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INFORMATION NEEDED BY THE AEC REGULATORY STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ANTITRUST REVIEW OF OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

A. INTRODUCTION

As required by the December 19, 1970, amendments to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission conducts antitrust reviews with respect to construction permits and operating licenses it issues for commercial nuclear facilities. The Commission must under certain circumstances, make a finding as to whether the activities under the permit or license would create or maintain a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws. An antitrust review at the operating license stage is not required unless the AEC determines such review is advisable on the ground that significant changes in the licensee's activities or proposed activities have occurred subsequent to the previous antitrust review conducted by the Attorney General and the Commission at the construction permit stage. This regulatory guide identifies the type of information that the Regulatory staff considers germane for a decision as to whether a second antitrust review is required at the operating license stage.

B. INFORMATION NEEDED BY THE AEC REGULATORY STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ANTITRUST REVIEW OF OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

1. To assist the regulatory staff in its review, an applicant for a license to operate a commercial nuclear power plant should consider the following

items and any related changes that have occurred or are planned to occur since submission of the construction permit application:

- a. Anticipated excess or shortage in generating capacity resources not expected at the construction permit stage. Reasons for the excess or shortage along with data on how the excess will be allocated, distributed, or otherwise utilized or how the shortage will be obtained.
- b. New power pools or coordinating groups or changes in structure, activities, policies, practices, or membership of power pools or coordinating groups in which the licensee was, is, or will be a participant.
- c. Changes in transmission with respect to (1) the nuclear plant, (2) interconnections, or (3) connections to wholesale customers.
- d. Changes in the ownership or contractual allocation of the output of the nuclear facility. Reasons and basis for such changes should be included.
- e. Changes in design, provisions, or conditions of rate schedules and reasons for such changes. Rate increases or decreases are not necessary.
- f. List of all (1) new wholesale customers, (2) transfers from one rate schedule to another, including copies of schedules not previously furnished, (3) changes in licensee's service area, and (4) licensee's acquisitions or mergers.

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g. List of those generating capacity additions committed for operation after the nuclear facility, including ownership rights or power output allocations.

h. Summary of requests or indications of interest by other electric power wholesale or retail distributors, and licensee's response, for any type of electric service or cooperative venture or study.

2. Licensees whose construction permits include conditions pertaining to antitrust aspects should list and discuss those actions or policies which have been implemented in accordance with such conditions.

3. Five copies of a separate document entitled "Information for Antitrust Review of Operating License Application" and containing the above requested information should be submitted when the operating license application documents are submitted or as soon thereafter as possible.