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MEMORANDUM TO: Biweekly Notice Coordinator

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE -
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY LICENSE, PROPOSED NO
SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION,
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING (TAC NO. MB0692)

GPU Nuclear Corporation and Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC), Docket
No. 50-146, Saxton Nuclear Experimental Facility (SNEF), Bedford County, Pennsylvania
Date of amendment request: November 30, 2000.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would change the name in
the license of GPU Nuclear Corporation to GPU Nuclear, Inc.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by
10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensees have provided their analysis of the issue of no significant
hazards consideration, which is presented below:

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 CFR 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.

The NRC staff has reviewed the analysis of the licensees and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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