

*Date and Time:* October 16–17, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1175 Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person(s):* Tatsuya Suda, Program Director, CISE/NCRI, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306–1950.

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

*Agenda:* To review & evaluate proposals submitted for the Networking and Communications Program.

*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.

Dated: September 22, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; 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:* Advisory Panel for Neuroscience (1158).

*Date and Time:* October 16 & 17, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 340, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Emmeline Edwards, Program Director, Behavioral Neuroscience; Dr. Daniel Hartline, Program Director, Computational Neuroscience; Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience; room 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 306–1416.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact persons listed above.

*Agenda:* Open Session: October 17, 1997; 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., To discuss research trends and opportunities in Behavioral and Computational Neuroscience. Closed Session: October 16, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; October 17, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To review and evaluate Behavioral and Computational Neuroscience 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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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–261]

### Carolina Power & Light Company; H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

#### 1.0 Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR–23 issued to the Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L or the licensee) for operation of the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (Robinson) located at the licensee's site in Darlington County, South Carolina.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

This Environmental Assessment has been prepared to address potential environmental issues related to the licensee's application dated August 27, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated January 17, February 18, March 27, April 4, April 25, April 29, May 30, June 2, June 13, June 18, August 4, August 8, and September 10, 1997. The proposed amendment will replace the current Robinson Technical Specifications (CTS) in their entirety with Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) based on Revision 1 to NUREG–1431, "Standard Technical Specifications Westinghouse Plants" dated April 1995, and the CTS for Robinson.

In the application of August 27, 1996, the licensee also requested an amendment to the Appendix B TS to relocate certain radiological and environmental reporting requirements to a licensee-controlled document. Appendix B TS contain environmental reporting requirements which were relocated to Appendix B as an interim action in 1976 pending reissuance of comprehensive Appendix B Environmental TS. These requirements are comparable to portions of other Radiological Environmental Monitoring

TS that are also being separately relocated because they do not relate to mitigating a design basis accident or transient.

#### The Need for the Proposed Action

It has been recognized that nuclear safety in all plants would benefit from improvement and standardization of TS. The Commission's "NRC Interim Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," (52 FR 3788, February 6, 1987), and later the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," (58 FR 39132 (July 22, 1993)), formalized this need. To facilitate the development of individual improved TS, each reactor vendor owners group (OG) and the NRC staff developed standard TS (STS). For Westinghouse plants, the STS are published as NUREG–1431, and this document was the basis for the new Robinson TS. The NRC Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) reviewed the STS and made note of the safety merits of the STS and indicated its support of conversion to the STS by operating plants.

#### Description of the Proposed Change

The proposed revision to the TS is based on NUREG–1431 and on guidance provided in the Final Policy Statement. Its objective is to completely rewrite, reformat, and streamline the existing TS. Emphasis is placed on human factors principles to improve clarity and understanding. The Bases section has been significantly expanded to clarify and better explain the purpose and foundation of each specification. In addition to NUREG–1431, portions of the existing TS were also used as the basis for the ITS. Plant-specific issues (unique design features, requirements, and operating practices) were discussed at length with the licensee, and generic matters with the OG.

The proposed changes from the existing TS can be grouped into four general categories, as follows:

1. Non-technical (administrative) changes, which were intended to make the ITS easier to use for plant operations personnel. They are purely editorial in nature or involve the movement or reformatting of requirements without affecting technical content. Every section of the Robinson TS has undergone these types of changes. In order to ensure consistency, the NRC staff and the licensee have used NUREG–1431 as guidance to reformat and make other administrative changes.
2. Relocation of requirements, which includes items that were in the existing