

dated October 26, 1995, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated December 7, 1994, and the licensee's letter dated October 26, 1995, which withdrew the application for license amendments. 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 Atkins Library, University of North Carolina, Charlotte (UNCC Station), North Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of November 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Victor Nerses,

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[Docket No. 50-390]

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Issuance of Facility Operating License

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission), has issued Facility Operating License No. NPF-20 (the license) to Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee). This license authorizes operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (the facility), by the licensee at reactor core power levels not in excess of 170 megawatts thermal (5% of design thermal power) in accordance with the provisions of the license, the Technical Specifications (Appendix A to the license), and the Environmental Protection Plan (Appendix B to the license).

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, is a pressurized-water nuclear reactor located at the licensee's site on the west bank of Chickamauga Lake in Rhea County, Tennessee.

The application for the license complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license. Prior public notice of the overall action involving the proposed issuance of an operating license was published in the Federal Register on December 27, 1976 (41 FR 56244).

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this license will not result in any environmental impacts other than those evaluated in the Final Environmental Statement (NUREG-0498), and Supplement 1, since the activity authorized by the license is encompassed by the overall action evaluated in the Final Environmental Statement.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.52, the Commission has determined that the issuance of exemptions included in this license will have no significant impact on the environment. These determinations were published in the Federal Register on April 18, 1985 (50 FR 15516) and April 25, 1995 (60 FR 20291).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) Facility Operating License No. NPF-20 with appendices stated above; (2) the Commission's Safety Evaluation Report (NUREG-0847) dated June 1982, and Supplements 1 through 19; (3) the licensee's Final Safety Analysis Report as amended to Amendment No. 91; (4) The licensee's Environmental Report and supplements thereto; and (5) the Commission's Final Environmental Statement (NUREG-0498) dated December 1978 and Supplement 1 dated April 1995. These items are available at the NRC's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the local public document room, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Library, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. A copy of the Facility Operating License No. NPF-20 may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects I/II. Copies of the Safety Evaluation Report (NUREG-0847) and Supplements 1-19, and the Final Environmental Statement (NUREG-0498) and Supplement 1 may be purchased at current rates from the National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15250-7954 (telephone no. 202-783-3238). All orders should clearly identify the NRC publication number and the requestor's GPO deposit account, or VISA or Mastercard number and expiration date.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of November, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate II-3, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II.

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[Docket Nos. STN 50-529 and STN 50-530]

Arizona Public Service Company, et al., Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-51 and NPF-74, issued to Arizona Public Service Company, et al. (the licensee), for operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would delete provisions added by previous amendments as a result of previous sale and leaseback arrangements entered into by El Paso Electric Company. El Paso Electric Company would re-obtain full ownership rights and continue to receive electric output from Palo Verde at its proportionate share. The requested rescission is part of a reorganization plan being pursued by El Paso Electric Company under a pending case before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas subsequent to its filing for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on January 8, 1992.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated October 3, 1995.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action in the form of an amendment is needed for approval by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas of a reorganization plan being pursued by El Paso Electric Company in a proceeding under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code initiated on January 8, 1992.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there will be no changes to the facility or to the operating, maintenance, engineering or other nuclear-related personnel as a result of the proposed reorganization and license

amendment. No changes resulting from the reorganization are expected with regard to the following: lines of authority and responsibility, essential nuclear support functions provided to Palo Verde, effectiveness of the organization, priorities and ongoing plant improvement projects, technical qualifications, and corporate financial resources presently available in support of Palo Verde operations.

The change 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 action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve 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 action.

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 Related to the Operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3," dated February 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 9, 1995, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, 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 October 3, 1995, 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 Phoenix Public Library, 12 N. Central, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting: Scientific Activities in the ESF, Repository Design Issues, Program Priorities, Use of Expert Judgment, Defense Waste Impact Issues, and Response to NAS Standards Report Top List for January 1996 Meeting in Las Vegas

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold its winter meeting on January 10 and 11, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 4255 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (Tel) 702-369-4400; (Fax) 702-369-3770. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

Presentations during the meeting will cover a variety of subjects. Scientific activities taking place in the exploratory studies facility and repository design issues top the list. Fiscal year 1996 program priorities within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the use of expert judgment are also key issues that will be reviewed. Additional topics planned for the two-day meeting include: deposition of surplus weapons plutonium; defense waste planning for Yucca Mountain; reactions from the Environmental

Protection Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Department of Energy (DOE) to the National Academy of Sciences report on the technical bases for Yucca Mountain standards; waste management efforts in the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom; and the DOE's technical basis report on surface processes.

Time will be set aside on the agenda for public comment and questions. To ensure that everyone wishing to speak is provided time to do so, the Board encourages those who have comments to sign the Public Comment Register, which will be located at the sign-in table. Those registering are advised that, depending on the number of people wishing to speak, a speaking time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks. However, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. In that same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on computer disk or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning February 26, 1996. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: November 16, 1995.

William Barnard,
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Review Board.*

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Salary Council

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the forty-seventh