

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Extension.

2. The title of the information collection: NRC Form 314—Certificate of Disposition of Materials.

3. How often the collection is required: The form is submitted once, when a licensee terminates its license.

4. Who will be required or asked to report: Persons holding an NRC license for the possession and use of radioactive byproduct, source, or special nuclear material who are ceasing licensed activities and terminating the license.

5. The estimated number of annual respondents: 400.

6. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: An average of 0.5 hours per response, for a total of 200 hours.

7. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

8. Abstract: NRC Form 314 furnishes information to NRC regarding transfer or other disposition of radioactive material by licensees who wish to terminate their licenses. The information is used by NRC as part of the basis for its determination that the facility has been cleared of radioactive material before the facility is released for unrestricted use.

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 June 22, 1998: Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0028), 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, Md, this 14th day of May 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 No. 50-261]

Carolina Power and Light Co.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License DPR-23, issued to Carolina Power and Light Company (the licensee), for operation of the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBR), Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would revise the HBR Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to include the evaluation of a previously unanalyzed spent fuel cask drop scenario. The scenario involves postulated drop of a loaded spent fuel shipping cask as the cask is being moved from the decontamination facility to the shipping railcar with the valve box cover removed.

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

By June 19, 1998, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available 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 Hartsville Memorial Library, 147 West College Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the

results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature and extent of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which the petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specific requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in this matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish the facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudication Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, and to William D. Johnson, Vice President and Senior Counsel, Carolina Power and Light Company, Post Office Box 1551, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions, and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based on a balancing of factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

If a request for a hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendment after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of its proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 28, 1997, 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 Hartsville Memorial Library, 147 West College Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 13th day of April, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

P.T. Kuo,

Acting Director, Project Directorate II-1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Palisades Nuclear Plant; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a portion of a request by Consumers Energy Company (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 issued to the licensee for operation of the Palisades Nuclear Plant, located in Van Buren County, Michigan. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 1996 (61 FR 49493).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications to conform the administrative controls section of the Technical Specifications to the guidance of NUREG-1432, "Standard Technical Specifications, Combustion Engineering Plants," and to revise associated surveillance requirements. As part of its request, the licensee proposed to revise Technical Specifications limitations on the dose rate resulting from radioactive material released in gaseous effluents to areas beyond the site boundary. The licensee's submittal did not include sufficient information for the staff to evaluate this proposed change.

The NRC staff has concluded that a portion of the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated May 7, 1998.

By June 22, 1998, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Judd L. Bacon, Esquire, Consumers Energy Company, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated December 11, 1995, as supplemented January 18, September 3, October 2, October 18, October 25, 1996, and March 28, 1997, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated May 7, 1998.

These 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 Van Wylen Library, Hope College, Holland, Michigan 49423.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 7th day of May 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert G. Schaaf,

Project Manager, Project Directorate III-1, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications regarding inspection requirements for the reactor coolant pump (RCP) flywheels. As part of its request, the licensee proposed to revise Technical Specification 6.5.6 to apply the provisions of Surveillance Requirement 4.0.2, which permits extension of surveillance intervals by up to 25%, to the flywheel inspection program. The licensee's submittal did not include sufficient information for the staff to evaluate this proposed change.

The NRC staff has concluded that a portion of the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the