

Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

*Date & Time:* Friday, November 21; 8:30 AM—5:00 PM.

*Place:* Room 360, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, Division of Ocean Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1582.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate OCE's Career 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 in The Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure; Notice of Meeting

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 Networking and Communications (#1207).

*Date and Time:* November 17 & 18, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1150 and Room 1120, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person(s):* Tatsuya Suda, Program Director, CISE/NCRI, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1950.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted for the Career Program.

*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 in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; Notice of Meeting

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

*Date and Time:* Monday, November 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Program Manager, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: 703/306-1096.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the National Medal of Science recipients.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations for the medal of science award as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (1171).

*Date & Time:* November 17, 1997; 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; November 18, 1997; 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

*Place:* NSF, Room 375, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Catherine J. Hines, Executive Secretary; Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, NSF, Suite 905; 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1741.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to SBE programs and activities.

*Agenda:* Discussions on issues, role and future direction of the NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-261]

### Carolina Power & Light Company; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 176 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 issued to Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee), which revised the operating license and Appendices A and B to the operating license for the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 (HBR), located in Darlington County, South Carolina. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment implements a full conversion of the HBR Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based upon NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications Westinghouse Plants," Revision 0, dated September 1992 (including travellers used in the issuance of Revision 1, dated April 1995).

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1996 (61 FR 55830). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the

environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (62 FR 50409).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated August 27, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated December 18, 1996, January 17, February 18, March 27, April 4, April 25, April 29, May 30, June 2, June 13, June 18, August 4, August 8, September 10, October 2 (RNP RA/97-0216), October 2 (RNP RA/97-0207), October 13, and October 21, 1997, (2) Amendment No. 176 to License No. DPR-23, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. All of these items 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 Hartsville Memorial Library, 147 West College Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David C. Trimble,**

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

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-423]

**Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its April 28, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, located in New London County, Connecticut.

Technical Specification Surveillances 4.1.2.3.1, 4.1.2.4.1, 4.5.2.f, and 4.5.2.h require the charging and safety injection pumps to be tested on a periodic basis and after modifications that alter subsystem flow characteristics. The proposed amendment would have made

changes to these surveillance requirements.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 1997 (62 FR 30635). However, by letter dated October 15, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 28, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated October 15, 1997, 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 Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**James W. Andersen,**

*Project Manager, Special Projects Office—Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-423]

**Northeast Nuclear Energy Company Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its May 30, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, located in New London County, Connecticut.

Technical Specification (TS) Surveillances 4.5.2.f and 4.6.2.2.b require the periodic flow testing of the recirculation spray system pumps. The proposed amendment would have changed the surveillances by replacing the pump differential acceptance criteria with a pump acceptance curve.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in

the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1997 (62 FR 35849). However, by letter dated October 15, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 30, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated October 15, 1997, 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 Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**James W. Andersen,**

*Project Manager, Special Projects Office—Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 70-7002]

**Notice of Amendment to Certificate of Compliance GDP-2 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation, Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Portsmouth, Ohio**

The Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has made a determination that the following amendment request is not significant in accordance with 10 CFR 76.45. In making that determination, the staff concluded that: (1) there is no change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (2) there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure; (3) there is no significant construction impact; (4) there is no significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents; (5) the proposed changes do not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident; (6) there is no significant reduction in any margin of safety; and (7) the proposed changes will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards, or security programs. The