

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-259]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted a request by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to withdraw its June 21, 1996, application for an amendment to Facility Operating License DPR-33 issued to TVA for the operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, located in Limestone County, Alabama. The application was supplemented by letter dated February 7, 1997. Notice of consideration of issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42285).

The proposed amendment, submitted in custom technical specification format, would have provided a new safety limit minimum critical power ratio (SLMCPR) to replace the existing non-conservative value. The proposed amendment also would have updated a technical specification bases to clarify the usage of the residual heat removal supplemental spent fuel pool cooling mode.

On May 7, 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued the Bases change, however, no further action was taken on the remainder of the application pending TVA documentation of completion of analyses related to the SLMCPR for Unit 1. On July 14, 1998, the NRC issued Amendment No. 234 to Operating License DPR-33. Amendment No. 234 converted the Unit 1 custom technical specifications, which were in effect at the time the June 21, 1996, application was submitted, into the standard technical specification format. Thus, the NRC was unable to take any further action upon the June 21, 1996, application. TVA's letter of October 13, 1998, informed the staff that the requested changes are no longer needed. Furthermore, since TVA does not now have a firm schedule for the restart of Unit 1, any changes associated with the SLMCPR will be resubmitted prior to Unit 1 restart.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 21, 1996, TVA's letters dated February 7, 1997, and October 13, 1998, and the staff's letter dated September 22, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public Library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of November 1998.

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[Docket No. 50-029-LA-R; ASLBP No. 99-754-01-LA-R]

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Nuclear Power Station), License Termination Plan; Notice of Prehearing Conference

Before Administrative Judges: Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman; Dr. Thomas S. Elleman; Thomas D. Murphy
 November 5, 1998.

Notice is hereby given that, as provided in the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order (Schedules for Remanded Proceeding; Prehearing Conference), dated October 27, 1998, a prehearing conference is hereby scheduled beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 1998, at the Grand Jury Room (top floor), Franklin County Courthouse, 425 Main Street, Greenfield, MA 01301. To the extent necessary, the conference will continue on Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the same location.

The purpose of the conference will be to determine whether any of the petitioners found by the Commission in CLI-98-21 to have standing—i.e., the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, Inc. (NECNP) and the Citizens Awareness Network (CAN)—have submitted admissible contentions conforming to the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714 (b) and (d), to enable them to become parties to the proceeding. The conference will also consider petitions, if any, from interested States or

governmental bodies, as discussed by the Commission in CLI-98-21. Finally, to the extent necessary, the conference will consider discovery and future schedules for various aspects of the proceeding.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.715(a), the Board will hear oral limited appearance statements at this prehearing conference. Any person not a party to the proceeding or a petitioner for intervention will be permitted to make such a statement, either orally or in writing, setting forth his or her position on issues of concern. These statements do not constitute testimony or evidence but may help the Board and/or parties in their deliberations on the extent of the issues to be considered.

Oral limited appearance statements may be given from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 (or such lesser time as is necessary to accommodate speakers who are present), at the same location as the site of the prehearing conference. (To the extent that the Board is apprised of a need to accommodate further speakers, it will attempt to do so at the beginning of any later session of the conference that may be necessary.) The number of persons making oral statements and the time allotted for each statement may be limited depending on the number of persons present at the designated time. (Normally, each oral statement may extend for up to five (5) minutes.) Written statements may be submitted at any time. Written statements, and requests for oral statements, should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555. A copy of such statement or request should also be served on the Chairman of this Licensing Board. (Persons desiring to make oral statements who have filed a written request will be given priority over those who have not filed such a request.)

Documents relating to this application are on file at the Local Public Document Room, located at the Greenfield Community College, 1 College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301, as well as at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L St., N.W., Washington D.C. 20037.

It is so ordered.

Rockville, Maryland, November 5, 1998.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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