The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its September 22, 2010 application, as supplemented by letter dated November 22, 2010, for proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF–42 for the Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS), located in Coffey County, Kansas.

The proposed amendment would have revised the approved fire protection program as described in the WCGS Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR). Specifically, the licensee requested approval for a deviation from a commitment to certain technical requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), part 50, Appendix R, Section III.L.1, “Alternative and dedicated shutdown capability,” as described in Appendix 9.5E of the WCGS USAR. The change would have revised USAR Table 9.5E–1 to include information on reactor coolant system process variables not maintained within those predicted for a loss of normal AC (alternating current) power.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2010 (75 FR 81673). However, by letter dated June 30, 2011, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 22, 2010, as supplemented by letter dated November 22, 2010, and the licensee’s letter dated June 30, 2011, 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, 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 (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.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of August 2011.
For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2010–0355; Order EA–11–180; Docket Nos. 70–7003, 70–7004; License Nos. SNM–7003, SNM–2011]

In the Matter of USEC Inc., American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility, and American Centrifuge Plant; Order Extending the Date by Which the Direct Transfer of Licenses Is To Be Completed

I

USEC Inc. (USEC) is the holder of materials licenses SNM–7003 and SNM–2011 for the American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility (Lead Cascade) and American Centrifuge Plant (ACP), respectively, which authorize the licensee to: (1) Possess and use source and special nuclear material at the Lead Cascade at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio, in accordance with materials license number SNM–7003; and (2) construct and operate a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility (the ACP) at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio, in accordance with materials license number SNM–2011.

II

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) Order, dated February 10, 2011, approved the direct transfer of the licenses of the above facilities from USEC to the limited liability company American Centrifuge Operating, LLC (ACO), pursuant to Sections 161b, 161I, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 30.34(b), 40.46. “Inalienability of Licenses,” and 70.36, “Inalienability of Licenses.” It Is Hereby Ordered that the date by which the license transfers described above must be completed is extended to February 9, 2012. If the proposed direct transfer of licenses is not completed by February 9, 2012, this Order and the February 10 Order shall become null and void. However, upon written application and for good cause shown, the February 9, 2012, date may be extended by further Order.

III

By letter dated July 22, 2011, as supplemented by electronic communication dated August 1, 2011, USEC submitted a request to extend the date by which the license transfers must be completed from August 9, 2011, to February 9, 2012. USEC stated that it has been working diligently with the Department of Energy over the past several months to conclude the review process for USEC’s loan guarantee application, but would not be able to complete this process by August 9, 2011.

USEC states that there have been no changes in the information and technical and financial qualifications presented in its September 10, 2010, request to transfer the licenses. USEC states that the basis for granting that request has, thus, not changed and remains valid. The NRC staff notes that its basis for approving the transfers of USEC’s licenses for the Lead Cascade and the ACP from USEC to ACO is documented in its Safety Evaluation Report (SER) supporting the February 10 Order. The NRC staff concluded that the basis for approval has not changed since the issuance of the February 10 Order. The NRC staff has considered the submittal of July 22, 2011, as supplemented by electronic communication dated August 1, 2011, and has determined that good cause has been shown to extend, until February 9, 2012, the date by which the license transfers must be completed.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161I, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 30.34(b), 40.46. “Inalienability of Licenses,” and 70.36, “Inalienability of Licenses,” It Is Hereby Ordered that the date by which the license transfers described above must be completed is extended to February 9, 2012. If the proposed direct transfer of licenses is not completed by February 9, 2012, this Order and the February 10 Order shall become null and void. However, upon written application and for good cause shown, the February 9, 2012, date may be extended by further Order.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Catherine Haney,
Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Southern Nuclear Operating Co., et al.; Combined Licenses for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4, and Limited Work Authorizations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) will convene an evidentiary session to receive testimony and exhibits in the uncontested portion of this proceeding regarding the application of Southern Nuclear Operating Company for two combined licenses (COLs) seeking approval to construct and operate new nuclear power generation facilities at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 & 4 (VEGP), as well as for two limited work authorizations (LWAs) to engage in selected construction activities. This mandatory hearing will concern safety and environmental matters relating to the proposed issuance of the requested COLs and LWAs.

DATES: The hearing will be held on September 27, 2011, from 9 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). For a schedule for submitting prefiled documents and deadlines affecting Interested Government Participants, see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

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