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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Integrative Activities; 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:* Special Emphasis Panel in Integrative Activities (1373).

*Date and Time:* June 1 & 2, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 330 and 340, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Nathaniel G. Pitts, Director, Office of Integrative Activities, Room 1270, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1040.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate applications submitted to the Collaboratives to Integrate Research and Education (CIRE).

*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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel; 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:* Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).

*Date and Time:* June 4-5, 1998 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Place:* University of Rochester, River Campus, B&L Building, Rochester, NY 14627.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Barry Schneider, Program Director for Theoretical Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1808.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support of the Center for Theoretical and Computational Research in Optical Science (CTR) at the University of Rochester.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the progress and future plans of the Rochester Theory Center.

*Reason For Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. 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. 50-482]

### Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation; 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. NPF-42, issued to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, located in Coffee County, Kansas.

The proposed amendment would add a new action statement to Technical Specification 3/4.3.2, Table 3.3-3, Functional Unit 7.b., Refueling Water Storage Tank Level—Low-Low Coincident with Safety Injection.

On May 5, 1998, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) control room personnel were reviewing the technical specifications associated with the refueling water storage tank (RWST) level, instrumentation and the performance of surveillance procedure, STS IC-201, "Analog Channel Operational Test 7300 Process Instrumentation Protection Set 1 (Red)." During that review, control room personnel identified that when the RWST level channel is taken into the test position, the channel is actually put in a tripped condition. However, the

associated Technical Specification Action Statement (TS 3.3-2, Functional Unit 7.b, Action 16) for an inoperable channel indicates that the inoperable channel must be placed in the bypass condition. There is no time limit allowance for placing an inoperable channel in the bypass condition associated with Action 16. Since this surveillance would render the channel inoperable, and there is no way of performing the surveillance with the channel in the bypass condition, WCNOC personnel determined that a technical specification amendment would be needed to allow the surveillance test to be completed.

The RWST level instrumentation analog channel operational test (STS IC-201) was last performed on February 5, 1998. The surveillance is required by Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.3.2.1 to be performed on a quarterly basis. Taking into account the extra 25 percent allowance from Technical Specification 4.0.2, this surveillance would go overdue, rendering the channel inoperable, on May 31, 1998. The first surveillance test (STS IC-202) for an RWST level channel would go overdue on May 29, 1998, and another channel surveillance test (STS IC-203) will go overdue on May 30, 1998. With two channels being inoperable, entry into Technical Specification 3.0.3 would be required, forcing shutdown of Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS). The time between initial discovery of this event (May 5, 1998) and the date when a forced shutdown of WCGS (May 30, 1998) is less than 30 days; therefore, there is not enough time for normal processing of an amendment.

WCNOC believes that, given the circumstances surrounding the discovery of this event and the complexity of the instrumentation function, WCNOC has made a best effort to submit a timely application for this amendment. WCNOC has not delayed any actions in order to create the need for exigency and therefore take advantage of the procedure described in 10 CFR 50.91 for exigent amendments. WCNOC believes that this exigent amendment is unavoidable and meets the criterion of 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for an exigent request.

The staff finds the licensee acted in a timely manner, the licensee has not abused the exigent provisions and there is not sufficient time to process this amendment request in the routine manner as described in 10 CFR 50.91 without causing an unnecessary plant shutdown.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission