

4:30 p.m.—Licensees/Petitioner's final statements

4:45 p.m.—Meeting concludes

Note: All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

By letter dated September 25, 1998, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS or Petitioner) submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the River Bend Station be immediately shut down and its operating license suspended or modified until the facility's design and licensing basis were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies, or until all failed fuel assemblies were removed from the reactor core. The Petitioner also requested that a public hearing be held to discuss this matter in the Washington, D.C. area.

By letter dated November 9, 1998, the UCS also submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant be immediately shut down and its operating license suspended or modified until the facility's design and licensing basis were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies, or until all failed fuel assemblies were removed from the reactor core. The Petitioner also requested a public hearing in the Washington, D.C. area.

The purpose of this informal public hearing is to obtain additional information from the Petitioner, the licensees, and the public for NRC staff use in evaluating the Petitions. Therefore, this informal public hearing will be limited to information relevant to issues raised in the two Petitions. The staff will not offer any preliminary views on its evaluation of the Petitions. The informal public hearing will be chaired by a senior NRC official who will limit presentations to the above subject.

The format of the informal public hearing will be as follows: opening remarks by the NRC regarding the general 10 CFR 2.206 process, the purpose of informal public hearing, and a brief summary of the Petitions (15 minutes); time for the Petitioner to explain the basis of the Petitions (45 minutes); time for the NRC to ask the Petitioner questions for the purposes of clarification (15 minutes); time for the licensees to address the issues raised in the petition (30 minutes for each licensee); time for the NRC to ask the licensees questions for the purposes of clarification (15 minutes each, following licensees' presentations); time for public comments relative to the Petition (45 minutes); and time for the licensees' and Petitioner's final statements (15 minutes).

Members of the public who are interested in presenting information relative to the Petitions should notify the NRC official named below, 5 working days prior to the hearing. A brief summary of the information to be presented and the time requested should be provided in order to make appropriate arrangements. Time allotted for presentations by members of the public at all locations will be determined based upon the number of requests received and will be announced at the beginning of the hearing. The order for public presentations will be determined on a first received—first to speak basis. Written statements should be mailed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O-13H03, Attention: Robert Fretz, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Requests for the opportunity to present information can be made by contacting Robert Fretz, Project Manager, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, at (301) 415-1324 between 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST), Monday—Friday. Persons planning to attend this informal public hearing are urged to contact the above NRC representative 1 or 2 working days prior to the informal public hearing to be advised of any changes that may have occurred.

Directions to the video teleconferencing sites located in Baton Rouge, Cleveland and Painesville are provided below; however, participants are urged to consult local maps and directories for more detailed information to verify exact location.

To Baton Rouge VTC site at LSU from Interstate Highways I-10 and I-12 (East and West): From I-10, take one of the two exits identified for the Louisiana State University and follow the signs to the LSU Campus. Follow the signs to the LSU Visitors' Center. Members of the public will need to pick up a parking permit at the Visitors' Center. Visitors will be allowed to park along Tower Drive or utilize meter parking provided. Additional parking information may be obtained at the Visitors' Center. The video conference will be held in Room 202, Coates Hall, which is located within the Quadrangle at LSU. To Baton Rouge VTC site at LSU from St. Francisville: From US-61 South, take the I-110 exit toward Baton Rouge and merge onto I-110 South; follow I-110 to I-10. Take one of the two exits identified for Louisiana State University and follow the directions to the Visitors' Center and Coates Hall above.

Members of the Public are advised that parking at LSU is limited and are urged to arrive at the LSU Campus early

in order to obtain available parking. The public is welcome to utilize the LSU Student Union facilities for lunch prior to the start of the informal public hearing.

To Cleveland VTC from Airport: Take I-71 North to East 9th Street exit of the Innerbelt; travel North on East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue. From I-77 North: Take the East 9th Street exit; travel North on East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue. From I-90 Eastbound: Take the East 9th Street exit; travel North on East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue. From I-90 Westbound: Take the East 9th Street exit; turn left onto East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue; turn left on St. Clair Avenue for parking.

To the Lake Erie College (LEC) VTC facility from Interstate 90: From I-90, take SR-44 North toward Painesville. Exit at SR-2 North/East and follow SR-2 to the SR-283 exit. Take SR-283 to US Route 20, and turn right on US-20. Lake Erie College is located on US-20. Heading from Painesville, take the second drive (left turn) into the Lake Erie College campus. There are two large parking lots available to the public on the left. The parking lot for Holden Center will be the second lot on the left. To Lake Erie College VTC facility heading East on US Route 20: Take the first drive (right turn) into the LEC campus. There are two large parking lots available to the public on the left. The parking lot for Holden Center will be the second lot on the left. The Distance Learning Center is located in Room 302 of the Arthur S. Holden Center.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Elinor G. Adensam,

Director, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-302]

Florida Power Corporation, et al. (Crystal River, Unit 3); Correction of Exemption

I

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

The facility consists of a pressurized-water reactor at the licensee's site located in Citrus County, Florida.

II

With respect to certain generic issues for facilities operating prior to January 1, 1979, except to the extent set forth in 10 CFR 50.48(b), 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, sets forth fire protection features required to satisfy general design Criterion 3 of the Commission's regulations. On October 29, 1997, the NRC granted to the licensee an exemption from certain of these requirements. By letter dated March 25, 1998, as revised March 27, 1998, the licensee informed the NRC that the exemption contained errors primarily regarding the designations of fire zones and fire areas and requested that the exemption be reissued to correct the errors.

III

The NRC has reviewed the proposed corrections submitted by the licensee and concludes that the requested corrections to the exemption are appropriate. The specific corrections are as follows:

1. In Section III, page 3, change lines 5 and 6 to read "* * * auxiliary building fire zones AB-95-3B and G, AB-119-6A (elevations 95 and 119) and the intermediate building fire zones IB-119-201A and IB-119-201B (elevation 119)." In Section IV, page 9, change lines 3 and 4 to read "* * * fire zones AB-95-3B and G, AB-119-6A (elevations 95 and 119) and the intermediate building fire zones IB-119-201A and IB-119-201B (elevation 119), would provide. * * *" A fire zone is a subpart of a fire area and is designated by the addition of a letter identifier. Thus, fire zone AB-95-3B is a part of fire area AB-95-3. The staff inadvertently used the terminology for a fire area when listing the fire zones for which an exemption had been requested, and thus the correction to change the wording to fire zone is appropriate. In addition, in the list of fire zones for which the exemption applied, the staff inadvertently omitted fire zone IB-119-201B. An exemption

for this fire zone was requested by the licensee, was discussed in the Safety Evaluation (SE) supporting the exemption, and approved by the staff. Therefore, correcting the wording to include fire zone IB-119-201B in the list of fire zones is appropriate.

2. In Section III, page 3, change the 5th line from bottom of page to read, "Auxiliary building hallway AB-95-3B." Due to a typographical error the fire zone identification for the auxiliary building hallway was identified as AB-95-3BA. The correct designation is AB-95-3B.

3. In Section III, page 5, change line 1 to read "Auxiliary building hallway AB-119-6A." The discussion of fire zone AB-119-6A was inadvertently labeled as AB-95-3G. Fire zone AB-95-3G was discussed in the previous paragraph of the SE. The description of the fire zone in this paragraph is for fire zone AB-119-6A. Therefore, the change to accurately reflect the correct fire zone is appropriate.

4. In Section III, page 5, change the 8th line from bottom of page to read "This zone connects the industrial cooler room to the auxiliary building. * * *" Fire zone IB-119-201A is a corridor which connects the industrial cooler room to the auxiliary building. Due to a typographical error, the words were transposed to read industrial room cooler. Therefore, the correction of the wording is appropriate.

IV

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission hereby corrects the specific exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III. G, granted on October 29, 1997, for Crystal River Unit 3, as reflected above.

This Correction of Exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,
Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor
Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Cumulative Report on Rescissions and Deferrals

February 1, 1999.

This report is submitted in fulfillment of the requirement of Section 1014(e) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344). Section 1014(e) requires a monthly report listing all budget authority for the current fiscal year for which, as of the first day of the month, a special message had been transmitted to Congress.

This report gives the status, as of February 1, 1999, of three rescission proposals that have been pending for less than 45 days and three deferrals contained in two special messages for FY 1999. These messages were transmitted to Congress on October 22, 1998, and February 1, 1999.

Rescissions (Attachments A and C)

As of February 1, 1999, three rescission proposals totaling \$35 million have been transmitted to the Congress. Attachment B shows the status of the FY 1999 rescission proposals.

Deferrals (Attachments B and D)

As of February 1, 1999, \$1.6 billion in budget authority was being deferred from obligation. Attachment D shows the status of each deferral reported during FY 1999.

Information From Special Messages

The special messages containing information on the rescission proposals and deferrals that are covered by this cumulative report are printed in the editions of the **Federal Register** cited below:

63 FR 63949, Tuesday, November 17, 1998

As of this date, the February 1, 1999, special message has not been published.

Jacob J. Lew,
Director.

ATTACHMENT A.—STATUS OF FY 1999 RESCISSIONS

[in millions of dollars]

	Budgetary resources
Rescissions proposed by the President	35.0
Rejected by the Congress	
Currently before the Congress	35.0