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Signed in Washington, DC, on May 31, 2001.

Jeffrey T. Rosen,

General Counsel and Director of Policy.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Combined Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that three meetings of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, as follows:

Media Arts (Creativity and Organizational Capacity categories): June 26-27, 2001, Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on June 27th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on June 26th and 27th, and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on June 28th, will be closed.

Music, Section A (Creativity and Organizational Capacity categories): July 9-12, 2001, Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on July 12th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on July 9th-11th and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 12th, will be closed.

Presenting (Creativity and Organizational Capacity categories): July 16-17, 2001, Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. on

July 17th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 16th, and from 9:00-9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on July 17th, will be closed.

Music, Section B (Creativity and Organizational Capacity categories): July 23-25, 2001, Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 25th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on July 23rd-24th and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on July 25th, will be closed.

The closed portions of these meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 22, 2001, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

May 31, 2001.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

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National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-237, 50-249, 50-254 and 50-265]

Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25, issued to Exelon Generation Company, LLC, (EGC, or the licensee), for the operation of Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, respectively, located in Grundy County, Illinois, and Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30, issued to EGC, for operation of the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, respectively, located in Rock Island County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment, requested by letter dated February 22, 2001, as supplemented by letter dated May 4, 2001, would revise the technical specifications to reduce the reactor vessel water level—low scram and isolation setpoints by eight inches.

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:

Does the Proposed Change Involve a Significant Increase in the Probability or Consequences of an Accident Previously Evaluated?

The vessel water level—low scram and isolation functions are not involved in the initiation of accidents or transients. Therefore, reducing the allowable value for these functions does not affect the probability of an accident previously evaluated.

Reducing the allowable value for the vessel water level—low scram and isolation functions does not affect the consequences of the previously evaluated transients and accidents, since other reactor protection and engineered safeguards functions are designed to be the primary functions that initiate to mitigate these events. These functions include the ECCS initiation signals that occur on low-low water level and high drywell pressure and the containment isolation signals that occur on high steam line flow and low steam line pressure. Therefore the consequences of previously evaluated transients and accidents are not affected by the proposed changes.

Does the Proposed Change Create the Possibility of a New or Different Kind of Accident From Any Accident Previously Evaluated?

The proposed change to reduce the allowable value for the vessel water level—low scram and isolation functions does not involve a plant equipment change or affect the purpose of the scram and isolation functions. Therefore the proposed change does not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

Does the Proposed Change Involve a Significant Reduction in a Margin of Safety?

Reducing the allowable value for the vessel water level—low scram and isolation functions does not affect the consequences of the previously evaluated transients and accidents, since other reactor protection and engineered safeguards functions are designed to be the primary functions that initiate to mitigate these events. These functions include the ECCS initiation signals that occur on low-low water level and high drywell pressure and the containment isolation signals that occur on high steam line flow and low steam line pressure. All of the results of these analyses remain within the required acceptance criteria. Therefore, the margin of safety is not reduced for any event evaluated.

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. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

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

By July 6, 2001, 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, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and

Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov. 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, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, 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 Mr. Robert Helfrich, Senior Counsel, Nuclear, Mid-West Regional Operating Group, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, 1400 Opus Place, Suite 900, Downers Grove, Illinois, 60515, 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 February 22, 2001, as supplemented by letter dated May 4, 2001, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of May, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

In the Matter of PPL Susquehanna, LLC, Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring

I

PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL Susquehanna or the licensee), owns 90 percent and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., owns 10 percent of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. PPL Susquehanna exclusively operates the facility.

PPL Susquehanna is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Generation, LLC, which is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Energy Funding Corporation. PPL Energy Funding Corporation is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Corporation, the ultimate parent of PPL Susquehanna.

PPL Susquehanna and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., jointly hold Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-14 for SSES Unit 1 and NPF-22 for SSES Unit 2, issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) pursuant to part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 50) on July 17, 1982, and March 23, 1984, respectively.

II

Pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.80, PPL Susquehanna filed an application dated March 6, 2001, which was supplemented by a submittal dated April 4, 2001 (collectively herein referred to as the application), requesting the Commission's consent to the indirect transfer of the SSES Units 1 and 2 licenses, to the extent held by PPL Susquehanna, in connection with the proposed corporate restructuring of PPL Susquehanna's parent organization involving the addition of PPL Energy Supply, LLC, as an intermediary, indirect parent of PPL Susquehanna. The application does not involve Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Upon completion of the restructuring, PPL Energy Supply, LLC, will become a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Energy Funding Corporation and the direct parent of PPL Generation, LLC. PPL Susquehanna, therefore, will become an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of PPL Energy Supply, LLC. No physical changes to the SSES facilities or operational changes are proposed in the application. PPL Susquehanna, the SSES Units 1 and 2 licensee authorized to operate and maintain the facility, and PPL Susquehanna and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., the licensed owners of SSES Units 1 and 2, will continue to be so following the restructuring. No direct transfer of the license will result from the planned restructuring. Notice of this request for approval was published in the **Federal Register** on April 25, 2001 (66 FR 20839). No hearing requests or written comments were received.

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 other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed restructuring of PPL Susquehanna's parent organization described above will not affect the qualifications of PPL Susquehanna as a holder of the SSES Units 1 and 2 licenses, and that the indirect transfer of the licenses, to the