

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 8, 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 Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John F. Stang Jr.,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265]

MidAmerican Energy Co.; Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Indirect Transfer of Licenses

Notice is hereby given that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) is considering the issuance of an order approving under 10 CFR 50.80 the indirect transfer of the licenses to the extent held by MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) with respect to its 25 percent ownership interest in Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, effectively to CalEnergy Company (CalEnergy). By letters dated September 10, 1998, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), CalEnergy, and MidAmerican informed the Commission that CalEnergy and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MAHC), the parent holding company of MidAmerican, have entered into a merger agreement, under which CalEnergy effectively will acquire MAHC. MidAmerican will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of what is essentially CalEnergy and remain as a Commission licensee as described in the existing facility operating licenses for Quad Cities.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission consents in writing after notice to interested persons. Such approval is contingent upon the Commission's determination that the holder of the license following the transfer of the control is qualified to hold the license and that the transfer is otherwise

consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations and orders of the Commission. MidAmerican has requested consent under 10 CFR 50.80 for the indirect transfer of the licenses to the extent effected by the merger described above.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application and respective cover letters dated September 10, 1998, and supplemental letter dated September 16, 1998 and attachments thereto which 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 Dixon Public Library, 221 Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Stuart A. Richards,

Director, Project Directorate III-2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Signing of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between the NRC and the Department of Labor (DOL)

AGENCIES: Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Labor.

ACTION: Memorandum of Understanding Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Labor.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Labor entered into a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), effective September 9, 1998. The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate coordination and cooperation concerning the employee protection provisions of Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5851. Both agencies agree that administrative efficiency and sound enforcement policies will be maximized by this cooperation and the timely exchange of information in areas of mutual interest. The text of the MOU is set forth below.

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Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Edward T. Baker III,

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Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Labor and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Cooperation Regarding Employee Protection Matters

1. Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Department of Labor (DOL) enter into this agreement to facilitate coordination and cooperation concerning the employee protection provisions of Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (ERA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5851.

2. Background

Section 211 of the ERA prohibits any employer, including a Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensee, license applicant or a contractor or subcontractor of a Commission licensee or applicant, from discriminating against any employee with respect to his or her compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because the employee assisted or participated, or is about to assist or participate in any manner in any action to carry out the purposes of either the ERA or the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

The NRC and DOL have complementary responsibilities in the area of employee protection. DOL has the responsibility under Section 211 of the ERA to investigate employee complaints of discrimination and may, after an investigation or hearing, order a violator to take affirmative action to abate the violation, reinstate the complainant to his or her former position with back pay, and award compensatory damages, including attorney fees. NRC, although without authority to provide a remedy to an employee, has independent authority under the AEA to take appropriate enforcement action against Commission applicants and licensees and their contractors that violate the AEA or Commission requirements, (i.e., 10 CFR 50.7 and similar requirements in other parts of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations) which prohibit discrimination against employees based on their engaging in protected activities. NRC enforcement action may include issuance of a Notice of Violation to the responsible applicant, licensee,