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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-400]

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 March 3, 1995, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-63 for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1, located in New Hill, North Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to eliminate the periodic response time testing TS requirements for selected pressure and differential pressure sensors in certain Reactor Trip System and Engineered Safety Features Actuation System instrumentation channels.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on March 29, 1995 (60 FR 16183). However, by letter dated July 23, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 3, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated July 23, 1996, 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 Cameron Village Regional Library, 1930 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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[Docket No. 50-305]

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; Wisconsin Power and Light Company; Madison Gas and Electric Company; Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant; 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 Part 50, Appendix K, Sections I.D.3 and I.D.5, to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin Power and Light Company, and Madison Gas and Electric Company (the licensee), for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant located in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would grant relief from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, Sections I.D.3 and I.D.5, as these requirements relate to the calculational method for determining the core exit flow based on carryover fraction and the heat transfer analysis during the refill and reflood phase of a loss of coolant accident (LOCA). These calculations are part of a thermal/hydraulic analysis that demonstrates the existing emergency core cooling system (ECCS) will provide adequate protection of the reactor fuel during a LOCA.

The proposed exemption is in accordance with the licensee's request for exemption dated July 23, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption is required because the features described in the licensee's request indicate that the method assumed for injection cooling water in the reactor in thermal/hydraulic analysis is different than the actual method used at the plant. The evaluation model for analyzing potential accidents assumed cooling water would enter the reactor via the lower plenum, while the pipe configuration of the plant injects cooling water in the upper plenum of the reactor.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed exemption and concludes that the exemption deals with the calculational method in the analysis of a potential accident. The exemption does not affect in any way the plant operating characteristics or procedures, components or systems. Further, the proposed exemption will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes

are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed exemption involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded 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 action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application 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 for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 1, 1996, the staff consulted with the Wisconsin State official, Lanny L. Smith, Director-Technical Unit, Electric Division, of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. 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 letter dated July 23, 1996, which is 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 Wisconsin, Cofrin Library, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311-7001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide planned for its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide is temporarily identified as DG-0010, "Preparation of Petitions for Rulemaking Under 10 CFR 2.802 and Preparation and Submission of Proposals for Regulatory Guidance Documents," and is intended for Division 10, "General." DG-1037 is being developed to provide guidance to persons who submit petitions for rulemaking to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; this guidance concerns the type and quantity of information that would allow the NRC to process the petitions in an expeditious manner. This regulatory guide would also provide guidance on submitting proposals to change existing NRC regulatory guidance documents.

This draft guide is being issued to involve the public in the early stages of the development of a regulatory position in this area. The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on the guide. Comments should be accompanied by supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document

Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by September 12, 1996.

Comments may be submitted electronically, in either ASCII text or Wordperfect format (version 5.1 or later), by calling the NRC Electronic Bulletin Board on FedWorld. The bulletin board may be accessed using a personal computer, a modem, and one of the commonly available communications software packages, or directly via Internet.

If using a personal computer and modem, the NRC subsystem on FedWorld can be accessed directly by dialing the toll free number: 1-800-303-9672. Communication software parameters should be set as follows: parity to none, data bits to 8, and stop bits to 1 (N,8,1). Using ANSI or VT-100 terminal emulation, the NRC NUREGs and RegGuides for Comment subsystem can then be accessed by selecting the "Rules Menu" option from the "NRC Main Menu." For further information about options available for NRC at FedWorld, consult the "Help/Information Center" from the "NRC Main Menu." Users will find the "FedWorld Online User's Guides" particularly helpful. Many NRC subsystems and databases also have a "Help/Information Center" option that is tailored to the particular subsystem.

The NRC subsystem on FedWorld can also be accessed by a direct dial phone number for the main FedWorld BBS, 703-321-3339, or by using Telnet via Internet, fedworld.gov. If using 703-321-3339 to contact FedWorld, the NRC subsystem will be accessed from the main FedWorld menu by selecting the "Regulatory, Government Administration and State Systems," then selecting "Regulatory Information Mall." At that point, a menu will be displayed that has an option "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" that will take you to the NRC Online main menu. The NRC Online area also can be accessed directly by typing "/go nrc" at a FedWorld command line. If you access NRC from FedWorld's main menu, you may return to FedWorld by selecting the "Return to FedWorld" option from the NRC Online Main Menu. However, if you access NRC at FedWorld by using NRC's toll-free number, you will have full access to all NRC systems but you will not have access to the main FedWorld system.

If you contact FedWorld using Telnet, you will see the NRC area and menus, including the Rules menu. Although you will be able to download documents and leave messages, you will not be able to write comments or upload files (comments). If you contact

FedWorld using FTP, all files can be accessed and downloaded but uploads are not allowed; all you will see is a list of files without descriptions (normal Gopher look). An index file listing all files within a subdirectory, with descriptions, is included. There is a 15-minute time limit for FTP access.

Although FedWorld can be accessed through the World Wide Web, like FTP that mode only provides access for downloading files and does not display the NRC Rules menu.

For more information on NRC bulletin boards call Mr. Arthur Davis, Systems Integration and Development Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-5780; e-mail AXD3@nrc.gov. For more information on this Draft Regulatory Guide DG-0010, contact T.Y. Chang at (301)415-6450; e-mail TYC@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.