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Dated: January 23, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Sciences; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research (1203) will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Program. These proposals reflect multidisciplinary research themes that draw from all areas of science, engineering, and education supported by the National Science Foundation. In order to review the proposals, panel meetings will be held on February 19-20, 1998 (2). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day.

Contact person: Dr. Henry Blount, Head, Office of Multidisciplinary Activities, Office of the Assistant Director for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1005, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1946.

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting:

Date and Time: Thursday, February 19, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 21, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. all in Room 1280.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Bradley D. Keister, Program Director for Nuclear Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1891.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the Nuclear Physics program for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Nuclear Physics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Human Resource Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412]

In the Matter of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al; Order Approving Application Regarding Merger Agreement Between DQE, Inc. and Allegheny Power System, Inc.

I

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), Duquesne Light Company (DLC), Ohio Edison Company (OE), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), and Toledo Edison Company (TE) are the licensees of Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS-1 and BVPS-2). DLC acts as agent for the other licensees and has exclusive responsibility for and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 as reflected in Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73 on July 2, 1976, and on August 14, 1987, respectively, pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR

Part 50). The facility is located on the southern shore of the Ohio River in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, approximately 22 miles northwest of Pittsburgh and 5 miles east of East Liverpool, Ohio.

II

Under cover of a letter dated August 1, 1997, DLC submitted an application for consent under 10 CFR 50.80 regarding a proposed merger of DQE, Inc. (the parent holding company of DLC) and Allegheny Power System, Inc., which would result in DQE, Inc. becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Allegheny Power System, Inc. Allegheny Power System, Inc. would change its name to Allegheny Energy, Inc. (Allegheny Energy). CEI, OE, Penn Power, and TE are not involved in the merger. Supplemental information was submitted by letter dated October 30, 1997.

Under the proposed merger, DLC will become an indirect subsidiary of Allegheny Energy by reason of DQE, Inc. becoming a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy. DLC and the other current licensees will continue to hold the licenses, and no direct transfer of the licenses will result from the merger. On September 12, 1997, a Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 48113). An Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50411).

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application and letters of August 1, 1997, and October 30, 1997, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed merger will not affect the qualifications of DLC as holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73, and that the transfer of control of the licenses, to the extent effected by the proposed merger, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a safety evaluation dated January 23, 1998.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 USC 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *It is hereby ordered*

that the Commission approve the application regarding the merger agreement between DQE, Inc. and Allegheny Power System, Inc. subject to the following: (1) DLC shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from DLC to its first- or second-tier parent or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding 10 percent of DLC's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on DLC's books of account; and (2) should the merger not be completed by December 31, 1998, this Order shall become null and void, unless upon application and for good cause shown this date is extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

IV

By March 2, 1998, any person adversely affected by this Order may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the Order. Any person requesting a hearing shall set forth with particularity how such person's interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is to be held, the Commission will issue an order designating the time and place of such hearing.

The issue to be considered at any such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Any request for a hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Copies should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel and to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to John O'Neill, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for DLC.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application submitted under cover of a letter dated August 1, 1997, and supplemental letter dated October 30, 1997, and the safety evaluation dated January 23, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building,

2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC., and at the local public document room located at the B. F. Jones Memorial Library, 663 Franklin Avenue, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of January 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353]

Philadelphia Electric Company Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85, issued to Philadelphia Electric Company (the licensee), for operation of the Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Units 1 and 2, located in Montgomery and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would allow installation of replacement suction strainers for the Emergency Core Cooling System at LGS, Units 1 and 2. The installation for LGC, Unit 1, will be during the refueling outage currently scheduled for April 1998. Installation of the suction strainers in LGS, Unit 2, would be completed at a later date. Moreover, the licenses for LGS, Units 1 and 2, would be revised to reflect approval of the installation of the above cited strainers. The new large-capacity replacement strainers would be installed in the Residual Heat Removal and Core Spray systems' pump suction piping.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

By March 2, 1998 the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments to the subject facility operating licenses and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a

petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Pottstown Public Library, 500 High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to