

applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of March 31, 1997, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME & DATE: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 1997.

PLACE: Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800, Board Room, Washington, D.C. 20005.

STATUS: Open/Closed.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jeffrey T. Bryson, General Counsel/Secretary, 202/376-2441.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes: September 15, 1997 Regular Meeting
- III. Election of Vice Chairman
- IV. Committee Appointments:
 - a. Audit Committee
 - b. Budget Committee
 - c. Personnel Committee
- V. Treasurer's Report
- VI. Executive Director's Quarterly Management Report

VII. Personnel Committee Report:
November 25, 1997, Closed Meeting

VIII. Adjourn

Jeffrey T. Bryson,

General Counsel/Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-327]

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 1; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, 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 No. DPR-77 issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the licensee) for operation of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, located in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee.

The proposed amendment would add a one-time allowance through operating Cycle 9 to Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.4.3.2.1.b to perform stroke testing of the power-operated relief valves (PORVs) in Mode 5 rather than Mode 4, as currently required.

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:

TVA has concluded that operation of SQN Unit 1 in accordance with the proposed change to the TSs . . . does not involve a significant hazards consideration. TVA's conclusion is based on its evaluation, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(1), of the three standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92(c).

A. The proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The possibility of occurrence or the consequences for an accident or malfunction of equipment is not increased as the PORVs have been tested under representative conditions and are fully functional. As such, the PORVs are expected to open and close on demand. In addition, the block valves are still available to mitigate flow from the PORVs.

B. The proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

A possibility for an accident or malfunction of a different type than any evaluated previously in the safety analysis report may be created; or the possibility for an accident or malfunction of a different type does not exist as the PORVs have been tested under representative conditions and are fully functional. No new failure modes have been introduced.

C. The proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The margin of safety has not been reduced. The PORVs are fully functional. However, literal compliance with the TS requires the block valves to be closed. The margin of safety will be increased if continued operation is allowed with the block valves open.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to