

The Need for the Proposed Action

When FOL DPR-28 was issued to the licensee and in subsequent amendments, the NRC staff deemed certain issues essential to safety and/or essential to meeting certain regulatory interests. These issues were imposed as license conditions in the FOL. Since the unit was licensed to operate in the 1970s, most of these license conditions have been fulfilled or changed. For the license conditions that have been fulfilled, the licensee proposed to have them deleted from the FOL. The license conditions that are incorrect or need to be updated are being changed.

The licensee also proposed to make changes to correct administrative errors such as words misspelled and deleted documents being referenced and to provide clarifying information such as identifying deleted license conditions with the applicable amendment number and date and providing consistent paragraph identification.

The fire protection license condition will also be changed to reflect an updated list of applicable NRC safety evaluation reports.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact if the amendment is granted. No changes will be made to the design and licensing basis, and the applicable procedures at Vermont Yankee will remain the same. Other than the administrative changes, no other changes will be made to the FOL, including the Technical Specifications.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Vermont Yankee dated July 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On August 6, 2001, the staff consulted with the Vermont State official, William Sherman of the Department of Public Service, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 23, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library Component on the NRC web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (Public Electronic Reading Room). If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of October 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Nuclear Industry Consolidation and Deregulation Issues Workshop

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will conduct a workshop on issues related to nuclear power industry consolidation and deregulation. The workshop will consist of two sessions. Session 1, “Nuclear Industry Consolidation Issues”, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, November 1, 2001. The document that forms the basis for discussion for this session is “Preliminary Impact Assessment of Nuclear Industry Consolidation on NRC Oversight (66 FR 34293, June 27, 2001).” The objectives of Session 1 are to discuss the staff's preliminary impact assessment and stakeholder comments on the assessments. Session 1 will be conducted in a “round table” format with discussions, as opposed to presentations, centered on selected focus areas related to nuclear industry consolidation. Suggested focus areas are Plant Operational Safety, Licensing, Inspection, Enforcement & Assessment, Decommissioning, Fuel Cycle Facilities, and Financial-Related Issues. Other issues of concern to the participants will also be discussed. A detailed agenda will be posted on the NRC website before the meeting. Selected staff and invited external stakeholders will be seated at the table to lead the discussions, but comments from all attendees will be entertained.

Session 2, “Effects of Deregulation on Safety—Research Issues”, will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2. The document that forms the basis for discussion for this session is “Effects of Deregulation on Safety: Implications Drawn From the Aviation, Rail, and United Kingdom Nuclear Power Industries”, (NUREG/CR-6735). The primary objective of Session 2 is to recommend a research agenda for NRC to address any significant issues related to deregulation that could affect nuclear power plant safety. A detailed agenda will be posted on the NRC website before the meeting. Subject Matter Experts who have studied the effects of deregulation on safety in the aviation, rail and United Kingdom nuclear power industries, and invited external stakeholders, will be the primary discussants, however, members of the

public will be invited to participate in the discussions as time permits.

Both workshop sessions will be open to the public and all interested parties may attend. All persons attending will register at the meeting.

DATES: November 1–2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North Building (TWFN), Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

SCHEDULE:

November 1, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m..

Session 1. Agenda items include: Plant Operational Safety, Licensing, Inspection, Enforcement & Assessment, Decommissioning, Fuel Cycle Facilities, and Financial-Related Issues.

November 1, 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Session 2. Agenda items include: Identification, definition, and prioritization of potential research issues.

November 2, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Session 2. Agenda items include: Potential research methods and research agenda

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For Session 1 contact Herbert N. Berkow, Mail Stop O 8 H12, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20–555–0001; Telephone (301) 415–1485 and E-mail at hnb@NRC.GOV. For Session 2, contact Julius J. Persensky, Mail Stop T 10 F13A, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; Telephone (301) 415–6759 and E-mail at jjp2@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary document for Session 1, “Preliminary Impact Assessment of Nuclear Industry Consolidation on NRC Oversight (for comment)”, is available electronically by visiting NRC’s Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/CONSOLIMPACT>).

The primary document for Session 2, “Effects of Deregulation on Safety: Implications Drawn From the Aviation, Rail, and United Kingdom Nuclear Power Industries”, (NUREG/CR–6735), is available electronically by visiting NRC’s Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/CR6735>). You may request a free single copy of NUREG/CR–6735 by writing to: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, or E-mail: DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov, or Facsimile: (301) 415–2289.

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parking near the NRC buildings is limited.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of October, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC’s regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide 1.149, “Nuclear Power Plant Simulation Facilities for Use in Operator Training and License Examinations,” describes methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC’s regulations associated with approval or acceptance of a simulation facility for use in reactor operator and senior operator training and NRC license examinations.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection or downloading at the NRC’s Web site at www.nrc.gov under Regulatory Guides and in NRC’s Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS System) at the same site. Single copies of regulatory guides may be obtained free of charge by writing the Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, or by fax to (301) 415–2289, or by e-mail to DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV. Issued guides may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service on a standing order basis. Details on this service may be obtained by writing NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road,

Springfield, VA 22161. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Joint Industry Plan; Solicitation of Comments and Order Approving Request To Extend Temporary Effectiveness of Reporting Plan for Nasdaq/National Market Securities Traded on an Exchange on an Unlisted or Listed Basis, Submitted by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Pacific Exchange, Inc., and the American, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati Stock Exchanges

October 15, 2001.

I. Introduction

On October 12, 2001, the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Inc. (“CSE”) on behalf of itself and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”), the American Stock Exchange LLC, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc., (“BSE”), the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. (“CHX”), Pacific Exchange, Inc. (“PCX”), and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. (“Phlx”) (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”)¹ submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) a proposal to extend the operation of the Plan² for Nasdaq/

¹ The CSE was elected as chair of the Operating Committee for the Joint Self-Regulatory Organization Plan Governing the Collection, Consolidation and Dissemination of Quotation and Transaction Information for Exchange-Listed Nasdaq/National Market System Securities and for Nasdaq/National Market System Securities Traded on Exchanges on an Unlisted Trading Privileges Basis (“Plan”) by the Participants.

² See letter from Jeffrey T. Brown, Vice President Regulation and General Counsel, CSE, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 10, 2001 (“October 2001 Extension Request”). The signatories to the Plan are the Participants for purposes of this release. On October 12, 2001, CSE also submitted an amendment to the October 2001 Extension Request to include Amex as a Participant. See letter from Jeff T. Brown, Vice President