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Entergy Operations, Inc., System Energy Resources, Inc., South Mississippi Electric Power Association, and Entergy Mississippi, Inc., Docket No. 50-416, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Claiborne County, Mississippi

Date of application for amendment: May 12, 2003, as supplemented by letter dated October 29, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment changes administrative Technical Specification (TS) 5.5.12 regarding containment integrated leakage rate testing (ILRT) and TS 3.6.5.1.1 regarding drywell bypass leak rate testing (DWBT). The change would allow for a one-time extension of the interval from 10 to 15 years for performance of the next ILRT and DWBT.

Date of issuance: January 28, 2004.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days of issuance.

Amendment No.: 164.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-29: The amendment revises the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: June 10, 2003 (68 FR 34666).

The October 29, 2003, supplemental letter provided clarifying information that did not change the scope of the original **Federal Register** notice or the original no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 28, 2004.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket No. 50-354, Hope Creek Generating Station, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendment: March 13, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment deletes Technical Specification (TS) 6.8.4.c, "Post Accident Sampling," and thereby eliminates the requirements to have and maintain the post accident sampling system at the Hope Creek Generating Station.

Date of issuance: January 29, 2004.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 180 days.

Amendment No.: 149.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-57: This amendment revised the TSs.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: May 27, 2003 (68 FR 28856).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 29, 2004.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket No. 50-354, Hope Creek Generating Station, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendment: June 17, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment corrects typographical errors in the Technical Specification (TS) Index and deletes TS 4.6.2.1.b.2.b, verification that thermal power is less than or equal to 1% of rated thermal power at least once per hour when the suppression chamber temperature exceeds 95 °F. The proposed TS change is consistent with the standard TSs for General Electric Plants, Boiling-Water Reactor/4 (NUREG-1433, Revision 2).

Date of issuance: January 30, 2004.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, to be implemented within 60 days.

Amendment No.: 150.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-57: This amendment revised the TSs.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: July 8, 2003 (68 FR 40717).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 30, 2004.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear, LLC, Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311, Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendments: June 6, 2003.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments modify the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TSs) by: (1) Adding a footnote to TS 3/4.11.2.5 to clarify the applicability of the Limiting Condition for Operation while the system is removed from service for maintenance; (2) revising Surveillance Requirement 4.11.2.5 to delete the reference to hydrogen concentration; and (3) revising the corresponding TS Bases.

Date of issuance: January 29, 2004.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 60 days.

Amendment Nos.: 261 and 243.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75: The amendments revised the TSs.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: August 5, 2003 (68 FR 46246).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 29, 2004.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

TXU Generation Company LP, Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446, Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Somervell County, Texas

Date of amendment request: July 18, 2003.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments modified Technical Specification (TS) requirements for mode change limitations to adopt Industry/TS Task Force (TSTF) change TSTF-359, "Increase Flexibility in Mode Restraints."

Date of issuance: January 23, 2004.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days from the date of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 109 and 109.

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-87 and NPF-89: The amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: October 14, 2003 (68 FR 59222).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 23, 2004.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of February 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board Meeting

Panel Meeting: March 9-10, 2004—Las Vegas, Nevada: The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Natural System will meet to discuss how components of the natural

geologic system would work together to isolate radioactive waste in a Yucca Mountain repository.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Pub. L. 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, members of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Natural System will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 10, 2004. The panel will discuss issues related to a proposed repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, particularly how components of the natural geologic system would work together to isolate radioactive waste. The meetings will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as stipulated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act.

The panel meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel; 4255 South Paradise Road; Las Vegas, NV 89109; (tel.) 702-369-4400; (fax) 702-369-3770. The meetings are tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. each day. Meeting times will be confirmed when agendas are issued, approximately one week before the meeting dates.

The purpose of the meeting is to examine aspects of the natural system that control transport of radionuclides from Yucca Mountain. Water flow will be the primary factor controlling that transport. The meeting is structured to consider the aspects of water flow and associated hydrogeologic phenomena that are important for estimating the amount of time required for the transport of radionuclides from the repository horizon to the regulatory boundary. The meeting is designed to gather information to help address the following questions.

- What is the median travel time of a molecule of water from the repository horizon at Yucca Mountain to the regulatory boundary?
- How much might travel time change for a radionuclide in that water, considering all factors relevant to radionuclide transport? Are all of the factors equally likely?
- Are the DOE's radionuclide transport estimates conservative, realistic, or optimistic?
- What is the technical basis for these estimates? What is the Board's assessment of the technical validity of the technical basis? What can be done to improve the technical basis of the DOE estimates?

- How much could the technical basis be improved by 2010 if the DOE pursues a rigorous scientific program?

On Tuesday, the meeting will focus on features and processes relevant to water flow and radionuclide transport in the unsaturated zone. Presentations will be made on unsaturated flow, sorption, matrix diffusion, colloid-facilitated transport, and radionuclide transport abstractions for total system performance assessment (TSPA). Evidence in the rock strata for evaluating the influence of climate change in the repository also will be presented.

On Wednesday, the features and processes relevant to water flow and radionuclide transport in the saturated zone will be discussed. Presentations will be made on the role of climate in the deposition of sediment that can slow radionuclide transport, the representation of climate in TSPA, ground-water flow of the Death Valley region and the Yucca Mountain site, sorption, matrix diffusion, colloid-facilitated transport, and radionuclide transport abstractions for TSPA.

The agendas on both days will conclude with roundtable discussions of the topics presented. Time will be made available at the end of each day for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the public-comment register at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

Detailed agendas will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agendas can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at <http://www.nwtrb.gov>. Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff, beginning on April 9, 2004.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza hotel for meeting participants. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. To receive the meeting rate, reservations should be made by February 20, 2004.

For more information, contact the NWTRB: Karyn Severson, External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel.) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Briefing on New Cost Model

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public briefing.

SUMMARY: The Postal Rate Commission's advisory staff will present a briefing and demonstration of its new Windows-based CRA/Cost Rollforward model on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room. The briefing will address the history of the Commission's model, reasons why the new version was developed, and components of the new model. A question-and-answer session will follow. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Thursday, February 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Postal Rate Commission (hearing room), 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001, Suite 300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CRA/Cost Rollforward model is the primary tool used to disaggregate the total costs of the U.S. Postal Service. It implements the attributable cost theory the Postal Service and the Commission use to allocate costs to the classes and subclasses of mail. It also prepares and prints reports used in Commission decisions and in Postal Service workpapers and exhibits to testimony.

The Commission has developed a new Windows-based version of this model. The new version is intended to replace the DOS-based version the Commission has used in every rate filing since Docket No. R84-1.

The new version uses Microsoft Excel spreadsheet software. It is intended to be closer in structure and format to the Postal Service's current CRA/Cost Rollforward model than the version the Commission has been using. It is also intended to be easier to operate and more compatible with the software used to develop much of the primary cost input into model.

The Commission's advisory staff and the contractor responsible for programming the new model will present a public briefing on the new model on February 26, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Postal Rate Commission's hearing