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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NSF-NASA Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following NSF-NASA Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) meeting:

Date and Time: March 9, 2005, 2:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. RM 1020, Arlington, VA 22230, via teleconference.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. G. Wayne Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4908.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the two agencies.

Agenda: To review and discuss a draft of the committee's March 2005 report.

Reason For Late Notice: While working independently on the report, committee members realized additional discussion was required. To meet the report deadline of March 15, a meeting with little advance notice is required.

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Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board Public Service Award Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: National Science Board Public Service Award Committee, #5195.

Date and Time: Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. e.s.t. (teleconference meeting).

Place: National Science Foundation, Arlington, Virginia.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Executive Secretary, National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-8096.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations in the selection of the NSB Public Service Award recipients.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature when disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324]

Carolina Power & Light Company, Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J for Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 issued to the Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee, also doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.) for operation of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 located in Brunswick County, North Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from requirements to include main steam isolation valve (MSIV) leakage in the overall integrated leakage rate test measurement required by Section III.A of Appendix J, Option B.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated October 6, 2004, for exemption from certain requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 50, Appendix J.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Section 50.54(o) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires that primary reactor containments for water-cooled power reactors be subject to the requirements of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50. Appendix J specifies the leakage test requirements, schedules, and acceptance criteria for tests of the leaktight integrity of the primary reactor containment and systems and components that penetrate the containment. Option B, Section III.A requires that the overall integrated leak rate must not exceed the allowable leakage (La) with margin, as specified in the Technical Specifications (TS). The overall integrated leak rate, as specified in the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J definitions, includes the contribution from MSIV leakage. By letter dated October 6, 2004, the licensee has requested an exemption from Option B, Section III.A requirements to permit exclusion of MSIV leakage from the overall integrated leak rate test measurement.

The above-cited requirement of Appendix J requires that MSIV leakage measurements be grouped with the leakage measurements of other containment penetrations when containment leakage tests are performed. These requirements are inconsistent with the design of the Brunswick facilities and the analytical models used to calculate the radiological consequences of design-basis accidents. At Brunswick and similar facilities, the leakage from primary containment penetrations under accident conditions is collected and treated by the secondary containment system or would bypass the secondary containment. However, the leakage from MSIVs is collected and treated via an Alternative Leakage Treatment (ALT) path having different mitigation characteristics. In performing accident analyses, it is appropriate to group various leakage effluents according to the treatment they receive before being released to the environment, i.e., bypass leakage is grouped, leakage into secondary containment is grouped, and ALT leakage is grouped, with specific limits for each group defined in the TS. The proposed exemption would permit ALT path leakage to be independently grouped with its unique leakage limits.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. The NRC staff has completed its evaluation of the