

Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) for the receipt, possession, transfer, and storage of spent fuel at the Surry Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), located in Surry County, Virginia. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

By application dated November 15, 1999, as supplemented on May 26, August 7, and August 14, 2000, Virginia Power requested to amend its ISFSI license to permit the use of the TN-32 dry storage cask to store spent fuel with a higher initial enrichment and burnup than currently specified in the Technical Specifications for the Surry ISFSI. This amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

In accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), a determination has been made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected. Therefore, the publication of a notice of proposed action and an opportunity for hearing or a notice of hearing is not warranted. Notice is hereby given of the right of interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

Also in connection with this action, the Commission prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA and FONSI were published in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 2000 (65 *FR* 57407).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of October 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

E. William Brach,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Twenty-Eighth Water Reactor Safety Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Twenty-Eighth Water Reactor Safety Meeting (WRSM) will be held on October 23-25, 2000, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

Ashok C. Thadani, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, will open the Water Reactor Safety Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2000, with NRC Chairman Richard Meserve, the keynote speaker.

An expert panel recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Reactor Safety Study (WASH-1400) and a discussion of the lessons learned will follow Chairman Meserve. Panel members include George Apostolakis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Adolf Birkhofer, Scientific Director, Gesellschaft für Anlagen- und Reaktorsicherheit (GRS) mbH; Robert Budnitz, Future Resources Associates; Richard Denning, Battelle Columbus Laboratories; B. John Garrick, Chairman, NRC Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Harold Lewis, University of California Santa Barbara; and Ashok Thadani and Joseph Murphy, NRC.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology will host a luncheon featuring guest speaker Dr. John F. Ahearne, former NRC Chairman, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the release of the Reactor Safety Study and to honor Professor Norman Rasmussen and Saul Levine.

Commissioner Nils J. Diaz will be a guest speaker in the afternoon followed by an expert panel addressing the future challenges for risk-informed regulation. Panel members will include David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists; Dana Powers, Chairman, NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Brian Sheron, Associate Director for Project Licensing and Technical Analysis, NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; Margaret Federline, Deputy Director, NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. Dr. William Travers, NRC Executive Director for Operations, will serve as moderator for this panel. Technical sessions will be held for the remainder of the afternoon.

Commissioner Greta J. Dicus will be a guest speaker at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, followed by three technical sessions that will last until

noon. Elsevier Science, on behalf of the Journal of Nuclear Engineering Design, will host a luncheon to mark Professor Karl Kusmaul's role as Principal Editor. Dana Powers, Chairman, NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, will also be a guest speaker. Technical sessions will follow the luncheon and will be held for the remainder of the afternoon.

On Wednesday, October 25, 2000, at 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield will be a guest speaker, followed by an expert panel to address the future role of nuclear power and the need for nuclear regulatory research. Panel members will include Joe Colvin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nuclear Energy Institute; Theodore Marston, Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Electric Power Research Institute; Robert Budnitz, Future Resources Associates; David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists; and Kenneth Mossman, Director, Office of Radiation Safety, Arizona State University. Commissioner Edward McGaffigan will moderate this panel.

Two technical sessions and a rapporteur panel summarizing the discussions of the individual sessions will close out the meeting.

This meeting is international in scope and includes presentations by personnel from the NRC, U.S. Government, DOE national laboratories, private contractors, universities, reactor vendors, and a number of foreign organizations.

The preliminary agenda includes eight technical sessions, which will address risk-informed regulation; dry cask storage and transportation of spent nuclear fuel; high burnup fuel; PWR sump blockage and containment coatings service level 1 safety concerns; digital instrumentation and control; thermal hydraulic and severe accident analysis for reactors and spent fuel; integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary; reactor decommissioning; and regulatory effectiveness.

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register in advance on the WRSM website (www.wrsm.bnl.gov) or by contacting Susan Monteleone, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of Nuclear Energy, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973, telephone (631) 344-7235; or Sandra Nesmith (301) 415-6437, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of October 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27247]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

October 12, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 6, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 6, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

PowerGen US Holdings Limited, et al., (70-0763)

PowerGen US Holdings Limited ("US Holdings") and PowerGen UK plc ("PGUK" and together, "Applicants"), both subsidiaries of PowerGen plc ("PowerGen"), a public limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales, all located at 53 New Broad Street, London EC2M 1SL, United Kingdom, have filed a declaration under sections 6(a), 7 and 12(b) of the Act and rules 45 and 54 under the Act.

In a separate application-declaration in file number 70-9761 ("9671 Application"), PowerGen proposed to acquire LG&E Energy Corp. ("LG&E Energy"), a utility holding company exempt by order¹ under section 3(a) from all provisions of the Act, except section 9(a), and all of LG&E Energy's subsidiaries (together "LG&E Energy Group") ("Merger"). In the 9671 Application, PowerGen has stated that intermediate companies will be used in the chain of ownership of the LG&E Energy Group ("Intermediate Companies"), including US Holdings, primarily for the purpose of creating an economically efficient and viable structure for the Merger and the ongoing operations of PowerGen and the LG&E Energy Group. Following consummation of the Merger, PowerGen and each of the Intermediate Companies intend to register under section 5 of the Act as public utility holding companies.

PowerGen presently intends to finance the acquisition of the LG&E Energy Group from, among other things, borrowings under a fully committed bank facility that PowerGen and US Holdings established on February 27, 2000 ("Credit Facility"). The credit facility provides for up to \$4 billion in borrowings by PowerGen, US Holdings and other wholly owned subsidiaries of US Holdings as approved in writing by the banks. Applicants intend for US Holdings to be the only borrower under the Credit Facility, with a guarantee from PowerGen. The Credit Facility was established both to fund the acquisition and, if necessary, to provide funding and accommodate working capital needs of the Intermediate Companies and the LG&E Energy Group.

Applicants state that PowerGen intends to reduce indebtedness under the Credit Facility by, among other things, application of available cash or the proceeds of asset sales by PGUK and its subsidiaries, or by the issuance of debt securities or other instruments by PowerGen or its subsidiaries prior to, at or after the Merger. The Credit Facility agreement generally requires that at least 50% of the proceeds from those sales in excess of \$100 million be applied to repay amounts owing under the Credit Facility.

Applicants state that, due to a United Kingdom law restricting dividend payments, the use of loans from PGUK to US Holdings is the most efficient and fastest way to move excess funds from PGUK to US Holdings. Accordingly, Applicants propose for PGUK, or an intermediate parent company of PGUK

that PowerGen intends to establish over PGUK, PowerGen Group Holdings ("UK Holdings"), to lend to US Holdings the net proceeds of asset disposals and other excess capital at PGUK. US Holdings will use the loans to repay amounts owed under the Credit Facility or, to the extent permitted by the Credit Facility, for other corporate purposes.

Loans by PGUK, or UK Holdings, to US Holdings will be either (a) interest free, in the case of loans of funds consisting of the proceeds of asset sales or (b) equal to the lender's cost of capital, if the funds lent to US Holdings were obtained from borrowings from a third-party. In addition, the loans to US Holdings will mature in 50 years and will have no amortization obligations.

Applicants state that to the extent that the funds from the loans are used to pay down the amounts owing under the Credit Facility, the amount of these funds will not count towards the long-term debt financing limitation proposed in the 9671 Application. If loan proceeds are not used to pay down the amounts owing under the Credit Facility, the amount of these proceeds will count towards the long-term debt limitation.

For the Commission by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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American Water Capital Corp.; Notice of Application

October 12, 2000.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC or Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") granting an exemption from all provisions of the Act.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION: Applicant seeks an order exempting it from all provisions of the Act in connection with the offer and sale of applicant's securities to raise funds for the business operations of its parent and certain subsidiaries thereof.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 30, 2000 and amended on October 5, 2000.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be

¹ See *LG&E Energy Corp.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 26886 (Apr. 30, 1998).