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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 must specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature 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 that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition must also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which 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 specificity 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 that must include a list of the contentions that the petitioner seeks to have litigated in the hearing. 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 each contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion that 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 those facts or expert opinion. The 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 that, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement that 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 and 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 Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. A copy of the request for a hearing and the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Edward J. Cullen, Jr., Vice President and General Counsel, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, 300 Exelon Way, KSB 3-W, Kennett Square, PA 19348, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for a hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer, or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the 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 June 18, 2001, as supplemented by letters dated September 7 and 28, October 17, 23, 26, and 31, November 8 (2 letters), 20, 21, 29, and 30, and December 5, 6, 7, 13 (2 letters), 20, 21, and 26, 2001, and

January 8, 15, and 16, 2002, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of January 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353]

### Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Exelon Generation Company, LLC, (the licensee) to withdraw its June 13, 2001, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85 for the Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendments would have modified the facility and the facility Technical Specifications by replacing the interim corrective actions for thermal-hydraulic power oscillations with an automatic reactor scram from the output of the oscillation power range monitor. However, by letter dated December 13, 2001, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 13, 2001, and the licensee's letter dated December 13, 2001, which withdrew the application for license amendments. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint

North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of January 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-327-OLA, 50-328-OLA, & 50-390-OLA; ASLBP No. 02-796-01-OLA]

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 & 2; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721, and 2.772(j) of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Tennessee Valley Authority, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 & 2, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1.

This Board is being established pursuant to two notices of consideration of issuance of operating license amendment, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 65,000 and 65,005 (Dec. 17, 2001)). The proceeding involves petitions for intervention submitted January 16, 2002, by We the People, Inc., Tennessee, (WPIT) and the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL), respectively, challenging requests by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to amend the operating licenses for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Watts Bar

Nuclear Plant, Unit 1.<sup>1</sup> The amendments would change facility technical specifications to allow the plants to provide incore irradiation services for the United States Department of Energy for the production of tritium for national defense purposes.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dr. Peter S. Lam, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dr. Thomas S. Elleman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with the administrative judges in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701.

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**G. Paul Bollwerk, III,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Decommissioning Criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project (M-32) at the West Valley Site; Final Policy Statement

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Final policy statement.

**SUMMARY:** On December 3, 1999 (64 FR 67952), the Commission issued, for public comment, a draft policy statement that would approve the application of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) License Termination Rule (LTR), as the decommissioning criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) at the West Valley site. It also held a public meeting, on January 5, 2000, to

<sup>1</sup> Although the TVA license amendment requests that are the subject of the WPIT and BREDL hearing requests that triggered this Licensing Board constitution notice were submitted separately, involve different facilities, and were the subject of separate hearing opportunity notices, both amendments are challenged by each of the petitioners. Under the circumstances, one Licensing Board is being established to consider both contested TVA applications in a consolidated proceeding. Any objection to this consolidation by any of the participants to the proceeding should be raised with the Licensing Board promptly.

solicit public comment on the draft. This final policy statement was developed after considering public comments on the draft, and continues to apply the LTR as the criteria for the WVDP at the West Valley site.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Chad Glenn, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Mail Stop T-8F37, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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  - E. Comments on jurisdictional aspects of prescribing the decommissioning criteria
  - F. Comments on the use of incidental waste criteria at the West Valley site
  - G. Comments related to how the site should be decommissioned
  - H. Comments on the wording of the draft policy statement
  - I. Other comments
- V. Final Policy Statement

### I. Introduction

This final policy statement is being issued under the authority of the WVDP Act, to prescribe decommissioning criteria for the WVDP.

### II. Background (Draft Policy Statement)

From 1966 to 1972, under an Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) license, Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) reprocessed 640 metric tons of spent fuel at its West Valley, New York, facility—the only commercial spent fuel reprocessing plant in the U.S. The facility shut down, in 1972, for modifications to increase its seismic stability and to expand its capacity. In 1976, without restarting the operation, NFS withdrew from the reprocessing business and returned control of the facilities to the site owner, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The reprocessing activities resulted in about 2.3 million liters (600,000 gallons) of liquid high-level waste (HLW) stored below ground in tanks, other radioactive wastes, and residual radioactive contamination.

The West Valley site was licensed by AEC, and then NRC, until 1981, when the license was suspended to execute