LICENSE AMENDMENT ISSUANCE(S)—EXIGENT/EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

Exelon FitzPatrick, LLC and Exelon Generation Company, LLC; James A FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant; Oswego County, NY

Docket No(s) .............................................. 50–333.
Amendment Date ........................................... June 14, 2021.
ADAMS Accession No ................................. ML21162A042.
Amendment No(s) ........................................ 342.
Brief Description of Amendment(s) .................. The amendment modified Technical Specification (TS) 3.5.1, “ECCS [Emergency Core Cooling System]—Operating,” Condition A; TS 3.6.4.1, “Secondary Containment,” Condition A; and TS 3.6.1.9 Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Containment Spray System,” as well as certain Surveillance Requirements to support emergent repair of the “A” RHR pump motor. Specifically, the amendment revised the completion time from 7 days to 34 days for the “A” RHR pump, the completion time from 4 hours to 30 hours for restoring secondary containment, and the completion time from 7 days to 27 days for restoring one containment spray subsystem to operable status. Additionally, the amendment allowed extending the completion of several surveillance requirements of equipment being protected during the replacement of the “A” RHR pump motor.

V. Previously Published Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The following notice was previously published as separate individual notice.

It was published as an individual notice either because time did not allow the Commission to wait for this monthly notice or because the action involved exigent circumstances. It is repeated here because the monthly notice lists all amendments issued or proposed to be issued involving NSHC.

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST(S)—REPEAT OF INDIVIDUAL Federal Register NOTICE

Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; Will County, IL

Docket No(s) .............................................. 50–456, 50–457.
Application Date ........................................ May 27, 2021.
ADAMS Accession No ................................. ML21147A543.
Brief Description of Amendment(s) .................. The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.7.9.2 to allow an ultimate heat sink temperature of less than or equal to 102.8 degrees Fahrenheit through September 30, 2021.

Date & Cite of Federal Register Individual Notice
Expiration Dates for Public Comments & Hearing Requests.

Local Media Notice (Yes/No) ......................... No.
Public Comments Requested as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).

ACTION: License amendment application; opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–4 and NPF–7, issued to Virginia Electric Power Company (VEPCO), for operation of the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment would add a new requirement to isolate Primary Grade water from the reactor coolant system within 1 hour following a reactor shutdown from Mode 2. Additionally, it would make an editorial change to Technical Specification (TS) 5.6.5, “Core Operating Limits Report (COLR).”

DATES: Submit comments by August 12, 2021. Request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by September 13, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website:

• Federal Rulemaking Website: Go to https://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2021–0123. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• Mail comments to: Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7–
The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at https://www.regulations.gov as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information. If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Introduction

The NRC is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–4; NPF–7, issued to VECO, for operation of the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, VA, in response to VECO’s application dated May 6, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21126A314). The proposed amendment would add a new requirement to isolate Primary Grade water from the reactor coolant system within 1 hour following a reactor shutdown from Mode 2. Additionally, it would make an editorial change to TS 5.6.5, “Core Operating Limits Report (COLR).”

Before any issuance of the proposed license amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and NRC’s regulations.

The NRC has made a proposed determination that the license amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC). Under the NRC’s regulations in § 50.92 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2021–0123, facility name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject, if applicable, when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Website: Go to the Federal Register website and search for Docket ID NRC–2021–0123.
- NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at https://www.regulations.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. Before the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.
- Attention: The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET). Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments


The proposed change would allow for PG water isolation within 1 hour after entry into Mode 3 following reactor shutdown from Mode 2 when there is no planned dilution or makeup activity occurring. This would be an increase from the current Completion Time of 15 minutes. The 1-hour Completion Time following reactor shutdown is requested to continue to ensure prompt implementation of PG water isolation without placing an undue burden on the operating staff. Additionally, following a reactor shutdown, operators are highly focused on plant reactivity conditions and are now better equipped (since the reinsertion of SSAs at NAPS Units 1 and 2 in response to the lessons learned from the Surry Boron Dilution event in May 2011) to be able to identify, detect, and respond to reactivity changes that could be caused by an inadvertent dilution event. Additionally, an editorial change is made to TS 5.6.5, Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), to accurately reflect Amendments 287/270.

The proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. 2. Does the proposed change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

There are no proposed design changes or changes in the methods by which any safety-related plant structures, systems, or components perform their specified safety functions. The proposed change will not affect the normal methods of plant operation or change any operating parameters. No equipment performance requirements will be affected. The proposed change will not alter any assumptions in the safety analyses. The proposed change does not involve a physical modification of the plant. No new accident scenarios, transient precursors, failure mechanisms, or limiting single failures will be introduced because of this proposed change. There will be no adverse effect or challenges imposed on any safety-related system because of this proposed change. Additionally, an editorial change is made to TS 5.6.5, Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), to accurately reflect Amendments 287/270. Therefore, it is concluded that the proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The proposed change would allow for PG water isolation within 1 hour after entry into
Mode 3 following reactor shutdown from Mode 2 when there is no planned dilution or makeup activity occurring. This would be a change from the current Completion Time of 15 minutes. The 1-hour Completion Time following reactor shutdown would ensure prompt implementation of PG water isolation without placing an undue burden on the operating staff and is consistent with prior NRC approved Completion Times for PG water isolation following reactor shutdown. There will be no effect on plant systems necessary to perform protection functions. No Instrument setpoints or system response times are affected and none of the acceptance criteria for any accident analysis will be changed. Consequently, the proposed change will have no impact on the radiological consequences of a design basis accident. Additionally, an editorial change is made to TS 5.6.5, Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), to accurately reflect Amendments 287/270. Therefore, it is concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee’s analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the 3 standards of 10 CFR 2.309(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the license amendment request involves NSHC.

The NRC is seeking public comments on this proposed determination that the license amendment request involves NSHC. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 60-day notice period. However, if circumstances change during the notice period, such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. If the Commission takes action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the Federal Register a notice of issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

III. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission’s “Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure” in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the “Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)” section of this document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

If a hearing is requested and the Commission has not made a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which will serve to establish when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, then any hearing held would take place before the issuance of the amendment unless the Commission finds an imminent danger to the health or safety of the public, in which case it will issue an appropriate order or rule under 10 CFR part 2.

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 and on the NRC website at https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate.

IV. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as discussed below, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056) and on the NRC website at https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at hearing.docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301–415–1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC’s public website at https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html. After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC’s public website at https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html. A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC’s E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system timestamps the document and sends the submitter an email.
confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC’s Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC’s adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC’s Electronic Filing Help Desk through the “Contact Us” link located on the NRC’s public website at https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html, by email to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov, or by a toll-free call at 1–866–672–7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)–(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC’s electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available at https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as described above, click “cancel” when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC’s electronic hearing docket where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for license amendment dated May 6, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21126A314). Attorney for licensee: William S. Blair, Senior Counsel, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar St., RS–2, Richmond, VA 23219.

NRC Branch Chief: Michael Markley.

Dated: July 7, 2021.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. N2021–2; Order No. 5933]

Service Standard Changes

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is revising the procedural schedule for the proposed service standard changes to First-Class Package Service. This notice informs the public of the revised procedural schedule.

DATES: Discovery requests are due: July 21, 2021; Postal Service’s answers to discovery are due: July 28, 2021; Notices confirming intent to conduct oral cross-examination are due: July 28, 2021; Requests to present oral argument are due: July 28, 2021; Notices of designations are due: July 27, 2021; Notices of designated materials are due: July 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit filings electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit filings electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 17, 2021, the Postal Service filed a request for an advisory opinion regarding planned changes to the service standards for First-Class Package Service. On June 21, 2021, the Commission issued a notice and order concerning the Postal Service’s request, setting forth a procedural schedule for consideration of the planned changes. See Order No. 5920, Attachment 1.

On July 2, 2021, the Postal Service filed a notice revising the following supporting library references: USPS–LR–N2021–2–1, USPS–LR–N2021–2–4, USPS–LR–N2021–2–NP1, and USPS–LR–N2021–2–NP2. The Postal Service states that both sets of revisions are related to errors in how its summary tables were compiled and/or deficiencies in aggregating modeled results with unmodeled results. See Errata to Request and Testimony at 1–2.

In order to provide sufficient time for parties to analyze the implications of the modified data that were submitted following the Postal Service’s initial filing, the Commission finds good cause to adjust the procedural schedule as described below and in the Attachment appearing below the signature of this Order. See 39 CFR 3020.112(b).

The Commission previously set July 15, 2021 as the deadline for parties to file discovery requests regarding the Postal Service’s direct case, and July 22, 2021 as the Postal Service’s deadline to file answers to discovery requests. Order No. 5920 at 17. The deadline for parties to file discovery requests on the Postal Service’s direct case has been changed to July 21, 2021, and the Postal Service’s discovery answers must be filed by July 28, 2021.

The Commission previously set July 20, 2021 as the deadline for parties to file notices confirming intent to file a rebuttal case. Id. at 18. The deadline for parties to file these notices has been changed to July 23, 2021. The deadline to file a rebuttal case has been changed from July 29, 2021 to August 4, 2021. See id.

1 United States Postal Service Request for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, June 17, 2021 (Request).

2 Notice and Order on the Postal Service’s Request for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, June 21, 2021 (Order No. 5920).


4 Notice of the United States Postal Service of Revisions to Library References 1, 4, NP1, and NP2—Errata, July 2, 2021.