

application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By August 19, 2002, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not the applicant, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon Jay M. Gutierrez, Esq., Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20004; Nancy C. Loftin, Esq., Corporate Secretary and Counsel, Arizona Public Service Company, P.O. Box 53999, Mail Station 9068, Phoenix, Arizona 85072-3999; the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings

and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by August 28, 2002, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated April 15, 2002, and supplement thereto dated July 11, 2002, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), 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/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 23rd day of July 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-395]

Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (the licensee) to withdraw its December 28, 2000, application, as supplemented September 20, 2001, and January 9, 2002, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. 50-395 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Technical Specifications pertaining to the Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System Instrumentation, Functional Unit 5.b. (Automatic Actuation Logic and Actuation Relay) Turbine Trip and Feedwater Isolation.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on April 18, 2001 (66 FR 20009). However, by letter dated June 27, 2002, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 28, 2000, supplements dated September 20, 2001, and January 9, 2002, and the licensee's letter dated June 27, 2002, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), 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/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-335 and 50-389]

Florida Power & Light Company, et al., St. Lucie Plant, Units Nos. 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to the Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-67 and NPF-16, issued to Florida Power and Light Company (the licensee) for operation of the St. Lucie Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively, located in St. Lucie County, Florida. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21 and 51.32, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would amend Section 4.2 of the St. Lucie Units 1 and 2 Environmental Protection Plans (Non-radiological) to incorporate the revised terms and conditions of the Incidental Take Statement (ITS) included in the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on May 4, 2001, as clarified by NMFS letter dated October 8, 2001, and to reflect a change in the administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting programs from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated January 25, 2002.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to reflect the revised terms and conditions of the ITS as set forth in the May 4, 2001, Biological Opinion, as clarified by NMFS letter dated October 8, 2001, and to document the change in the permitting authority of the NPDES permit.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes

that the proposed changes are administrative in nature and have no effect on plant equipment or plant operation. No changes will be made to the design, licensing bases, or the applicable procedures for the units.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluent that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect any non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative.) Denial of the application would result in no significant change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not include the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for St. Lucie Unit 1, dated June 1973, and in the Final Environmental Statement for St. Lucie Unit 2, dated April 1983 (NUREG-0842).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On July 9, 2002, the staff consulted with the Florida State official, William Passetti, of the Bureau of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comment or objections.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an

environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated January 25, 2002. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), 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 System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of July 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-31]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Exemption

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, from the provisions of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(2)(i)(A), and 72.214 to the Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC). The requested exemption would allow YAEC to deviate from the requirements of Certificate of Compliance No. 1025 (the Certificate), Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS), Table A2-2, Intact Fuel Assembly Characteristics for the NAC-MPC. The exemption would modify the specified fuel enrichment parameters to incorporate fuel enrichment fabrication tolerances into the Yankee-Class fuel parameters which would allow YAEC to maintain continuity of the fuel loading campaign at Yankee Nuclear Power Station (YNPS) in Rowe, Massachusetts.