

changes to the facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application, and none of the other co-owners of Seabrook Station, Unit 1, are involved in the proposed restructuring of UI. UI requested the Commission's approval of the indirect transfer of the license as held by UI to Holdings, to the extent effected by the proposed corporate restructuring, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of this request for approval was published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2000 (65 FR 26640). No hearing requests were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed corporate restructuring will not affect the qualifications of UI as a holder of the license, and that the indirect transfer of the license, to the extent effected by the restructuring, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a Safety Evaluation dated July 18, 2000.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (the Act), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the proposed corporate restructuring of UI and the indirect transfer of the license held by UI is approved, subject to the following conditions:

(1) UI shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from UI to its proposed parent or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding ten percent (10%) of UI's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on UI's books of account, and (2) should the corporate restructuring of UI not be completed by June 30, 2001, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, on application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this action, see the initial application dated February 17, 2000, and supplements

thereto dated March 1, April 24, April 28, and May 10, 2000, and the Safety Evaluation dated July 18, 2000, which 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 8th day of July, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-423]

In the Matter of United Illuminating Company (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3); Order Approving Application Regarding Restructuring of United Illuminating Company

I

United Illuminating Company (UI) holds 3.6850-percent ownership interest in Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3 (Millstone). Thirteen other investor-owned and municipal entities unaffiliated with UI are co-owners of Millstone, Unit 3.

In connection with its ownership interest, UI is a co-holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50 on January 31, 1986, for Millstone, Unit 3. Under this license, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, an affiliate of Northeast Utilities, has the exclusive authority to operate Millstone, Unit 3. Millstone is located in New London County, Connecticut.

II

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, UI filed an application dated February 17, 2000, which was supplemented by letters dated March 1, April 24, April 28, and May 10, 2000 (collectively herein referred to as the application). In the application, UI informed the Commission that it was in the process of implementing a corporate restructuring under which UIL Holdings Corporation (Holdings) would become the parent corporation to, and sole owner of, UI. In addition, unregulated subsidiaries of UI would become direct or indirect subsidiaries of Holdings. UI

would continue to hold its respective ownership percentage of and possession only license for Millstone, Unit 3. UI would remain an "electric utility" as defined in 10 CFR 50.2, engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy for wholesale and retail sale. No physical changes to the facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application, and none of the other co-owners of Millstone, Unit 3, are involved in the proposed restructuring of UI. UI requested the Commission's approval of the indirect transfer of the license as held by UI to Holdings, to the extent effected by the proposed corporate restructuring, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of this request for approval was published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2000 (65 FR 26641). No hearing requests were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed corporate restructuring will not affect the qualifications of UI as a holder of the license, and that the indirect transfer of the license, to the extent effected by the restructuring, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a Safety Evaluation dated July 18, 2000.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (the Act), as amended, 42 USC 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the proposed corporate restructuring of UI and the indirect transfer of the license held by UI is approved, subject to the following conditions:

(1) UI shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from UI to its proposed parent or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding ten percent (10%) of UI's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on UI's books of account, and (2) should the corporate restructuring of UI not be completed by

June 30, 2001, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, on application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this action, see the initial application dated February 17, 2000, and supplements thereto dated March 1, April 24, April 28, and May 10, 2000, and the Safety Evaluation dated July 18, 2000, which 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>).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of July, 2000.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Seeks Qualified Candidates for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for resumes.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking two qualified candidates for appointment to its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

ADDRESSES: Submit resumes to: Ms. Robin Avent, Office of Human Resources, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For Application Materials, Call: 1-800-952-9678. Please refer to Announcement Number 60000001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the ACRS to provide the NRC with independent expert advice on matters related to licensing and the safety of existing and proposed nuclear power plants. The Committee's work currently emphasizes safety issues associated with the operation of 103 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States; the pursuit of a risk-informed, and performance-based regulatory approach; review of license renewal applications; digital instrumentation and control systems;

and technical issues related to standard plant designs.

The ACRS membership includes individuals from national laboratories, academia, and industry who possess specific technical expertise along with a broad perspective in addressing safety concerns. Committee members are selected from a variety of engineering and scientific disciplines, such as nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, chemical engineering, metallurgical engineering, structural engineering, materials science, and instrumentation and process control systems. At this time, candidates are specifically being sought who have 15-20 years of experience, including graduate level education, in the areas of structural mechanics/materials engineering and metallurgy applicable to nuclear power systems, and the application of risk methods related to nuclear regulatory safety issues.

Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear reactor matters, and the ability to solve problems. Additionally, the Commission considers the need for specific expertise in relationship to current and future tasks. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse viewpoints so that the membership on the Committee will be fairly balanced.

Because conflict-of-interest regulations restrict the participation of members actively involved in the regulated aspects of the nuclear industry, the degree and nature of any such involvement will be weighed. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinuance of industry-funded research contracts or grants.

Copies of a resume describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments, professional references, current address and telephone number should be provided. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 60-100 days per year to Committee business.

Applications will be accepted until September 29, 2000.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[DOCKET NO. 50-400]

Carolina Power & Light Company; Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Section 50.60(a) for Facility Operating License No. NPF-63, issued to Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L, the licensee) for operation of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1 (HNP), located in Wake and Chatham Counties, North Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, requires that pressure-temperature (P-T) limits be established for reactor pressure vessels (RPVs) during normal operating and hydrostatic or leak testing conditions. Specifically, 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, states that, "[t]he appropriate requirements on both the pressure-temperature limits and the minimum permissible temperature must be met for all conditions." Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50 specifies that the requirements for these limits are the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code), Section XI, Appendix G Limits.

To address provisions of amendments to the technical specifications (TS) P-T limits and low temperature overpressure protection (LTOP) system setpoints, the licensee requested in its submittal dated April 12, 2000, as supplemented on June 2, 2000, that the staff exempt HNP from application of specific requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.60(a) and Appendix G, and substitute use of ASME Code Case N-640. Code Case N-640 permits the use of an alternate reference fracture toughness (K_{IC} fracture toughness curve instead of K_{Ia} fracture toughness curve) for reactor vessel materials in determining the P-T limits and LTOP setpoints. Since the K_{IC} fracture toughness curve shown in