

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Council on the Humanities; Meeting

November 4, 1998.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) notice is hereby given the National Council on the Humanities will meet in Washington, D.C. on November 19-20, 1998.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out his functions, and to review applications for financial support and gifts offered to the Endowment and to make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

The meeting will be held in the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. A portion of the morning and afternoon sessions on November 19-20, 1998, will not be open to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, because the Council will consider information that may disclose: trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; information of a personal nature and disclosure of which will constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and information the disclosure of which would significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on November 19, 1998 will be as follows:

Committee Meetings

9:00-10:30 a.m.—(Open to the Public) Policy Discussion

Public Programs—Room 420

Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants combined meeting with Federal/State Partnership—Room 527

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—(Closed to the Public)

Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council

Research/Education programs—Room M07

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned—(Open to the Public) Policy Discussion

Research/Education Programs—Room M07

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned—(Closed to the Public) Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council

Public Programs—Room 420

Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants—Room 415

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Jefferson Lecture Committee Meeting—Room 430

The morning session on November 20, 1998 will convene at 8:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Reports

- A. Introductory Remarks
- B. New Directives in Television through Digital Technology
- C. Staff Report
- D. Reports on Policy & General Matters
 1. Overview
 2. Research and Education Programs
 3. Public Programs
 4. Preservation and Access and Challenge Grants
 5. Federal/State Partnership
 6. Jefferson Lecture

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and closed to the public for the reasons stated above.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call area code (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

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Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362]

Southern California Edison 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-10 and NPF-15 issued to Southern California Edison Company (the licensee) for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3 located in San Diego County, California.

The proposed amendments would revise the turbine missile protection calculation methodology in the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (SONGS) licensing basis.

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 change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

This change is in support of a planned replacement of the existing shrunk-on disc turbines with welded-rotor turbines for Units 2 and 3. The new design is believed to be superior to the existing design in terms of the probability of generation of missiles. However, because a new missile strike-and-damage analysis has not been performed, and due to differences in the method of calculation of missile generation probability—for instance, inclusion of stress corrosion cracking as a potential failure mechanism—it is difficult to quantify the change in probability of damage to safety-related equipment due to turbine missile strikes.

However, in order to characterize the effect of the proposed change, a comparison can be made using the current turbine missile methodology for the current design and the proposed methodology for the proposed design. Using the methodology currently approved for San Onofre Units 2 and 3 for the current shrunk-on disc rotor design, the overall probability of damage to safety-related systems, structures, and components is 0.9×10^{-7} .

Using the methodology proposed by this change for the new welded rotor design, the overall probability of damage to safety-related systems, structures, and components is calculated to be 1.7×10^{-8} per year.

Ultimately, the proposed change is acceptable because the overall probability of damage to safety-related systems, structures, and components will be less than or equal to the acceptance criteria of 1×10^{-7} per year stated in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.115. The difference between the calculated value of 1.7×10^{-8} and the acceptance criteria of 1×10^{-7} is considered margin that is available to account for any future changes to the turbine missile generation analysis.

Therefore, this change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

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