

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudication Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, and to William D. Johnson, Vice President and Senior Counsel, Carolina Power and Light Company, Post Office Box 1551, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions, and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based on a balancing of factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

If a request for a hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendment after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of its proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 28, 1997, 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 Hartsville Memorial Library, 147 West College Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 13th day of April, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

P.T. Kuo,

Acting Director, Project Directorate II-1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Palisades Nuclear Plant; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a portion of a request by Consumers Energy Company (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 issued to the licensee for operation of the Palisades Nuclear Plant, located in Van Buren County, Michigan. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 1996 (61 FR 49493).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications to conform the administrative controls section of the Technical Specifications to the guidance of NUREG-1432, "Standard Technical Specifications, Combustion Engineering Plants," and to revise associated surveillance requirements. As part of its request, the licensee proposed to revise Technical Specifications limitations on the dose rate resulting from radioactive material released in gaseous effluents to areas beyond the site boundary. The licensee's submittal did not include sufficient information for the staff to evaluate this proposed change.

The NRC staff has concluded that a portion of the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated May 7, 1998.

By June 22, 1998, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

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A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Judd L. Bacon, Esquire, Consumers Energy Company, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated December 11, 1995, as supplemented January 18, September 3, October 2, October 18, October 25, 1996, and March 28, 1997, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated May 7, 1998.

These 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 Van Wylen Library, Hope College, Holland, Michigan 49423.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 7th day of May 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Project Manager, Project Directorate III-1, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications regarding inspection requirements for the reactor coolant pump (RCP) flywheels. As part of its request, the licensee proposed to revise Technical Specification 6.5.6 to apply the provisions of Surveillance Requirement 4.0.2, which permits extension of surveillance intervals by up to 25%, to the flywheel inspection program. The licensee's submittal did not include sufficient information for the staff to evaluate this proposed change.

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