

Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before April 9, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

101st Full Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plan

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 101st open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held Tuesday, April 7, 1998, in Room S2508, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Third and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the meeting, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m., is to consider the items listed below:

- I. Welcome and Introduction and Swearing In of New Council Members
- II. Assistant Secretary's Report
 - A. PWBA Priorities for 1998
 - B. Announcement of Council Chair and Vice Chair
- III. Introduction of PWBA Senior Staff
- IV. Summary of the Final Reports of Advisory Council Working Groups for the 1997 Term
- V. Determination of Topics to Be Addressed by Council Working Groups for 1998
- VI. Statements from the General Public
- VII. Adjourn

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topics the Council may wish to study for the year concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before March 24, 1998 to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon

Morrissey by March 24 at the address indicated.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before March 24, 1998.

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of March, 1998.

Olena Berg,

Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: NRC Form 314—Certificate of Disposition of Materials.

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0028

3. How often the collection is required: The form is submitted once, when a licensee terminates its license.

4. Who is required or asked to report: Persons holding an NRC license for the possession and use of radioactive byproduct, source, or special nuclear material who are ceasing licensed activities and terminating the license.

5. The number of annual respondents: 400

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: An average of 0.5 hours per response, for a total of 200 hours.

7. Abstract: NRC Form 314 furnishes information to NRC regarding transfer or other disposition of radioactive material by licensees who wish to terminate their licenses. The information is used by NRC as part of the basis for its determination that the facility has been

cleared of radioactive material before the facility is released for unrestricted use.

Submit, by May 11, 1998, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft 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 web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of March, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-261]

Carolina Power & Light Company (H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit No. 2), Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 to Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L or the licensee) for operation of the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (HBR) located at the licensee's site in Darlington County, South Carolina.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of Proposed Action*

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a), which requires in each area in which special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements to maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated April 23, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated August 27, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of 10 CFR 70.24 is to ensure that, if a criticality were to occur during the handling of special nuclear material, personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. At a commercial nuclear power plant, the inadvertent criticality with which 10 CFR 70.24 is concerned could occur during fuel handling operations. The special nuclear material that could be assembled into a critical mass at a commercial nuclear power plant is in the form of nuclear fuel; the quantity of other forms of special nuclear material that is stored on site is small enough to preclude achieving a critical mass. Because the fuel is not enriched beyond 5.0 weight percent Uranium-235 and because commercial nuclear plant licensees have procedures and design features that prevent inadvertent criticality, the staff has determined that it is unlikely that an inadvertent criticality could occur due to the handling of special nuclear material at a commercial power reactor. The requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a), therefore, are not necessary to ensure the safety of personnel during the handling of special nuclear materials at commercial power reactors. However, an exemption to 10 CFR 70.24(a) is needed to permit a deviation from these requirements.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action involves features located entirely within the protected area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20.

The proposed action will not result in an increase in the probability or consequences of accidents or result in a change in occupational or offsite dose. Therefore, there are no radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action will not result in a change in nonradiological plant effluents and will have no other nonradiological environmental impact.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no environmental impacts associated with this action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed exemption, the staff considered denial of the requested exemption. Denial of the request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of H.B. Robinson Nuclear Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2," dated April 1975.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on February 10, 1998, the staff consulted with the South Carolina State official, Virgil Autry, South Carolina Department of Health, Bureau of Radiological Health and Environmental Control. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's

letters dated April 23 and August 27, 1997, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, which is located at 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 2nd day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph W. Shea,

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of March 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1998.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of March 9

There are no meetings the week of March 9.

Week of March 16—Tentative

Thursday, March 19

2:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING), (if needed).

Week of March 23—Tentative

Monday, March 23

2:30 p.m.—Briefing on MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility Licensing, (PUBLIC MEETING), (Contact: Ted Sherr, 301-415-7218).

Thursday, March 26

11:00 a.m.—Briefing by Executive Branch (Closed—Ex. 1).

2:00 p.m.—Briefing on Recent Research Program Results, (PUBLIC MEETING).

3:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING), (if needed).

Week of March 30—Tentative

Monday, March 30

2:00 p.m.—Briefing by Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB), (PUBLIC MEETING).