

and understanding these changes bring to the TS are expected to improve the operator's control of the plant in normal and accident conditions.

Relocation of requirements to licensee-controlled documents does not change the requirements themselves. Future changes to these requirements may be made by the licensee under 10 CFR 50.59 or other NRC-approved control mechanisms, which ensures continued maintenance of adequate requirements. All such relocations have been found to be in conformance with the guidelines of NUREG-1430 and the Final Policy Statement, and, therefore, are acceptable.

Changes involving more restrictive requirements have been found to be acceptable and are likely to enhance the safety of plant operations.

Changes involving less restrictive requirements have been reviewed individually. When requirements have been shown to provide little or no safety benefit or to place unnecessary burdens on the licensee, their removal from the TS was justified. In most cases, relaxations previously granted to individual plants on a plant-specific basis were the result of a generic NRC action. Generic relaxations contained in NUREG-1430, as well as proposed deviations from NUREG-1430, have also been reviewed by the NRC staff and have been found to be acceptable.

In summary, the proposed revision to the TS was found to provide control of plant operations such that reasonable assurance will be provided so that the health and safety of the public will be adequately protected.

The proposed revision to the TS will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other nonradiological environmental impact.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or

greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to this action would be to deny the application (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Such action would not reduce the environmental impacts of plant operations.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action did not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, dated March 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 30, 1998, the staff consulted with the South Carolina State official, Virgil R. Autry of the Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated October 28, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated March 26, May 20, July 29, August 13, October 1, October 21, October 28, and November 23, 1998, 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 Oconee County Library, 501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd Day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of December 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1998.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 7

Tuesday, December 8

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Irene Little, 301-415-7380)

12:00 m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 14—Tentative

Tuesday, December 15

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 21—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 21, 1998.

Week of December 28—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 28, 1998.

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Dated: December 4, 1998.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

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The National Partnership Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.