in the rights, obligations, or interests of the other joint owners of Millstone Unit 3. In addition, no physical changes to Millstone Unit 3 or operational changes are being proposed. No direct transfer of the license will result from the proposed merger.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the indirect transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transfer of control will not affect the qualifications of the holder of the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments regarding the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By December 6, 1999, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing, and, if not the applicants, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, ''Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications,'' of 10 CFR part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)–(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon Arthur H. Domby, Esq., Troutman Sanders LLP, Nations Bank Plaza, 600 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 5200, Atlanta, Georgia, 30308–2216, attorney for Central Maine; Lillian M. Cuoco, Esq., Senior Nuclear Counsel, Northeast Utilities Service Company, 107 Selden Street, Berlin, Connecticut, 06037, attorney for Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by December 16, 1999, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated October 6, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and electronically on the NRC's web site *http://www.nrc.gov*. (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–482]

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation; 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–42 issued to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) located in Coffey County, Kansas.

The proposed amendment request dated November 8, 1999, would revise several sections of the Improved Technical Specification (ITSs) to correct 15 editorial errors made in the application dated May 15, 1997 (and supplementary letters) for the ITSs or in the certified copy of the ITSs that was submitted in the licensee's letter of March 26, 1999. The ITSs were issued by the staff's letter of March 31, 1999, and will be implemented to replace the current TSs by December 31, 1999. The licensee has also requested four corrections to Table LG, ''Details Relocated from Current Technical Specifications,'' that was attached to the safety evaluation that supported the issuance of the ITS.

The proposed changes to the ITSs are the following.

(1) The correct abbreviation in the table of contents, page ii, Section 3.3.7, is ''CREVS'' instead of ''CREFS''.

(2) The correct reference to an action condition of the limiting condition for operation (LCO) in Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.6.3.1 is ''Condition D'' instead of ''Condition C,'' on ITS page 3.6–12.

(3) The logical connector ''and'' between the E.1 and E.2 required actions for LCO 3.7.10 is being correctly located on ITS page 3.7–22.

(4) The correct reference to a penetration in SR 3.9.4.1 is ''P–98'' instead of ''P–68,'' on ITS page 3.9–6.

(5) The correct reference to a standard in ITS 5.5.11.e is ''ANSI'' instead of ''ASME,'' on ITS page 5.0–20.

(6) The word ''least'' is added to the definition of e-average disintegration energy on ITS page 1.1–3, which was in the application but was not included in the issued ITSs

(7) The font of the section headers on ITS pages 3.2–6, 3.2–7, and 3.2–8 is corrected.

(8) The allowable value with the columns for Function Unit 2.b on ITS page 3.3–15 of Table 3.3.1–1 is properly aligned.

(9) The correct header for the SRs on ITS page 3.3–29 is added.

(10) The word ''not'' is added to the LCO title header on the top of ITS pages 3.4–17 and 3.4–18, which was in the application but not in the ITS, to state the correct title as ''RCS Loops—MODE 5, Loops Not Filled''.

(11) The double line at the top of the actions table on ITS page 3.6–7 for LCO 3.6.3 is added to follow the ITS format.

(12) The spelling of the word ''enrichment'' is corrected, which was correctly spelled in the application but not in the issued ITSs, on ITS page 4.0–1 of ITS Section 4.3.1.1.a on fuel storage.

(13) The form of the verb ''grant'' is corrected from ''granted'' to ''granting,'' which was correct in the application but not in the issued ITSs, to have a correct sentence on ITS page 5.0–3 of Section 5.2.2.d, second paragraph, on unit staff requirements.

(14) The word ''emergency'' in the title ''Control Room emergency Ventilation System—Filtration,'' is capitalized which was capitalized correctly in the application but not capitalized in the issued ITSs, on ITS page 5.0–19 of Section 5.5.11.b on the Ventilation Filter Testing Program.

(15) A space between ''Manual'' and ''(ODCM)'' is placed to correctly have ''Manual (ODCM)'' instead of ''Manual(ODCM)'' in the sentence on ITS page 5.0–25 of the first paragraph of Section 5.6.2 on Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Report.

The proposed corrections to Table LG of the safety evaluation are the following.

(1) The information to be relocated for change number 8–08–LG on page 14 of the table will be relocated to the ITS Bases for SR 3.6.6.4 instead of the inservice testing (IST) program, and the change control process identified in the table will be corrected;

(2) The information to be relocated for change number 9–09–LG on page 18 of the table (requirements to perform an analog channel operational test) will be relocated to the updated safety analysis report (USAR) instead of the ITS Bases, and the change control process, and characterization of the information being relocated will be corrected;

(3) The information to be relocated for change number 10–26–LG on page 18 of the table will be relocated to the ITS Bases for SR 3.7.10.3 instead of the USAR, and the change control process will be corrected;

(4) The information to be relocated for change number 1–20–LG on page 19 of the table will be relocated to the ITS Bases instead of the USAR, and the change control process will be corrected.

The proposed changes to Table LG will affect the implementation of the ITSs that were issued on March 31, 1999, because a license condition issued with the ITSs required the relocation of information and requirements from the previous technical specifications in accordance with certain tables attached to the safety evaluation, including Table LG.

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

The proposed changes involve corrections to the ITS that are associated with the original conversion application and supplements or the certified copy of the ITS. The changes are considered as administrative changes and do not modify, add, delete, or relocate any technical requirements of the Technical Specifications [not previously approved]. As such, the administrative changes do not effect initiators of analyzed events or assumed mitigation of accident or transient events. Therefore, this change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

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

The proposed changes do not involve a physical alteration of the plant (no new or different kind of equipment will be installed) or changes in methods governing normal plant operation. The proposed changes will not impose any new or eliminate any old requirements. Thus, the changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. The proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed changes will not reduce a margin of safety because they have no effect on any safety analyses assumptions. The changes are administrative in nature. Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By December 16, 1999, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's ''Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings'' in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov* (the Electronic Reading Room). If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and to Jay Silberg, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)–(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 8, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov* (the Electronic Reading Room).

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[Docket No. 50–412]

Duquesne Light Co., Ohio Edison Co., Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., Toledo Edison Co., Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–73, issued to Duquesne Light Company (the licensee), for operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 2 (BVPS–2), located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.