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Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by June 21, 1999. Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0151), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 48 CFR part 20, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Acquisition Regulation (NRCAR).

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion; one time.

5. *Who is required or asked to report:* Offerors responding to NRC solicitations and contractors receiving contract awards from NRC.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 11,311.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 750.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 120,449 hours (10.7 hours per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not Applicable.

10. *Abstract:* The mandatory requirements of the NRCAR implement and supplement the government-wide Federal Acquisition Regulation, and ensure that the regulations governing the procurement of goods and services within the NRC satisfy the needs of the agency.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide website (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by June 21, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Eric Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0169), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* New.

2. *The title of the information collection:* "Request for Approval of Foreign Travel".

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 445.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Contractors and consultants who travel to foreign countries in the course of conducting business for the NRC.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 30.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 30.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 30.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Information forwarded on NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Foreign Travel, is supplied by consultants and contractors who travel to foreign countries in the course of conducting business for the NRC. In accordance with 48 CFR part 20, "NRC Acquisition Regulation," contractors traveling to foreign countries are required to complete this form. The information requested includes the name of the Office Director/Regional Administrator recommending travel, approval by the Office Director, Regional Administrator or Chairman, as appropriate, the traveler's identifying information, purpose of travel, a listing of the trip coordinators, other NRC travelers and contractors attending the same meeting, and a proposed itinerary.

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Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-249]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-25, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee), for operation of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, located in Grundy County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would reduce the number of safety valves required for overpressure protection at Dresden, Unit 3, by excluding from Technical Specifications (TS) section 3.6.E the safety valve function of the Target Rock safety/relief valve (SRV). The proposed amendment would also move the safety valve lift pressure setpoints from TS section 3.6.E to TS section 4.6.E.

This request for amendment was submitted under exigent circumstances to prevent undue shutdown or derate of the unit due to the safety valve function of the Target Rock safety/relief valve becoming inoperable on May 3, 1999. The time necessary for ComEd to develop this TS request would not allow the normal 30-day period for public comment since ComEd had no prior knowledge of this inoperability.

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.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine 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. Does the change involve a significant increase in the probability of occurrence or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

The probability of an evaluated accident is derived from the probabilities of the individual precursors to that accident. The consequences of an evaluated accident are determined by the operability of plant systems designed to mitigate those consequences. Limits have been established consistent with NRC-approved methods to ensure that fuel performance during normal, transient, and accident conditions is acceptable. The proposed change to permit operation with the Target Rock valve safety function OOS (out of service) does not affect the ability of plant systems to adequately mitigate the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

This conclusion was derived by evaluating all applicable analyses including thermal limit, ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) pressurization events, margin to unipiped safety valve, anticipated transient analysis without scram, LOCA (loss of coolant accident), station blackout, and Appendix R analyses. Therefore, there is no increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated because the analyses support operation with the Target Rock SRV safety function OOS.

2. Does the change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Since the requested change has been previously evaluated, no new precursors of an accident are created and no new

or different kinds of accidents are created. Therefore, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

This conclusion was derived by evaluating all applicable analyses including thermal limit, ASME pressurization events, margin to unipiped safety valve, anticipated transient analysis without scram events, station blackout, and Appendix R analyses. Therefore, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated because the analyses support operation with the Target Rock SRV safety function OOS.

3. Does the change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Allowing Dresden operation with the Target Rock SRV safety function out of service will not involve any reduction in margin of safety. This conclusion was derived by evaluating all existing analyses including thermal limit, ASME pressurization events, margin to unipiped safety valve, anticipated transient analysis without scram events, station blackout, and Appendix R analyses. The analyses previously evaluated remain valid and conservative. Thus there is no reduction in the margin of safety.

Therefore, based upon the above evaluation, ComEd has concluded that these changes do not constitute a significant hazards consideration.

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 by close of business (4:15 p.m. EDT) within 14 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 14-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 14-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant