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Signed in Washington, DC this 4th day of December, 2002.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**  
Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. STN 50-528]

### Arizona Public Service Co.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated September 26, 2002, and its supplement dated October 23, 2002, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-41 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The proposed amendment would have revised the definition of steam generator tube inspection in Section 5.5.9, "Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program," of the Technical Specifications.

The Commission had previously issued Notices of Consideration of

Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 2002 (67 FR 62079) and on November 26, 2002 (67 FR 70763). The initial notice stated that the amendment had been submitted under exigent circumstances, to be issued on or about October 25, 2002, with the public comment period being less than the normal 30-day period. The basis for the exigent circumstances was provided in the notice. However, on October 25, 2002, the NRC staff issued a letter to the licensee stating that the proposed amendment was not needed on an exigent basis prior to plant restart. Therefore, the second notice was published to provide the normal 30-day public comment period for the amendment. By letter dated November 19, 2002, the licensee requested to withdraw the proposed amendment request, and by letter dated November 22, 2002, the NRC staff stated that it did not object to the licensee's withdrawal of the application. Therefore, the proposed change effectively has been withdrawn.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 26, 2002, and its supplement dated October 23, 2002; the licensee's letter dated November 19, 2002; and the staff's letter of November 22, 2002. 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, or 301-415-4737 or by email to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Jack Donohew,**  
Senior Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

### Virginia Electric and Power Co., North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplement 7 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement Regarding License Renewal for the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a final plant-specific Supplement 7 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses NPF-4 and NPF-7 for the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years of operation. The North Anna Power Station units are operated by Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCo). North Anna Power Station is located on the southern shore of Lake Anna, Louisa County, Virginia. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative methods of power generation.

In Section 9.3 of the report:

Based on (1) the analysis and findings in the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by VEPCo; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision-makers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 7 to the GEIS is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Mr. Andrew J. Kugler, License Renewal and

Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Mr. Kugler may be contacted at 301-415-2828 or by writing to: Andrew J. Kugler, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS O-12D1, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Pao-Tsin Kuo,**

*Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281]

**Virginia Electric and Power Co., Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplement 6 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement Regarding License Renewal for the Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2**

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a final plant-specific Supplement 6 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-32 and DPR-37 for the Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years of operation. The Surry Power Station units are operated by Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCo). Surry Power Station is located on the Gravel Neck Peninsula in Surry County, Virginia. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative methods of power generation.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the report:

Based on (1) the analysis and findings in the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by VEPCo; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision-makers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 6 to the GEIS is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agency wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

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

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

**DATES:** The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium

under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in December 2002. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in January 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Variable-Rate Premiums**

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 100 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). (Although the Treasury Department has ceased issuing 30-year securities, the Internal Revenue Service announces a surrogate yield figure each month—based on the 30-year Treasury bond maturing in February 2031—which the PBGC uses to determine the required interest rate.)

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in December 2002 is 4.96 percent.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between January 2002 and December 2002.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
January 2002 .....	5.48
February 2002 .....	5.45
March 2002 .....	5.40
April 2002 .....	5.71
May 2002 .....	5.68
June 2002 .....	5.65
July 2002 .....	5.52
August 2002 .....	5.39
September 2002 .....	5.08
October 2002 .....	4.76
November 2002 .....	4.93
December 2002 .....	4.96