standards may become more stringent in the future. However, as of the date of this study, all coal plants considered would be acceptable from an environmental standpoint in the Lake Charles, Louisiana, area if flue gases are scrubbed.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

This feasibility study has demonstrated that both the PE-CNSG and coal alternatives are feasible process steam generation systems for the PPG plant site at Lake Charles, Louisiana. The economic analyses have shown that, on an all-equity, net present value basis, the optimum PE-CNSG configuration is not competitive with the optimum coal plant configuration. Any future studies aimed at more fully defining PE-CNSG and coal plant economics should consider these aspects:

- (1) Consider debt financing in cash flow analyses. This is necessary due to the wide differences in capital investment required between the nuclear and coal plants.
- (2) Study the economics of coupling the PE-CNSG to existing industrial plants that have been modified to accept saturated steam. This improves the economics of the PE-CNSG plant considerably, especially as the steam demands increases towards full PE-CNSG capacity.
- (3) Consider alternative fuels for superheating, including waste or by-product fuels.

Item (1) will certainly be a factor in the final decision to proceed with any alternative steam supply system. The wide difference in capital required for a PE-CNSG plant relative to a coal-fired plant would have to be economically justifiable. The return on the differential capital investment for the more expensive alternative would have to be determined in light of a comparison to the alternative investment, with cost of capital included in the analysis. The effect of cost of capital becomes increasingly important as the amounts of capital investment become more highly unequal. The PE-CNSG offers potentially high savings in annual costs, but with its high capital investment, a complete economic picture can be obtained only with debt service costs included as a part of the economic analyses.

The PE-CNSG is a pressurized water reactor (PWR). A generic characteristic of PWRs is that they generate saturated or only slightly superheated steam. While superheating the PWR steam presents no real technical obstacle, it can have a significant impact on PE-CNSG economics for applications where superheated steam is required, depending on the fuel used. Thus, any further study ought to consider the economics of alternative superheater fuels and/or process plant modifications which would allow use of saturated steam.

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