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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Saxton Nuclear Electric Corporation Facility (SNEC)  
Facility License No. DPR-4  
Docket No. 50-146  
Technical Specification Change Request No. 61

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. 50.4(b)(1), please find enclosed a request to amend Facility License No. DPR-4.

The proposed license amendment reflects an administrative name change from GPU Nuclear Corporation to GPU Nuclear, Inc. This same change has been previously made to other licenses held by GPU Nuclear, but a change to License DPR-4 was omitted. The NRC has previously reviewed the name change and has determined that it does not affect the corporate existence or obligations of the licensee, and involves no significant hazards considerations and no significant environmental impacts. There are no commitments made in this submittal.

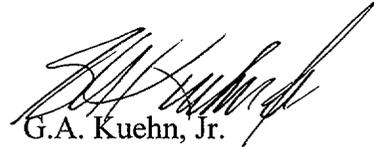
This application has been reviewed pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 50.91(a)(1) and an analysis supporting a determination of no significant hazards is included. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 50.91(b), copies of this application and supporting analysis, which indicates that no significant hazards consideration is involved, have been provided to the designated representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GPU Nuclear requests NRC review and approval of this license amendment by December 31, 2000, and that the amendment be made effective upon issuance. If you have any questions or

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require additional information regarding this license amendment, please contact Mr. James Byrne at (717) 948-8461.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G.A. Kuehn, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

G.A. Kuehn, Jr.  
Vice President, SNEC and  
Program Director, SNEC Facility

Attachments: 1) Evaluation of Changes  
2) Revised License Pages  
3) Certificate of Service

cc: Administrator, NRC Region 1 – Hubert J. Miller  
NRC Project Manager – Alexander X. Adams  
NRC Project Scientist, Region I – Thomas F. Dragoun  
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## **Attachment 1 Evaluation of Changes**

### **I. LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST**

GPU Nuclear, Inc. (GPU Nuclear) requests the following changed replacement pages be inserted into the existing License:

License Page 1.

### **II. REASONS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES**

The company name was changed from GPU Nuclear Corporation to GPU Nuclear, Inc. References to the former name have been replaced with GPU Nuclear, Inc.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE AND SAFETY EVALUATION JUSTIFYING CHANGES**

In the heading, and in paragraphs 1.A and 2.B of the license, change “GPU Nuclear Corporation” to “GPU Nuclear, Inc.”

This is an administrative name change from GPU Nuclear Corporation to GPU Nuclear, Inc. The change does not alter the corporate existence of the company, any of its obligations, responsibilities or liabilities, or the operation, maintenance or decommissioning of the facility.

The NRC has previously reviewed amendments made to other licenses to reflect this administrative name change. As the NRC has previously determined, the name change does not affect the corporate existence of the licensee, and all legal characteristics other than the legal name of the company remain the same. The State of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights and liabilities of GPU Nuclear have not and will not change as a result of the amendment. Similarly, the name change does not alter the function of GPU Nuclear or the way it does business. There will be no alteration of any of the existing license conditions, and no change in GPU Nuclear’s ability to comply with any licensing conditions or any other obligation or responsibility under the license. There will be no impact on the safe operation of the facility. See 62 Fed. Reg. 66399 (1997) and 63 Fed. Reg. 20223 (1998).

### **IV. No Significant Hazards Considerations.**

The NRC has previously determined that similar amendments reflecting this name change have involved no significant hazards consideration. See 62 Fed. Reg. 4341, 4350 (1997) and 62 Fed. Reg. 59912, 59915 (1997).

Consistent with these prior NRC determinations, GPU Nuclear has determined that the License Amendment involves no significant hazards considerations as defined in 10 C.F.R. 50.92

1. The proposed changes to the Saxton License do not involve a significant increase in the probability of occurrence or consequences of an accident or malfunction of equipment important to safety previously analyzed in the safety analysis report. The changes have no impact on plant operations or the release of radioactive materials.
2. The proposed changes to the Saxton License will not create the possibility for an accident or malfunction of a different type than any previously evaluated in the safety analysis report because no plant configuration or operation changes are involved.
3. The changes will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety as defined in the basis of any technical specification for Saxton because no change to operational limits will be made.

#### V. IMPLEMENTATION

GPU Nuclear requests that the amendment become effective immediately upon issuance.

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**Revised License Pages**

GPU NUCLEAR, CORPORATION INC.  
SAXTON NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL CORPORATION  
DOCKET NO. 50-146  
SAXTON FACILITY  
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-4

[NOTE: THIS IS A CONSOLIDATED VERSION OF THE LICENSE INITIALLY PREPARED BY GPUN LICENSING DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 21, 1998 AND UPDATED FOR SUBSEQUENT LICENSE AMENDMENTS]

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("the Commission") has found that:
  - A. The application for an amendment to Amended Facility License DPR-4 filed by GPU Nuclear, ~~Corporation Inc.~~ and the Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (the licensees) on April 10, 2000 as supplemented on May 9, July 13, and August 8, 2000 conforms to the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended ("the Act"), and the regulations of the Commission set forth in Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR);
  - B. The facility will be possessed in conformity with the application, provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - C. There is reasonable assurance that (i) the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and (ii) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the regulations of the Commission;
  - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
  - E. The amendment is issued in accordance with the regulations of the Commission as stated in 10 CFR Part 51, and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Operating License No. DPR-4, as amended, is hereby amended in its entirety to read:
  - A. This license applies to the pressurized water reactor (hereinafter referred to as the "Saxton facility") owned by Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "SNEC"), located north of the Borough of Saxton in Liberty Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and described in Amendment No. 5 dated April 19, 1961, and amendments thereto including the amendment dated April 14, 1972, to Saxton's license application.
  - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission hereby licenses GPU Nuclear, ~~Corporation Inc.~~ (GPU Nuclear) and SNEC as follows:
    - (1) GPU Nuclear, pursuant to Section 104b of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities", is licensed to possess, manage, use, and maintain, but not to operate the Saxton facility at the designated location in Liberty Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in the facility license;



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF  
SAXTON NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL CORPORATION

LICENSE NO. DPR-4  
DOCKET NO. 50-146

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that Technical Specification Change Request No. 61, to amend Operating License DPR-4 for the Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation Facility, has been filed with executives of Liberty Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania; Bedford County, Pennsylvania; and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, by deposit in the United States mail addressed as follows:

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Saxton, PA 16678

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Bedford County Commissioners  
County Courthouse  
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Bedford, PA 15522

Director, Bureau of Radiation Protection  
PA Department of Environmental Protection  
Rachael Carson State Office Bldg., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 8469  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8469  
Attn: Kenneth Singh

SAXTON NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL CORPORATION

BY:



Vice President, SNEC &  
Program Director, SNEC Facility

DATE:

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