NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–346]

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company; Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) (the licensee) to withdraw its January 25, 2000, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–3 for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No.1, located in Ottawa County, Ohio.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Once-Through Steam Generator (OTSG) tube repair roll process for use during the Twelfth Refueling Outage. At a meeting on April 6, 2000, the Babcock and Wilcox Owners Group, of which FENOC is a member, announced they are developing a Topical Report that will support eliminating certain accidents from consideration in OTSG design. This Topical Report is scheduled to be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the summer of 2000 for review and approval. Since the subject license amendment request content will be affected by the Topical Report, and since the OTSG repairs for the Twelfth Refueling Outage were completed without using the repair roll process, FENOC is withdrawing the subject license amendment.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2000 (65 FR 9008). However, by letter dated May 9, 2000, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 25, 2000, and the licensee's letter dated May 9, 2000, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (http://www.nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of July 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50–220 and 50–410]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses and Conforming Amendments

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has permitted the withdrawal of the application dated September 10, 1999, filed by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) and AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen), which had requested Commission approval of the proposed transfer of the licenses for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, to the extent held by NMPC and NYSEG, to AmerGen.

The Commission had previously published a Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses and Conforming Amendments, and Opportunity for a Hearing (64 FR 52798, dated September 30, 1999). Pursuant to such notice, three current co-owners of the facility (Rochester Gas And Electric Corporation, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, and Long Island Lighting Company) filed hearing requests and petitions to intervene in opposition to the application. The Attorney General of the State of New York also filed a petition to intervene. By a joint letter dated May 24, 2000, the applicants NMPC, NYSEG and AmerGen withdrew their application. In addition, by a motion filed that same date, the applicants requested dismissal of the proceeding regarding the hearing requests that have been pending before the Commission. By order dated June 13, 2000, the Commission terminated that proceeding.

For further details with respect to this withdrawal, see (1) NMPC, NYSEG and AmerGen's letter dated May 24, 2000, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC; and (2) the Commission's Order dated June 13, 2000, dismissing the license transfer proceeding. Alternately, these documents may be viewed electronically under Accession Numbers ML003719110 and ML003723369 thru the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC website (*http://www.nrc.gov*).

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50–327 and 50–328]

Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 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 Nos. DPR–77 and DPR–79, issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the licensee), for operation of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN), Units 1 and 2 located in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee.

The proposed amendments would change Technical Specification 3.7.5.c to allow an increase in the average essential raw cooling water (ERCW) supply header temperature from 84.5°F to 87°F until September 30, 2000.

Exigent circumstances arose due to significant increases in the average water temperature of the Tennessee River (Chickamauga Reservoir), which serves as the ultimate heat sink (UHS) for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN), Units 1 and 2. This temperature, as measured at SQN's ERCW header, has increased as the result of drought-induced low flow conditions and on July 12, 2000, had reached 81.4°F. TVA estimates that continuing weather conditions could cause the average temperature to reach the Technical Specification (TSs) limit of 84.5°F as early as July 22, 2000. SQN TSs Section 3.7.5.c currently limits ERCW supply header temperature to less than or equal to 84.5°F when the Chickamauga Reservoir water level is above elevation 680 feet mean sea level.