

Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 9, 1998, which is 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 Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-289]

GPU Nuclear Corporation et al.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of GPU Nuclear Corporation, et al., (the licensee) to withdraw its January 16, 1995, application as supplemented by letters dated June 22, and September 20, 1995, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, located in Dauphin County, Pa.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications related to surveillance testing of the control room emergency ventilation system.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 1995 (60 FR 14021). However, by letter dated January 16, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 16, 1995, as supplemented June 22 and September 20, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated January 16, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents 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 Law/Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate 1-3, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388]

Pennsylvania Power and Light Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22 issued to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PP&L, the licensee) for operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would change the SSES Technical Specifications facility staff requirements to allow an individual who does not hold a current senior reactor operator (SRO) license to hold the position of Manager-Nuclear Operations (MNO) and require an individual serving in the capacity of the Operations Supervisor-Nuclear to hold a current SRO license and report directly to the MNO and be responsible for directing the licensed activities of licensed operators.

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

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not: (1) Involve a

significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes affect an administrative control which was based upon the guidance of ANSI N18.1-1971. ANSI N18.1-1971 establishes that the "Operations Manager" hold a SRO license. This standard was oriented to an organization where the duty Shift Supervisors reported directly to the "Operations Manager". The intent being that the person in the chain of command directly above the duty Shift Supervisors hold a SRO license. Susquehanna SES maintains the position of Operations Supervisor-Nuclear as this person within the chain of command. The position of Operations Supervisor-Nuclear satisfies all of the requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971 for the "Operations Manager". These changes retain the commitment to have a member of the unit staff not assigned to shift duties who holds a SRO license.

The proposed changes do not alter the design of any system, structure, or component, nor do they change the way plant systems are operated. They do not reduce the knowledge, qualifications, or skills of licensed operators, and do not affect the way the Operations Group is managed by the Manager-Nuclear Operations. The Manager-Nuclear Operations will continue to maintain the effective performance of operations personnel and ensure that the plant is operated safely and in accordance with the requirements of the operating license. Additionally, the control room operators will continue to be supervised by a licensed senior reactor operator.

The proposed changes do not detract from the Manager-Nuclear Operations ability to perform his primary responsibilities. The Manager-Nuclear Operations is required to achieve the necessary training, skills, and experience to fully understand the operation of plant equipment and the watch requirements for operators.

In summary, the changes retain the commitment to have a member of the unit staff not assigned to shift duties who holds a SRO license. The proposed changes do not detract from the Manager-Nuclear Operations ability to perform his primary responsibilities. Thus, the proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes to Technical Specification 6.2.2g and 6.3.1 do not affect

the design or function of any plant system, structure, or component, nor do they change the way the plant systems are operated. They do not affect the performance of licensed operators. Operation of the plant in conformance with technical specifications and other license requirements will continue to be supervised by personnel who hold a SRO license. Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. The proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed changes involve an administrative control that is not related to a margin of safety. The proposed changes do not reduce the level of knowledge or experience required of an individual in the chain of command who serves directly above the duty Shift Supervisors in that the control room operators will continue to be supervised by personnel who hold a SRO license. Thus, the proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication

date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By March 26, 1998, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license 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 Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. 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 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 rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any

hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene 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. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Jay Silberg, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 26, 1998, which is 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 Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Agency Holding the Meeting: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Date: Weeks of February 23, March 2, 9, and 16, 1998.

Place: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Status: Public and Closed.

Matters to be considered:

Week of February 23

There are no meetings the week of February 23.

Week of March 2—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of March 2.

Week of March 9—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of March 9.

Week of March 16—Tentative

Thursday, March 19

2:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. **CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection, Comment Request, Standard Form 1153

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) and 5 CFR 1320.5 (a)(i)(iv), this notice announces that OPM intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of an information collection.

The Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee, is provided to the appropriate person(s) for completion as soon as practicable after the death of a civilian employee. The employing agency and, in the event of a disputed claim, OPM will use this information to help determine the claimant's and others' rights to the deceased employee's unpaid compensation. The authority to settle these claims was transferred from the General Accounting Office to the Director of OMB pursuant to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 1996. Subsequently, the Director of OMB delegated this function to OPM.

It is estimated that 3300 individuals will respond annually for a total burden of 1,650 hours. To obtain copies of this proposal please contact James M. Farron at (202) 418-3208 or by E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility;
- whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate; and
- ways in which we can minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before April 25, 1998. Submit comments on this proposal to Paul Britner, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7F08A, 1900 E. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20415.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of Information Collection: Form RI 38-31

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a