

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged information.

Agenda: To provide oversight review of the Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience.

Open Sessions: July 17, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.; July 18, 1 p.m.–2 p.m.; July 19, 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

Reason for Closing: During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include information of a proprietary 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.

Reason for Late Notice: Committee membership was not finalized until June 20, 2000 and scheduling dates to include travel could not take place until membership was finalized.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture and industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation (1194).

Date/Time: August 31, 2000, 8 am–5:30 pm.

Place: Room 330 and 365, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. George Hazelrigg, Program Director, Design and Integration Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 508, Arlington, VA 2230. Telephone: (703) 306–1330.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate “NSF/SANDIA” proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C.

522b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; 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 Electrical and Communications System (1196).

Date/Time: July 24, 2000–8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 380, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Usha Varshney, Program Director, Electronic, Photonics and Device Technologies (EPDT), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundations, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1339.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals in the Electronics, Photonics and Device Technologies program 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 within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental & Integrative Activities; 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 Experimental & Integrative Activities (1193).

Date/Time: July 24, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: Room 130, 320, 330, 340, 370, and 470, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Caroline Wardle, Information Technology Workforce, Experimental and Integrative Activities, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306–1981.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate CISE Information Technology Workforce proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 00–77).

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

Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (1198).

Date/Time: August 25, 2000; 8 am–5 pm.

Place: Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 Fairfax, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Richard J. Anderson, Senior Science Advisor, Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), National Science Foundation, Suite 875, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306–1683.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning EPSCoR Infrastructure Improvement proposals submitted to the NSF EPSCoR program for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reasons 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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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-461]

Amergen Energy Company, LLC; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-62 issued to AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (the licensee) for operation of the Clinton Power Station (CPS) located in DeWitt County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would change the leak rate test frequency for the primary containment feedwater penetrations designed to be sealed by the Feedwater Leakage Control System from a specific test interval of 18 months to a frequency based on the performance-based Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program. Additionally, an editorial change was requested to reverse the order of Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirements 3.6.1.3.11 and 3.6.1.3.12. This change was requested because it would group TS 3.6.1.3.12 with other TS having the same applicability and frequency.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR

50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

(1) The proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change to Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.6.1.3.12 involves a change in frequency of the combined leakage rate of the primary containment feedwater penetrations that are designed to be sealed by the Feedwater Leakage Control System (FWLCS). Testing performed pursuant to this Surveillance Requirement is not an initiator to any accident previously evaluated. The proposed change does not affect the design, operational characteristics, function or reliability of the FWLCS or the primary containment feedwater penetrations. Further, the change has no impact on plant design or operation, as it is merely a change in the specified frequency for the affected SR. Therefore, the proposed change does not affect any parameters or conditions that may contribute to the initiation of any accidents previously evaluated, and as a result, the probability of initiation of any accident previously evaluated will not be significantly increased.

The proposed change to the specified Frequency for SR 3.6.1.3.12 would permit a longer test interval for this surveillance. An excessively long test interval could result in reduced leak tightness of the feedwater penetrations and, therefore, in reduced effectiveness of the barrier presented by the feedwater penetrations and the FWLCS. However, this potential is precluded by making the SR 3.6.1.3.12 test interval performance based. Such an approach is based on approved industry guidelines reflected in the Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program outlined in Technical Specification 5.5.13. Accordingly, a longer test interval would only be permitted if leak test performance supports the longer interval. It should also be noted that the acceptance criterion for the water-type leak test imposed by SR 3.6.1.3.12 was established on the expected capability of the feedwater penetrations to meet this acceptance criterion. Thus, the proposed change to SR 3.6.1.3.12 will not result in reduced barrier performance of the feedwater penetrations, nor in reduced effectiveness of the FWLCS. These barriers for the prevention or minimization of post-LOCA radioactive release from the containment will not therefore be adversely impacted by the proposed change. The FWLCS and the feedwater penetrations will still be required to be Operable per the Technical Specifications and thus capable of performing their accident mitigation functions assumed in the accident analysis. On this basis, the consequences of any accident previously evaluated are not affected by the proposed change.

Based on the above, the proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences on any accident previously evaluated.

(2) The proposed change would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of

accident from any accident previously evaluated.

Changing the surveillance Frequency of the combined leakage rate of the primary containment feedwater penetrations that are designed to be sealed by the FWLCS does not involve a change in the design, configuration, or method of operation of the plant. The proposed change does not involve a physical alteration of the plant (no new or different type of equipment will be installed) or a change in the method governing normal plant operation. No new accident initiators are introduced as a result of the change in specified surveillance Frequency. Therefore, this change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

(3) The proposed change will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The margin of safety related to the proposed change involves the offsite dose consequences that result from the release of radioactive material from the containment following a design basis accident. This release is effected by leakage through the containment, including the feedwater penetrations sealed by the FWLCS. The proposed change to the Frequency for the leakage rate test for these penetrations does not involve a change to the acceptance criteria for the leakage rate test, nor in the effectiveness of the testing since the test interval for the test will be performance based. That is, an acceptable level of reliability (leak tightness) of the feedwater penetrations will be maintained using the performance-based Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program. On this basis, the proposed change does not involve a reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public