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### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).

*Date and Time:* September 11-13, 1996, 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

*Place:* Room 1120, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Julie Palais, Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Glaciology Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (1766).

*Date and Time:* September 12 and 13, 1996; 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

*Place:* Room 920, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* Rose Gombay and Christine French, Division of International Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1702.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate U.S. research proposals for international collaboration in materials research as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249]

#### Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment 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 an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25 issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) for operation of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, respectively, located in Grundy County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would delay the implementation of an amendment issued on June 28, 1996. The implementation of the June 28, 1996, license amendment was scheduled to take place 90 days after issuance of the amendment, prior to September 26, 1996. The amendment was the last in a series of amendments issued as part of the licensee's Technical Specification Upgrade Program (TSUP). Both Dresden units have been in forced maintenance outages and, as a result, the licensee has not been able to implement all of the Technical Specifications associated with the TSUP program.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, 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:

The proposed schedule changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated because:

In general, the Technical Specification provisions approved under TSUP represent the conversion of current requirements to a more generic format, or the addition of requirements which are based on the current safety analysis. The delay of implementation of TSUP will result in delay in the incorporation of provisions that provide increased reliability of equipment assumed to operate in the current safety analysis, or provide continued assurance that specified parameters remain within their acceptance limits. A deferral in the implementation of the TSUP will not result in alteration of the precursors associated with the transients and accidents that the current technical specifications and TSUP are based on. Therefore, the deferral of TSUP implementation does not significantly increase the probability or consequences of a previously evaluated accident.

Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated because:

In general, the Technical Specification provisions approved under TSUP represent the conversion of current requirements to a more generic format, or the addition of requirements which are based on the current safety analysis. TSUP provisions also represent minor curtailments of the current requirements which are based on generic guidance or previously approved provisions for other licensees. The changes to the Technical Specification approved under TSUP have not required design changes to the plant nor will the deferral of TSUP result in the creation of any design changes to Dresden Station. No new modes of equipment operation are introduced by the deferral of TSUP implementation. The deferral of TSUP implementation will maintain at least the present level of operability.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

Involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety because:

Some individual changes under TSUP included the adoption of new requirements which will provide enhancement of the