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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-400]

**Carolina Power & Light Company;  
Notice of Withdrawal of Application for  
Amendment to Facility Operating  
License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 3, 1995, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-63 for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1, located in New Hill, North Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to eliminate the periodic response time testing TS requirements for selected pressure and differential pressure sensors in certain Reactor Trip System and Engineered Safety Features Actuation System instrumentation channels.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on March 29, 1995 (60 FR 16183). However, by letter dated July 23, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 3, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated July 23, 1996, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above 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 Cameron Village Regional Library, 1930 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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[Docket No. 50-305]

**Wisconsin Public Service Corporation;  
Wisconsin Power and Light Company;  
Madison Gas and Electric Company;  
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant;  
Environmental Assessment and  
Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, Sections I.D.3 and I.D.5, to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin Power and Light Company, and Madison Gas and Electric Company (the licensee), for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant located in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin.

**Environmental Assessment***Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed exemption would grant relief from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, Sections I.D.3 and I.D.5, as these requirements relate to the calculational method for determining the core exit flow based on carryover fraction and the heat transfer analysis during the refill and reflood phase of a loss of coolant accident (LOCA). These calculations are part of a thermal/hydraulic analysis that demonstrates the existing emergency core cooling system (ECCS) will provide adequate protection of the reactor fuel during a LOCA.

The proposed exemption is in accordance with the licensee's request for exemption dated July 23, 1996.

*The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed exemption is required because the features described in the licensee's request indicate that the method assumed for injection cooling water in the reactor in thermal/hydraulic analysis is different than the actual method used at the plant. The evaluation model for analyzing potential accidents assumed cooling water would enter the reactor via the lower plenum, while the pipe configuration of the plant injects cooling water in the upper plenum of the reactor.

*Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed exemption and concludes that the exemption deals with the calculational method in the analysis of a potential accident. The exemption does not affect in any way the plant operating characteristics or procedures, components or systems. Further, the proposed exemption will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes

are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed exemption involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

*Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

*Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant.

*Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 1, 1996, the staff consulted with the Wisconsin State official, Lanny L. Smith, Director-Technical Unit, Electric Division, of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

*Finding of No Significant Impact*

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated July 23, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room,