

granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the environment (60 FR 4929).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of January 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425]

Georgia Power Company, et al.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 issued to Georgia Power Company, et al. (the licensee) for operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Burke County, Georgia.

The proposed amendments would revise Technical Specification 6.4.1.2 to provide a more accurate description of the Plant Review Board (PRB) composition. Specifically, the proposed changes would (1) indicate the plant organization functional areas to be represented on the PRB rather than the departments, (2) combine the Technical Support Department with the Engineering Support Department, and (3) specify a minimum size for the PRB composition in support of the proposed changes.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendments, 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 changes to the Technical Specifications do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated because the composition of the Plant Review Board (PRB) does not directly affect any material condition of the plant that could directly contribute to causing or mitigating the effects of an accident. Additionally, the changes to the PRB composition will not diminish its ability to review plant activities, therefore, these changes will not diminish the PRB's role in reviewing changes that could affect the probability or consequences of accidents.

2. The proposed changes to the Technical Specifications do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated because the changes are administrative in nature to support organizational changes that are needed to enhance the operation of the plant. Since no physical change is being made to the plant or its operating parameters, the proposed changes do not introduce the possibility of a new or different type of accident.

3. The proposed changes to the Technical Specifications do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety because the responsibilities, quorum, meeting frequency and functions of the PRB remain unchanged. The qualifications of the PRB members are not being reduced, therefore, the current level of safety contributed by the PRB function will not be diminished by the proposed Technical Specification changes.

Based upon the preceding information, it has been determined that the proposed Technical Specification changes do not involve a significant hazards consideration as defined by 10 CFR 50.92.

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 and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By March 8, 1995, 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 Burke County Public Library, 412 Fourth Street, Waynesboro, Georgia. 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, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated 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 of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made 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 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 which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the 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 those 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.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (In Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Herbert N. Berkow: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Arthur H. Dombay, Troutman Sanders, NationsBank Plaza, Suite 5200, 600 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia, 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 upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated January 20, 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 Burke County Public Library, 412 Fourth Street Waynesboro, Georgia.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of February 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 40-8968]

Hydro Resources, Inc.

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), will conduct three public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the recently published Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding the proposed construction and operation of an in-situ leach (ISL) project in McKinley County, New Mexico. This DEIS describes and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of granting Hydro Resources, Inc. a combined source and byproduct material license and minerals operating leases for Federal and Indian lands for the ISL project. Comments received on the DEIS will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, to be published at a future date.

Two public meetings will be held on February 22, 1995, at the Crownpoint Chapter House, Crownpoint, New Mexico from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. One public meeting will be held on February 23, 1995, at the Church Rock Chapter House, Church Rock, New Mexico from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

DATES: Public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the DEIS will be held on February 22, 1995 at the Crownpoint Chapter House, Crownpoint, New Mexico from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on February 23, 1995 at the Church Rock Chapter House, Church Rock, New Mexico from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Written comments on the DEIS should be received on or before February 28, 1995, at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: A free single copy of this DEIS (NUREG-1508) may be requested by those considering public comment by writing to the NRC Publications Section, ATTN: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Office, P.O. Box