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Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) the CFDA number of the competition under which the application is being submitted.

#### **Application Forms**

Applicants are required to submit the following forms, assurances, and certifications::

A. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4-94)) and instructions.

B. Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (ED Form 524) and instructions.

C. Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424B).

D. Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (ED 80-0013).

E. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion: Lower Tier Covered Transactions (ED 80-0014, 9/90) and instructions.

(Note: ED 80-0014 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to the NIFL.)

F. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL) (if applicable) and instructions.

An applicant may submit information on a photostat copy of the application and budget forms, the assurances and the certifications. However, the application form, the Instructions for Estimated Public Reporting Burden:

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#### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

#### **Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meetings, Sunshine Act Meeting**

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

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical System (#1205).

1. *Date:* July 28-29, 1997.

*Type of Proposal:* Individual Investigator Awards.

2. *Date:* July 31, 1997.

*Type of Proposal:* NonDestructive Technology.

*Contact:* Dr. John B. Scalzi, Program Director, Large Structural and Building Systems Program, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1361.

*Time:* 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

*Place:* Room 530, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Large Structural and Building Systems Program 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 data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 USC 552b(c)(4) (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: July 8, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

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#### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

#### **Sunshine Act Meeting; Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering & Environmental Systems**

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

**NAME:** Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering & Environmental Systems (1205).

**DATE & TIME:** July 31, 1997; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Holiday Inn (Airport), Newark, New Jersey.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Closed.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dr. Barbara Karn, Program Director, Environmental Technology Program, Division of Bioengineering & Environmental Systems, Room 565, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230 703/306-1320.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

**AGENDA:** To review and evaluate NSF/Lucent Technologies Industrial Ecology Research Fellowship 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 Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-302]

### Florida Power Corporation, Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 3; Exemption

#### I

Florida Power Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-72, which authorizes operation of the Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 3 (CR3). The license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility is of a pressurized water reactor type and is located in Citrus County, Florida.

#### II

In its letter dated April 7, 1997, the licensee requested an exemption from the Commission's regulations. Title 10

of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 50, Section 60 (10 CFR 50.60), "Acceptance Criteria for Fracture Prevention Measures for Lightwater Nuclear Power Reactors for Normal Operation," states that all lightwater nuclear power reactors must meet the fracture toughness and material surveillance program requirements for the reactor coolant pressure boundary as set forth in Appendices G and H to 10 CFR Part 50. Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 defines pressure/temperature (P/T) limits during any condition of normal operation, including anticipated operational occurrences and system hydrostatic tests to which the pressure boundary may be subjected over its service lifetime. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.60(b), alternatives to the Appendices G and H to 10 CFR Part 50 requirements may be used when an exemption is granted by the Commission under 10 CFR 50.12.

To prevent low-temperature overpressure transients that would produce pressure excursions exceeding the P/T limits of Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 while the reactor is operating at low temperatures, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code) Section XI requires that a low-temperature overpressure protection (LTOP) system shall be effective at coolant temperatures less than 200°F or at coolant temperatures corresponding to a reactor vessel metal temperature less than reference temperature nil-ductility (RT<sub>NDT</sub>)+50°F, whichever is greater.

At CR3, the LTOP system includes a pressure-relieving device; power-operated relief valve (PORV). The PORV is to be set at a pressure low enough so that if an LTOP transient occurred, the mitigation system would prevent the pressure in the reactor vessel from exceeding the P/T limits of Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50. To prevent the PORVs from lifting as a result of normal operating pressure surges (e.g., reactor coolant pumps starting or stopping) with the reactor coolant system (RCS) in a water solid condition, the operating pressure must be maintained below the PORV setpoint. The licensee indicates that its LTOP PORV setpoint, based on the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, would restrict the P/T operating window and could potentially result in undesired actuation of the PORV during normal heatup and cooldown operation. The operating window is restricted by the difference between the P/T limit curves and the reactor coolant pump net positive suction head curve.

The licensee indicates that plant operation with this restriction places an

unnecessary burden on plant operators to ensure safety limits are maintained, and could potentially result in an undesired actuation of the PORV during normal heatup and cooldown operation. Therefore, the licensee proposed that the PORV setpoint for LTOP events be determined using the safety margins developed in an alternate methodology in lieu of the safety margins required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G. The alternate methodology would be consistent with ASME Code Case N-514, "Low Temperature Overpressure Protection," which allows exceeding the pressure of the P/T limits of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, by 10 percent. ASME Code Case N-514 is consistent with guidelines developed by the ASME Working Group on Operating Plant Criteria to define pressure limits during LTOP events. The code case methodology is intended to avoid certain unnecessary operational restrictions, provide adequate margins against failure of the reactor pressure vessel, and reduce the potential for unnecessary activation of pressure-relieving devices used for LTOP. ASME Code Case N-514 has been approved by the ASME Code Committee. The content of this code case has been incorporated into Appendix G of Section XI of the ASME Code and published in the 1993 Addenda to Section XI.

An exemption from 10 CFR 50.60 is required to use the alternate methodology for calculating the maximum allowable pressure for LTOP considerations. By application dated April 7, 1997, the licensee requested an exemption from 10 CFR 50.60 to allow it to utilize the alternate methodology of Code Case N-514 for computing its LTOP setpoints.

#### III

Presently, CR3 Technical Specifications (TS) do not include LTOP features. By letter dated June 7, 1997, the licensee confirmed lowering the PORV setpoint to 454 psig. These values are based on the approved 15 effective full power years (EFPY) P/T curves for normal cooldown and heatup, using the methodology described in ASME Code, Appendix G, with no reactor coolant pumps running. The licensee also confirmed that it currently controls LTOP features administratively using operating procedures (OPs). These OPs:

- (1) Limit the Pressurizer level to less than 220 inches to accommodate a water level surge, and RCS pressure to 100 psig,
- (2) Require both trains of High Pressure Injection (HPI) valves to be closed and breakers secured to prevent