

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 1998 to commence at the close of the Proposed Rulemaking Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. as previously noticed at 63 FR 31943-31945.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Capitol Center for the Arts, Governor's Hall, 44 South Main Street, Concord, NH.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 43 State Street, PO Box 1058, Montpelier, VT 05601. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Commission will consider matters relating to administration and the price regulation, including the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees. The Commission will also consider a proposed interim procedural rule regarding rulemaking procedures and procedures for conducting producer referenda.

Authority: (a) Article V, Section 11 of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and all other applicable Articles and Sections, as approved by Section 147, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIR ACT), Pub. L. 104-127, and as thereby set forth in S.J. Res. 28(1)(b) of the 104th Congress; Finding of Compelling Public Interest by United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, August 8, 1996 and March 20, 1997. (b) Bylaws of the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, adopted November 21, 1996.

Kenneth Becker,

Executive Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and

that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance."

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* All directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, or owning NRC licensed facilities as well as directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations supplying basic components and safety related design, analysis, testing, inspection, and consulting services to NRC licensed facilities or activities.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 230 responses.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 100 respondents.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 17,093 (13,480 reporting hours and 3,613 recordkeeping hours).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 21 implements Section 206 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. It requires directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, owning, or supplying basic components to NRC licensed facilities or activities to report defects and noncompliances that could create a substantial safety hazard at NRC licensed facilities or activities. Organizations subject to 10 CFR Part 21 are also required to maintain such records as may be required to assure compliance with this regulation.

The NRC staff reviews 10 CFR Part 21 reports to determine whether the reported defects in basic components and related services and failures to comply at NRC licensed facilities or activities are potentially generic safety problems.

A copy of the final 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 should be directed to the OMB reviewer by July 24, 1998.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0035), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of June 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 Nos. 50-325 and 50-324]

Carolina Power & Light 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 Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee) to withdraw its May 23, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have reduced the short-term limit for Dose Equivalent I-131 activity in the reactor coolant from 4.0 microcuries/gram to 3.0 microcuries/gram.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 1997 (62 FR 40847). However, by letter dated April 17, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 23, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated April 17, 1998, 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 University of North Carolina at Wilmington, William Madison Randall Library, 601 S. College

Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403-3297.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of June 1998.

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 Nos. 50-327 and 50-328]

Tennessee Valley Authority (Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2); Confirmatory Order Modifying License Effective Immediately

I

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, or the Licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79, which authorizes operation of Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 located in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

II

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has been concerned that Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier systems installed by licensees may not provide the level of fire endurance intended and that licensees that use Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barriers may not be meeting regulatory requirements. During the 1992 to 1994 timeframe, the NRC staff issued Generic Letter (GL) 92-08, "Thermo-Lag 330-1 Fire Barriers" and subsequent requests for additional information that requested licensees to submit plans and schedules for resolving the Thermo-Lag issue. The NRC staff has obtained and reviewed all licensees' corrective plans and schedules. The staff is concerned that some licensees may not be making adequate progress toward resolving the plant-specific issues, and that some implementation schedules may be either too tenuous or too protracted. For example, several licensees informed the NRC staff that their completion dates had slipped by 6 months to as much as 3 years. For plants that have completion action scheduled beyond 1997, including Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, the NRC staff has met with the licensees to discuss the progress of the licensees' corrective actions and the extent of licensee management attention regarding completion of Thermo-Lag corrective actions. In addition, the NRC staff discussed with licensees the possibility

of accelerating their completion schedules.

TVA was one of the licensees with which the NRC staff held meetings. At the May 30, 1997, meeting, the NRC staff reviewed with TVA the schedule of Thermo-Lag corrective actions for the Sequoyah units described in the handout presented to the NRC during that meeting. Based on the information provided during the meeting, as well as a subsequent letter dated June 25, 1997, the NRC staff has concluded that the schedules presented by TVA are reasonable. This conclusion is based on (1) the amount of installed Thermo-Lag, (2) the complexity of the plant-specific fire barrier configurations and issues, (3) the need to perform certain plant modifications during outages as opposed to those that can be performed while the plant is at power, and (4) integration with other significant, but unrelated issues that TVA is addressing at its plant. In order to remove compensatory measures such as fire watches, it has been determined that resolution of the Thermo-Lag corrective actions by TVA must be completed in accordance with current schedules. By letter dated April 29, 1998, the NRC staff notified TVA of its plan to incorporate TVA's schedule commitment into a requirement by issuance of an order and requested consent from the Licensee. By letter dated May 13, 1998, TVA provided its consent to issuance of a Confirmatory Order.

III

The Licensee's commitment as set forth in its letter of May 13, 1998, is acceptable and is necessary for the NRC to conclude that public health and safety are reasonably assured.

To preclude any schedule slippage and to assure public health and safety, the NRC staff has determined that the Licensee's commitment in its May 13, 1998, letter be confirmed by this Order. The Licensee has agreed to this action. Based on the above, and the Licensee's consent, this Order is immediately effective upon issuance.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 103, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182, and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202 and 10 CFR Part 50, It Is Hereby Ordered, effective immediately, that:

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) shall complete final implementation of Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barrier corrective actions at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 as described in the TVA submittal

dated June 25, 1997. Walkdowns, evaluations, and upgrades will be completed by June 30, 1999.

The Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, may relax or rescind, in writing, any provisions of this Confirmatory Order upon a showing by the Licensee of good cause.

V

Any person adversely affected by this Confirmatory Order, other than the Licensee, may request a hearing within 20 days of its issuance. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, Washington, D.C. 20555. Copies of the hearing request shall also be sent to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, to the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region II at the Atlanta Federal Center, 23 T85, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3415, and to the Licensee. If such a person requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his/her interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is requested by a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any such hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Confirmatory Order should be sustained.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this Order.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 18th day of June 1998.