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Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate MARGINS Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: June 4, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Microbial Observatories; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Panel for Microbial Observations, a sub-panel of the Advisory Panel for Genetics (1149).

Date and Time: Monday & Tuesday, June 21-22, 1999, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 310, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Drs. Philip Harriman, Program Director, and Charles Liarakos, Deputy Division Director for Microbial Observatories, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306-1440).

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Microbial Observations Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-398]

Florida Power & Light Co., Orlando Utilities Commission of the City of Orlando, Florida and Florida Municipal Power Agency; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-16, issued to the Florida Power & Light Company, *et al.* (the licensee), for operation of the St. Lucie Plant, Unit 2, located in St. Lucie County, Florida.

The proposed amendment would revise the Unit 2 Technical Specifications (TS) to clarify the nonconservative wording of TS 3/4.5.1, "Safety Injection Tanks," Surveillance Requirement 4.5.1.1.d.1 and would revise TS 3/4.5.2, "ECCS Subsystems—Tavg Greater Than or Equal to 325°F," Surveillance Requirement 4.5.2.e.1. The proposed changes would align the surveillance specification with the intent and design bases requirements intended to be verified.

On May 24, 1999, FPL staff submitted a license amendment request, described above, to amend their TS. On June 3, 1999, St. Lucie, Unit 2, began to experience problems unrelated to systems in the previously mentioned TS sections. These problems ultimately resulted in the plant entering TS Mode 3, "Hot Standby," on June 4, 1999, in order to repair and troubleshoot these unrelated equipment problems. Due to the nature of these repairs, the possibility that other emerging work activities may require a lower mode, and the desire of the NRC to avoid granting a notice of enforcement discretion, the staff has decided to pursue this exigent TS amendment. Without this amendment, St. Lucie Plant, Unit 2, could not resume power operation if they were to enter Mode 4, or "Hot Shutdown."

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.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine 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) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment does not involve an increase in the probability or consequences of any accident previously evaluated. There are no physical changes to plant equipment or changes in plant operation that could initiate an accident or adversely affect accident mitigation or consequences. This PLA [proposed license amendment] provides a wording clarification of the Technical Specification Surveillance 4.5.1.1.d.1 requirements for verifying that each SIT [safety injection tank] isolation valve (V-3614, V-3624, V-3634, and V-3644) opens automatically prior to exceeding an actual or simulated RCS [reactor coolant system] pressure of 515 psia, such that design bases functions and safety are assured. This PLA also provides a wording clarification (Surveillance 4.5.2.e.1) for the automatic isolation and interlock action of the SDC [shutdown cooling] system (V-3480, V-3481, V-3651, and V-3652) from the RCS prior to exceeding an RCS pressure (actual or simulated) of 515 psia, such that design bases functions and safety are assured. These clarifications explicitly align the surveillance requirements with the intent and design basis functions for the valves being verified. As such, this change is considered administrative.

(2) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. There are no physical changes to plant equipment or changes in plant operation that could create a new or different kind of accident. This PLA does not result in