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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Agenda: Sunshine Act Meeting

Item #1

—**TIME AND DATE:** 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 26, 1996.

—**PLACE:** The Managing Director's Conference Room, Rm. 6430—6th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

—**STATUS:** Closed to the Public Under Exemption 10 of the Government in Sunshine Act.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: 6740—Opinion and Order: Administrator v. Slikker, Docket SE-14082; disposition of respondent's appeal.

Items #2 and #3

—**TIME:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 26, 1996.

—**PLACE:** The Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

—**STATUS:** Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

6609B—Aviation Accident Report: In-Flight Loss of Propeller Blade, Forced Landing and Collision With Terrain, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., Flight 529, Embraer EMB-120RT, Carrollton, Georgia, August 21, 1995.

6746—Marine Accident/Summary Report: Capsizing of Questar Motorboat and Drowning of Operator, South of Shelter Island, Juneau, Alaska, August 21, 1994.

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Dated: November 15, 1996.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-219-OLA; ASLBP No. 96-717-02-OLA]

General Public Utility Nuclear Corporation, (Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station); Notice of Hearing (Application To Approve Technical Specification Change)

November 14, 1996.

On May 8, 1996, the NRC staff announced in the Federal Register (1) a proposed "no significant hazards consideration" finding regarding an April 15, 1996 request by licensee General Public Utility Nuclear Corporation (GPUN) to revise Technical Specification 5.3.1.B for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS); and (2) an opportunity for a hearing on that GPUN license amendment application. (61 FR 20,842, 20,842-43, 20,848.) The then-current technical specification prohibited the handling of a load greater in weight than one spent fuel assembly over irradiated fuel in the spent fuel pool. The then-proposed technical specification change was intended to facilitate the off load of spent fuel from the OCNGS spent fuel pool to the OCNGS independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) by permitting the shield plug for a dry shielded canister (DSC) and associated lifting hardware to be moved over irradiated fuel in the DSC while the DSC is submerged in the spent fuel pool preparatory to being secured with the shield plug, lifting from the pool, and transporting to the onsite ISFSI.

Acting on the hearing offering, on June 6, 1996, pro se petitioners Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS), Oyster Creek Nuclear Watch (OCNW), and the Citizens Awareness Network (CAN) filed a timely hearing request and petition to intervene seeking to challenge the proposed technical specification change. On June 13, 1996, the Commission referred the petitioners' hearing request to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel for the appointment of a presiding officer to conduct any necessary proceedings. On June 17, 1996, the Chief Administrative Judge of the Panel appointed this Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to act on the Commission's referral. (61 FR 31,964.) The Board consists of Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Dr. Peter S. Lam, and G. Paul Bollwerk, III, who serves as Chairman of the Board.

After receiving additional filings from the participants on the issues of the petitioners' standing and the admissibility of their single joint

contention, on August 7, 1996, the Board held a prehearing conference during which petitioner NIRS, GPUN, and the staff made further presentations addressing those matters. On October 25, 1996, the Board issued a memorandum and order in which it ruled that (1) petitioners NIRS and OCNW had established representational standing as of right; (2) petitioner CAN had failed to show either that it is entitled to standing as of right or that it should be afforded discretionary standing, but nonetheless would be permitted to participate as an amicus curiae; and (3) petitioners NIRS and OCNW had put forth an admissible legal contention regarding the validity of the proposed technical specification revision under the agency's "defense-in-depth" policy. The Board thus granted the hearing request of petitioners NIRS and OCNW. (See LBP-96-23, 44 NRC ____ (Oct. 25, 1996).) Thereafter, on November 7, 1996, the staff made a finding that the proposed technical specification change involves "no significant hazards consideration" and issued the requested license amendment.

Please take notice that a hearing will be conducted in this proceeding. This hearing will be governed by the formal hearing procedures set forth in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart G (10 CFR 2.700-.790).

During the course of the proceeding, the Board may conduct an oral argument, as provided in 10 CFR 2.755, and may hold additional prehearing conferences pursuant to 10 CFR 2.752. The public is invited to attend any oral argument, prehearing conference, or evidentiary hearing, which may be held pursuant to 10 CFR 2.750-.751. Notice of such sessions will be published in the Federal Register and/or made available to the public at the NRC Public Document Rooms.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.715(a), any person not a party to the proceeding may submit a written limited appearance statement setting forth his or her position on the issue in this proceeding. These statements do not constitute evidence, but may assist the Board and/or parties in the definition of the issue being considered. Persons wishing to submit a written limited appearance statement should send it to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. A copy of the statement also should be served on the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The Board will decide at a later date whether to entertain oral limited appearance statements.

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20555; and at the NRC Local Public Document Room at the Ocean County Library, Reference Department, 101 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753.

Issued in Rockville, Maryland, on November 14, 1996.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on December 5-7, 1996, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the Federal Register on Monday, November 27, 1995 (60 FR 58393).

Thursday, December 5, 1996

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting and comment briefly regarding items of current interest. During this session, the Committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports.

8:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: Proposed Standard Review Plan (SRP) Sections and Regulatory Guides Associated with Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed SRP Sections and regulatory guides associated with risk-informed, performance-based regulation, and related matters.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: NRC Research Program on Instrumentation and Control Systems (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the ongoing and proposed research activities in the area of instrumentation and control systems.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Plant Aging Research Program (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the ongoing and proposed research activities associated with plant aging.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.: Human Performance Program Plan (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding ongoing and proposed activities associated with the NRC Human Performance Program Plan.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

5:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. It may also discuss a proposed ACRS report to Congress on the NRC Safety Research Program.

Friday, December 6, 1996

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-9:15 a.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will discuss the following items for meeting with the NRC Commissioners:

- Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems.
- Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Plan for Upgrading NRC Thermal-Hydraulic Codes.
- Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation and Related Matters.
- Potential Use of IPE/IPEEE Results to Compare the Risk of the Current Population of Plants with the Safety Goals.
- Use of Safety Goals on a Plant-Specific Basis.
- Use of RULENET in the Regulatory Process.

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners, Commissioners Conference Room, One White Flint North (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners to discuss the matters identified above.

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities (Open)—The Committee will discuss recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to ACRS.

A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and matters the

release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: NRC Emergency Response Program (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the modifications to the NRC Emergency Response Program.

2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports, including the EDO response to the October 21, 1996 ACRS report on Thermal-Hydraulics Research Plan.

2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.: Election of Officers for CY 1997 (Open)—The Committee will elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ACRS and Member-at-Large for the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee.

3:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. It may also discuss a proposed ACRS report to Congress on the NRC Safety Research Program.

Saturday, December 7, 1996

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. It may also discuss a proposed ACRS report to Congress on the NRC Safety Research Program.

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Strategic Planning (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of items of significant importance to NRC, including rebaselining of the Committee activities for FY 1997.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the Federal Register on October 1, 1996 (61 FR 51310). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained