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Docket No.: 50-271

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Gentlemen:

The Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License" for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in response to your request dated November 5, 1976.

The amendment would revise the Technical Specifications relating to the spent fuel storage pool. As amended, the Technical Specifications would permit you to replace the storage racks in the present spent fuel storage pool, increasing its capacity in phases from 600 fuel assemblies to 2000 fuel assemblies.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-271

VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT
TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 issued to Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, located near Vernon, Vermont.

In accordance with the licensee's application for amendment, dated November 5, 1976, the amendment would revise the provisions in the Technical Specifications relating to the spent fuel pool. As amended, the Technical Specifications would permit the licensee to replace the storage racks in the present spent fuel storage pool, increasing its capacity in phases from 600 fuel assemblies to 2000 fuel assemblies.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations.

By January 10, 1977, the licensee may file a request for a hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license.

Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Mr. John A. Ritsher, Ropes & Gray, 225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, the attorney for the licensee.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic

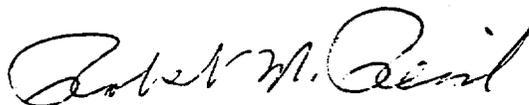
Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has a right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 5, 1976, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. and at the Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 26th day of November 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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