

0001 (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 2.302 and 2.305.

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, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, persons may submit written comments regarding the indirect 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 August 5, 2005, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (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 December, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414]

Duke Energy Corporation; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Conforming Amendments, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the indirect transfer of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52 for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, to the extent currently held by Duke Energy Corporation, as co-owner and licensed operator of Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1, and as licensed operator of Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2. The indirect transfer would be to a new holding company to be named Duke Energy Corporation. The Commission is also considering amending the licenses for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed change of the name of the licensee from Duke Energy Corporation to Duke Power Company LLC.

According to an application for approval filed by Duke Energy Corporation, following approval of the proposed indirect license transfers, a new holding company would be created to become the parent of the licensee. No physical changes to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

The proposed amendment would reflect the proposed change in the name of the licensee from Duke Energy Corporation to Duke Power Company LLC, following the licensee's conversion from a corporation to a limited liability company. Although the licenses contain antitrust license conditions, there are no proposed changes to these conditions.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the indirect transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed underlying transaction resulting in the indirect transfer will not affect the qualifications of the holder of the license, and that the indirect transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific 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 indirect 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.

Within 20 days from the date of publication of this notice, 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 C "Rules of General Applicability: Hearing Requests, Petitions to Intervene, Availability of Documents, Selection of Specific Hearing Procedures, Presiding Officer Powers, and General Hearing Management for NRC Adjudicatory Hearings," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.309. Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1), 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 2.309(c)(1)(i)-(viii).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon Timika Shafeek-Horton, Assistant General Counsel, Duke Energy Law Department, Mail Code EC07H-7109, P.O. Box 1006, 526 South Church St., Charlotte, NC 28201-1006, (704) 382-6373, (704) 382-6056 fax; the General

Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (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 2.302 and 2.305.

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[Docket No. 50-331; License No. NPF-49]

In the Matter of Interstate Power and Light Company; Nuclear Management Company, LLC; (Duane Arnold Energy Center); Order Approving Transfer of License and Conforming Amendment

I. Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) Central Iowa Power Cooperative, and Corn Belt Power Cooperative are holders of Facility Operating License No. DPR-49, which authorizes the possession, use and operation of Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). NMC is licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) to operate DAEC. The other licensees are authorized to possess DAEC. DAEC is located at Linn County, Iowa.

II. By letter dated August 1, 2005, NMC, IPL and FPL Energy Duane Arnold, LLC, (FPLE Duane Arnold), submitted an application requesting approval of the direct license transfer that would be necessary in connection with the IPL's proposed transfer to FPLE Duane Arnold, a subsidiary of FPL Energy, LLC (FPLE), IPL's 70-percent ownership interest in DAEC. The application also requested approval of the transfer of NMC's operating authority to FPLE Duane Arnold.

Supplemental information was provided by letters dated October 11, November 1, November 2, and November 28, (hereinafter, the August 1, 2005, and supplemental information will be referred to collectively as the application, unless otherwise noted). NMC also requested approval of a conforming license amendment that would reflect the proposed transfer of ownership of IPL's 70-percent interest in DAEC to FPLE Duane Arnold; and reflect the proposed transfer of operating authority to FPLE Duane Arnold. The amendment would delete the references to IPL and NMC in the license as appropriate, and replace them with references to FPLE Duane Arnold. No physical changes to the facility or operational changes were proposed in the application. After completion of the proposed transfers, FPLE Duane Arnold would be an owner (70-percent interest) and the operator of DAEC. The 30-percent ownership interest in DAEC, collectively held by Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) and the Corn Belt Power Cooperative (Corn Belt), would be unchanged.

Approval of the transfer of the facility operating license and conforming license amendment is requested by

NMC pursuant to Sections 50.80 and 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). Notices of the request for approval and opportunity for a hearing were published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2005, (70 FR 55175). No comments were received. No requests for hearing or petitions for leave to intervene were received.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations and agreements contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that FPLE Duane Arnold is qualified to hold the license for DAEC to the extent previously held by IPL regarding its ownership interest, and is qualified to hold the operating authority under the license, and that the transfer of the license as proposed in the application is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth below. The NRC staff has also found that the application for the proposed license 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 set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the proposed license amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of the proposed license amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and the issuance of the proposed amendment will be in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

The findings set forth above are supported by an NRC safety evaluation dated December 23, 2005.

III. Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o and 184 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o) and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, it is hereby ordered that the transfer of the license, as described herein, to FPLE Duane