

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents: 2.*

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: An average of 40 hours per response for consultation requests, 80 hours per response for license application review participation proposals, and one hour per response for statements of representative authority. The total burden for all responses is estimated to be 242 hours.*

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.*

10. *Abstract: 10 CFR Part 60 requires States and Indian Tribes to submit certain information to the NRC if they request consultation with the NRC staff concerning the review of a potential repository site, or wish to participate in a license application review for a potential repository. Representatives of States or Indian Tribes must submit a statement of their authority to act in such a representative capacity. The information submitted by the States and Indian Tribes is used by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards as a basis for decisions about the commitment of NRC staff resources to the consultation and participation efforts.*

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC. Members of the public who are in the Washington, DC, area can access the submittal via modem on the Public Document Room Bulletin Board (NRC's Advance Copy Document Library) NRC subsystem at FedWorld, 703-321-3339. Members of the public who are located outside of the Washington, DC, area can dial FedWorld, 1-800-303-9672, or use the FedWorld Internet address:

fedworld.gov (Telnet). The document will be available on the bulletin board for 30 days after the signature date of this notice. If assistance is needed in accessing the document, please contact the FedWorld help desk at 703-487-4608. Additional assistance in locating the document is available from the NRC Public Document Room, nationally at 1-800-397-4209, or within the Washington, DC, area at 202-634-3273.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by May 15, 1997: Edward Michlovich, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0127), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-440]

### The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company; and Ohio Edison Company, et al.; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Corporate Restructuring

Notice is hereby given that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering approval by issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 of an application concerning the proposed merger between Centerior Energy Corporation (the parent corporation for The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), Toledo Edison Company, and Centerior Service Company (CSC); licensees for Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1) and Ohio Edison Company (Perry licensee). Ohio Edison Company is also the parent company for OES Nuclear, Inc., and Pennsylvania Power Company, which are also licensees for Perry. Perry is a nuclear-powered generating facility that is owned and operated in accordance with Facility Operating License No. NPF-58.

By letter dated December 13, 1996, CEI and CSC, on behalf of themselves and Toledo Edison Company, Ohio Edison Company, OES Nuclear Inc., and Pennsylvania Power Company, informed the Commission of, and are seeking consent regarding, a proposed merger of Centerior Energy Corporation and Ohio Edison Company resulting in the formation of a new single holding company, FirstEnergy Corp. Duquesne Light Company, which is also a licensed owner of the Perry plant, is not involved in the merger. Under the proposed merger, CEI, CSC, Toledo Edison Company, and Ohio Edison Company will become wholly-owned subsidiaries of FirstEnergy Corp. Pennsylvania Power Company and OES Nuclear, Inc., will remain wholly-owned subsidiaries of Ohio Edison Company. The current licensees will continue to hold the license, and no direct transfer of the license will result from the merger.

According to the application, the merger will have no adverse effect on either the technical management or

operation of the Perry plant. The technical management and nuclear organization of the plant operators, CEI and CSC, will continue to remain responsible for plant operation and maintenance after the merger.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, the Commission may approve the transfer of control of a license after notice to interested persons. Such approval is contingent upon the Commission's determination that the holder of the license following the transfer is qualified to hold the license and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders of the Commission.

For further details with respect to this proposed action, see the application from CEI and CSC dated December 13, 1996, and the supplemental letter dated February 14, 1997, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room located at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, Perry, Ohio 44081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270 50-287, 50-413, 50-414, 50-369 and 50-370]

### Duke Power Company, et al.; (Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3), (Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2), and (McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2)

#### Exemption

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Duke Power Company, et al. (DPC or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55 for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52 for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; and License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17 for the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission in effect now and hereafter.