Issues for the Next Phase Operation in PLS\*, M. KWON, J.Y. HUANG, <u>I.S. KO</u>, T.Y. LEE, S.H. NAM, PAL/POSTECH Pohang, Korea - Since September 1995, the Pohang Light Source (PLS) has been operated with 2-GeV electron beams in the range of 100 to 130 mA of the beam current. Beam lifetime is about 15 hours at 100 mA in normal cases. Next phase operation of PLS is aiming at the stable 2-GeV operation with higher beam current and at the higher beam energy operations. One of the major factors to limit the higher current operation is the coupled-bunch instabilities driven by the HOMs of RF cavities. Optimization of the cavity temperature and application of the feedback system have been actively pursued for curing instabilities. Increasing demand of the X-ray users forces operators to increase the beam energy to 2.5 GeV. The issues for the energy ramping from the 2-GeV electron beam and the direct injection from the full energy linac will be discussed.

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