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U.S. Patent No. 6,223,143 "Quantitative Risk Assessment System (QRAS)."

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388]

PPL Susquehanna, LLC; Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment Nos. 194 and 169 to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, issued to PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL or the licensee), which revised the Facility Operating Licenses and Technical Specifications for operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendments modified the Facility Operating Licenses and Technical Specifications for SSES, Units 1 and 2, to increase the licensed power level for each unit from 3441 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 3489 MWt, which is an increase of 1.4 percent of the rated core thermal power for SSES, Units 1 and 2.

The application for the amendments 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.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2001 (66 FR 20691). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the

environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendments will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (66 FR 33716).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendments dated October 30, 2000, and supplemented February 5, May 22, May 31, and June 26, 2001, (2) Amendment No. 194 to License No. NPF-14, and Amendment No. 169 to License No. NPF-22, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of July 2001.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-354]

PSEG Nuclear LLC Atlantic City Electric Company; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 131 to Facility Operating License No. (FOL) NPF-57 issued to PSEG Nuclear LLC, which revised the FOL and Technical Specifications for operation of the Hope Creek Generating Station, located in Salem County, New Jersey. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment modified the FOL and Technical Specifications to increase

the licensed power level by approximately 1.4% from 3,293 megawatts (MW) thermal to 3,339 MW thermal. The changes are anticipated to increase the unit's net electrical output by 15 MW electric. The changes are based on the installation of the CE Nuclear Power LLC Crossflow ultrasonic flow measurement system and its ability to achieve increased accuracy in measuring feedwater flow.

The application for the 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.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2001 (66 FR 7814). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (66 FR 33583).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated December 1, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated February 12, May 7, and May 14, 2001, (2) Amendment No. 131 to License No. NPF-57; (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation; and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Issuance, Availability of Regulatory Guide, Standard Review Plan, and Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Guide 1.188, "Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses"; NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants" (SRP-LR); and NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report." These documents describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing the license renewal rule, as well as techniques used by the NRC staff in evaluating applications for license renewals. The draft versions of these documents were issued for public comment on August 31, 2000 (64 FR 53047). The staff assessment of public comments is being issued as NUREG-1739, "Analysis of Public Comments on the Improved License Renewal Guidance Documents."

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies are available in NRC's Electronic Reading Room accessible from the NRC Web site <<http://www.nrc.gov>>. Regulatory Guide 1.188 is under ADAMS Accession Number ML012010322; NUREG-1800 (SRP-LR) is under ADAMS Accession number ML012070413; NUREG-1801, the GALL Report, is under ADAMS Accession numbers ML012060392 (Volume 1) and ML012060545 (Volume 2); the NEI 95-10 (Revision 3) is under ADAMS Accession number ML011100576; and NUREG-1739 (Analysis of Public Comments) is under ADAMS Accession number ML012080104.

Copies of NUREG series documents are available at current rates from the U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328; telephone (202)512-1800; or from

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Guide for License Renewal

Regulatory Guide 1.188 is being issued as guidance for the license renewal rule. This regulatory guide provides guidance on the format and content acceptable to the NRC staff for structuring and presenting the information to be compiled and submitted in an application for renewal of a nuclear power plant operating license. Regulatory Guide 1.188 endorses the use of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guidance document, Revision 3 of NEI 95-10, "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54—The License Renewal Rule," March 2001, as an acceptable method for preparing an application that complies with the requirements of the license renewal rule.

Regulatory Guide 1.188 was issued in draft form as Draft Regulatory Guides DG-1104 and DG-1047 which were issued for public comment in August 2000 and in August 1996, respectively, to propose endorsement of an earlier version of NEI 95-10.

Regulatory Guide 1.188 and NEI 95-10 provide guidance on the contents of an application for license renewal that includes —

- (1) Required general information concerning the applicant and the plant;
- (2) Information contained in the integrated plant assessment;
- (3) An evaluation of time-limited aging analyses (TLAAs);
- (4) A supplement to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR);
- (5) Technical specification changes and their justification; and
- (6) A supplement to the environmental report.

Specifically, guidance is provided for—

- (1) Identifying the structures and components subject to aging management review;
- (2) Ensuring that the effects of aging are managed;
- (3) Identifying and evaluating TLAAs;
- (4) Establishing the format and content of the license renewal application; and
- (5) Preparing an FSAR supplement.

As indicated in Revision 3 of NEI 95-10, NEI intends that NEI 95-10 be consistent with the GALL report and the SRP-LR.

Standard Review Plan for License Renewal

The NRC staff also has revised a SRP-LR, NUREG-1800, that contains guidance to NRC staff reviewers on performing safety reviews of applications submitted to renew licenses of nuclear power plants in accordance with the license renewal rule. The SRP-LR contains four major chapters: (1) Administrative Information, (2) Scoping and Screening Methodology for Identifying Structures and Components Subject to Aging Management Review, and Implementation Results, (3) Aging Management Review Results, and (4) Time-Limited Aging Analyses. In addition, three Branch Technical Positions are in an appendix to the SRP-LR.

During the initial license renewal reviews, the NRC and the industry recognized that most of the existing programs at the plants were adequate to manage aging effects for license renewal without change. The Commission, by a staff requirements memorandum (SRM) dated August 27, 1999, directed the NRC staff to focus the review guidance in the SRP-LR on existing programs that should be augmented for license renewal. The NRC staff developed the GALL report that evaluates existing programs generically to document the basis for determining when existing programs are adequate without change and when existing programs should be augmented for license renewal. The