

Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 9, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 50-289]

GPU Nuclear Corporation et al.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of GPU Nuclear Corporation, et al., (the licensee) to withdraw its January 16, 1995, application as supplemented by letters dated June 22, and September 20, 1995, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, located in Dauphin County, Pa.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications related to surveillance testing of the control room emergency ventilation system.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 1995 (60 FR 14021). However, by letter dated January 16, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 16, 1995, as supplemented June 22 and September 20, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated January 16, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's

Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Law/Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388]

Pennsylvania Power and Light Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments 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 amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22 issued to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PP&L, the licensee) for operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would change the SSES Technical Specifications facility staff requirements to allow an individual who does not hold a current senior reactor operator (SRO) license to hold the position of Manager-Nuclear Operations (MNO) and require an individual serving in the capacity of the Operations Supervisor-Nuclear to hold a current SRO license and report directly to the MNO and be responsible for directing the licensed activities of licensed operators.

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:

1. The proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes affect an administrative control which was based upon the guidance of ANSI N18.1-1971. ANSI N18.1-1971 establishes that the "Operations Manager" hold a SRO license. This standard was oriented to an organization where the duty Shift Supervisors reported directly to the "Operations Manager". The intent being that the person in the chain of command directly above the duty Shift Supervisors hold a SRO license. Susquehanna SES maintains the position of Operations Supervisor-Nuclear as this person within the chain of command. The position of Operations Supervisor-Nuclear satisfies all of the requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971 for the "Operations Manager". These changes retain the commitment to have a member of the unit staff not assigned to shift duties who holds a SRO license.

The proposed changes do not alter the design of any system, structure, or component, nor do they change the way plant systems are operated. They do not reduce the knowledge, qualifications, or skills of licensed operators, and do not affect the way the Operations Group is managed by the Manager-Nuclear Operations. The Manager-Nuclear Operations will continue to maintain the effective performance of operations personnel and ensure that the plant is operated safely and in accordance with the requirements of the operating license. Additionally, the control room operators will continue to be supervised by a licensed senior reactor operator.

The proposed changes do not detract from the Manager-Nuclear Operations ability to perform his primary responsibilities. The Manager-Nuclear Operations is required to achieve the necessary training, skills, and experience to fully understand the operation of plant equipment and the watch requirements for operators.

In summary, the changes retain the commitment to have a member of the unit staff not assigned to shift duties who holds a SRO license. The proposed changes do not detract from the Manager-Nuclear Operations ability to perform his primary responsibilities. Thus, the proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

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

The proposed changes to Technical Specification 6.2.2g and 6.3.1 do not affect