

distances, or safe locations. The State standard allows the employer more flexibility in choosing guard materials that take advantage of current technology, but provide equivalent protection. The State standard is also rewritten in plain language.

B. Issues for Determination

The Washington standard amendments in question are now under review by the Regional Administrator to determine whether they meet the requirements of section 18(c)(2) of the Act and 29 CFR parts 1902 and 1953. Public comment is being sought by OSHA on the following issues.

At Least as Effective" Requirement

Washington's amendments to the Safeguarding of Power Transmission Parts Standard are comparable to the Federal final rule at 29 CFR 1910.219, Mechanical Power Transmission Apparatus. OSHA has evaluated the State's requirements in comparison to the respective OSHA standard requirements and to enforcement policy and has preliminarily determined that the State's amendments in question meet the "at least as effective" criterion on section 18(c)(2) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. However, public comment on these issues is solicited for OSHA's consideration in its final decision on whether or not to approve these Washington amendments.

Product Clause Requirement

OSHA is also seeking through this notice public comment as to whether the Washington standard amendments:

- (a) Are applicable to products which are distributed or used in interstate commerce;
- (b) If so, whether they are required by compelling local conditions; and
- (c) Unduly burden interstate commerce.

C. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments with respect to the issues described above. These comments must be postmarked on or before July 21, 2000 and submitted to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, WA 98101-3212. Written submissions must clearly identify the issues which are addressed and the position taken with respect to each issue. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will consider all relevant comments, arguments and requests submitted concerning this standard and will publish notice of the

decision approving or disapproving the standard.

D. Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying

A copy of Washington's standard and amendments applicable to Safeguarding Power Transmission Parts, along with approved State provisions for adoption of standards, may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Office of the Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 715, Seattle, Washington 98101-3212; State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries, Division of Industrial Safety and Health, 7273 Linderson Way, S.W., Tumwater, Washington 98501; and the Office of State Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3476, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. For electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice, contact OSHA's Web Page at <http://www.osha.gov>.

Authority: Sec. 18, 84 STAT 6108 [29 U.S.C. 667].

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 9th day of June, 2000.

Richard S. Terrill,
Regional Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities".
2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0011.
3. How often the collection is required: As necessary in order for NRC to meet its responsibilities to conduct a

detailed review of applications for licenses and amendments thereto to construct and operate nuclear power plants, preliminary or final design approvals, design certifications, research and test facilities, reprocessing plants and other utilization and production facilities, licensed pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and to monitor their activities.

4. Who is required or asked to report: Licensees and applicants for nuclear power plants and non-power reactors (research and test facilities).

5. The number of annual respondents: 175.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 4.7M.

7. Abstract: 10 CFR part 50 of the NRC's regulations "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," specifies technical information and data to be provided to the NRC or maintained by applicants and licensees so that the NRC may take determinations necessary to protect the health and safety of the public, in accordance with the Act. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in 10 CFR part 50 are mandatory for the affected licensees and applicants.

Submit, by August 21, 2000, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by

Internet electronic mail at
BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of June, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Dockets No. 50-295; 50-304, Licenses No. DPR-39; DPR-48, EA 98-518]

In the Matter of Commonwealth Edison Company, Zion Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty

I

The Commonwealth Edison Company (Licensee) is the holder of Operating Licenses No. DPR-39 and No. DPR-48, issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) on October 19, 1973, and November 14, 1973, respectively. The licenses authorized the Licensee to operate the Zion Nuclear Station, Zion, Illinois, in accordance with the conditions specified therein. On February 13, 1998, the Licensee ceased nuclear operations at the Zion Nuclear Station.

II

The NRC Office of Investigations (OI) conducted an investigation of the Licensee's activities at the Zion Station from March 10 to October 15, 1998. The results of this investigation indicated that the Licensee had not conducted its activities in full compliance with NRC requirements. A written Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) was served upon the Licensee by letter dated November 3, 1999. The Notice states the nature of the violation, the provision of the NRC's requirements that the Licensee had violated, and the amount of the civil penalty proposed for the violation.

The Licensee responded to the Notice in a letter dated February 3, 2000. In its response, the Licensee denied the violation and protested the civil penalty.

III

After considering the Licensee's response and the statements of fact, explanation, and argument for withdrawing the proposed civil penalty contained therein, the NRC staff has determined that the violation occurred as stated and that the penalty proposed

for the violation designated in the Notice should be imposed.

IV

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to Section 234 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Act), 42 U.S.C. 2282, and 10 CFR 2.205, it is hereby ordered that:

The Licensee pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$110,000 within 30 days of the date of this Order, in accordance with NUREG/BR-0254. In addition, at the time of making the payment, the licensee shall submit a statement indicating when and by what method payment was made to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738.

V

The Licensee may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. A request for a hearing should be clearly marked as a "Request for an Enforcement Hearing" and shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, and to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532-4351.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of the hearing. If the Licensee fails to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order (or if written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing has not been granted), the provisions of this Order shall be effective without further proceedings. If payment has not been made by that time, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection.

In the event the Licensee requests a hearing as provided above, the issues to be considered at the hearing shall be:

(a) Whether the Licensee was in violation of the Commission's requirements as set forth in the Notice referenced in Section II above, and

(b) Whether, on the basis of that violation, this Order should be sustained.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated this 12th day of June 2000.

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.,

Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES: Weeks of June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2000.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of June 19

Monday, June 19, 2000

12:30 p.m. Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 4 and 9b)

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)

a: CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant), Docket No. 50-400-LA, LBP-00-12 (Memorandum and Order Ruling on Designation of Issues for an Evidentiary Hearing) (May 5, 2000)

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Final Rule—Part 70—Regulating Fuel Cycle Facilities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Theodore Sherr, 301-415-7218)

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Risk-Informed Part 50, Option 3 (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mary Drouin, 301-415-6675)

Wednesday, June 21, 2000

10:30 a.m. All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting) ("The Green" Plaza Area)

1:30 p.m. All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting) ("The Green" Plaza Area)

Week of June 26—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of June 26.

Week of July 3—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of July 3.

Week of July 10—Tentative

Monday, July 10

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Proposed Export of High Enriched Uranium