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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

Duke Power Company (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2) and (McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2); Exemption

I

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

These facilities consist of two pressurized water reactors located at each of the licensee's site in York County, South Carolina, and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

II

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.71 "Maintenance of records, making of reports," paragraph (e)(4) states, in part, that "Subsequent revisions [to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR)] must be filed annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates to the FSAR does not exceed 24 months." The CNS and MNS two-unit sites share a common UFSAR; therefore, this rule requires the licensee to update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit.

III

Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR, "Specific exemptions," states that

The Commission may, upon application by any interested person, or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part, which are (1) Authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. (2) The

Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present.

Section 50.12(a)(2)(ii) of 10 CFR states that special circumstances are present when "Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule * * *." As noted in the staff's Safety Evaluation, the licensee's proposed schedule for UFSAR updates will ensure that the CNS and MNS UFSARs will be maintained current within 24 months of the last revision and the interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report will not exceed 24 months. The proposed schedule fits within the 24-month duration specified by 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). Literal application of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) would require the licensee to update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit, a more burdensome requirement than intended. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that special circumstances are present as defined in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii). The Commission has further determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and is consistent with the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. The Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) to submit updates to the CNS and MNS UFSARs within 6 months of each unit's refueling outage. The licensee will be required to submit updates to the Catawba UFSAR and McGuire UFSAR within six months after each station's Unit 2 refueling outage. With the current length of fuel cycles, UFSAR updates would be submitted every 18 months, but not to exceed 24 months from the last submittal.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting of this exemption will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment (62 FR 28906).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of June 16, 23, 30, and July 7, 1997.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of June 16

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 16.

Week of June 23—Tentative

Wednesday, June 25

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Operating Reactors and Fuel Facilities (Public Meeting)
(Contact: William Dean, 301-415-1726)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(if needed)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Salem (Public Meeting)
(Contact: John Zwolinski, 301-415-1453)

Week of June 30—Tentative

Thursday, July 3

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(if needed)

Week of July 7—Tentative

Tuesday, July 8

3:30 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(if needed)

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