

[Docket No. 50-155]

**Consumers Power Co.; Receipt of Decommissioning Plan and Decommissioning Environmental Report and Opportunity for Public Comments; Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant**

By letters dated February 27, 1995, the Consumers Power Company (CPCo or the licensee) submitted a proposed Decommissioning Plan supported by an Environmental Report and Decommissioning Cost Study which describe the future decommissioning of the Big Rock Point nuclear plant (BRP or the plant). The plant received a provisional operating license on August 30, 1962, and first went critical on September 23, 1962. Facility Operating License No. DPR-6 was subsequently issued on May 1, 1964. The licensee plans to continue plant operations until the expiration of the current operating license on May 31, 2000. The plant is located on the east shore of Lake Michigan about four miles northeast of Charlevoix, Michigan.

The licensee chose its decommissioning alternative from the alternatives provided in the NRC NUREG-0586, "Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement." These alternatives included DECON (immediate dismantlement), SAFSTOR (a period of safe storage followed by dismantlement), and ENTOMB (entombment). Consumers Power Company selected the SAFSTOR alternative with a 27-year safe storage period. The primary consideration in selecting the extended 27-year safe storage period is the current lack of an available low level waste repository. Following the safe storage period, the plant will be dismantled and the site will be restored to a "green field" condition.

The Decommissioning Plan provides a summary of the plan followed by a discussion of decommissioning alternatives and a facility description that identifies and dispositions plant structures, systems, and components. Subsequent sections of the Decommissioning Plan provide the facility radiological status, waste management plan, decommissioning safety analysis, cost estimate and funding plan, and administration.

A decommissioning trust fund has been established for the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant since 1987. The estimated cost for decommissioning the Big Rock Point Nuclear plant utilizing the SAFSTOR alternative, with a 27-year safe storage period, is approximately \$290.1 million in 1994 constant dollars.

These costs include preparation for decommissioning, the 27-year safe storage period, plant decontamination and dismantlement, and final site restoration.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.82(e), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing this notice to interested persons prior to approval of the Decommissioning Plan. The Decommissioning Plan does not contain any requests for amendments to the BRP Operating License. Therefore, an opportunity for a formal hearing under 10 CFR part 2 of Commission regulations is not being offered by this notice. Hearing opportunities for any license amendments needed in connection with the proposed Decommissioning Plan will be noticed separately.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Decommissioning Plan or Environmental Report. The scope of any written comments should be limited to the contents of the Decommissioning Plan, Environmental Report, or Decommissioning Cost Study.

The staff will review and consider all written comments that are received before taking final action on the proposed Decommissioning Plan. Written comments should be submitted within 30 days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to: Richard F. Dudley, mail Stop OWFN 11-B-20, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition, the NRC will hold a public meeting in Charlevoix, Michigan to describe the NRC decommissioning review process for the Big Rock Point decommissioning plan and to receive public comments on the decommissioning plan. The licensee will present a summary report of the decommissioning plan at the meeting. There will also be a question and answer period to address any public concerns related to the Big Rock Point decommissioning plan and its review by the NRC. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 1995, at 7 pm in the Charlevoix Township Hall (Stroud Hall), 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Copies of the Decommissioning Plan, Environmental Report and Decommissioning Cost Study have been available since early March 1995 at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the Local Public Document Room located at the North Central Michigan College, 1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 1st day of May 1995.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**The University of Washington, (The University of Washington Research Reactor); Order Authorizing Dismantling of Facility and Disposition of Component Parts**

By application dated August 2, 1994, the University of Washington (the licensee) requested authorization to dismantle the University of Washington Research Reactor, Facility License No. R-73, located on the licensee's campus in Seattle, Washington, and to dispose of the component parts, in accordance with the decommissioning plan submitted as part of the application. A "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Orders Authorizing Disposition of Component Parts and Terminating Facility License" was published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1994, (59 FR 45738). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following notice of the proposed action.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has reviewed the application with respect to the provisions of the Commission's rules and regulations and has found that the dismantling and disposal of component parts as stated in the licensee's decommissioning plan will be consistent with the regulations in 10 CFR Ch. I, and will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public. The basis of these findings is set forth in the concurrently issued Safety Evaluation by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed action. Based on that Assessment, the Commission has determined that the proposed action will not result in any significant environmental impact and that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared, (60 FR 21224, dated May 1, 1995).

Accordingly, after the State of Washington provides the funds for decommissioning, the licensee is hereby ordered to dismantle the University of Washington Research Reactor facility covered by Facility License No. R-73, as