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Docket No. 50-423

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ATTN: Mr. Donald C. Switzer

President

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO CPPR-113 - MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

Your letter, dated August 25, 1977, transmitted an application for an Amendment to the Millstone Unit No. 3 Construction Permit. The purpose of the amendment is to provide for the addition of the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department as an applicant for all licenses previously requested and the transfer of ownership shares.

We have reviewed your request for an Amendment to Construction Permit CPPR-113 and have concluded that the addition of the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department as an owner and the transfer of shares does not affect our previous conclusion that the applicants are financially qualified to design and construct the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3. The basis for our conclusion is set forth in the enclosed safety evaluation.

We have further concluded that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that authorization of this amendment to the permit does not involve a significant hazards consideration inasmuch as it involves no significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, nor does it involve a significant decrease in a safety margin. We have also concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration, and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

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Enclosed is Amendment No. 6 to CPPR-113 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 which modifies the construction permit to reflect the changes stated above. Also enclosed is a copy of a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Roger S. Boyd
Roger S. Boyd, Director
Division of Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

#### Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 6 to Construction Permit No. CPPR-113
- 2. Federal Register Notice
- 3. Safety Svaluation Report

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# NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL\*

## **DOCKET NO. 50-423**

# MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

# AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Amendment No. 6
Construction Permit No. CPPR-113

- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) having found that:
  - A. The application for amendment contained in a letter dated August 25, 1977, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I:
  - B. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the nealth and safety of the public; and
  - C. Prior public notice of this amendment is not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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- 2. Accordingly, Construction Permit No. CPPR-113 is amended to reflect a change in the ownership of the facility by adding the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department as an owner and transferring shares as follows:
  - A. A new paragraph is added as follows:
    - 3.E.(2) d. The following ownership shares may be transferred as indicated:

      Shares

TO: The Village of Lyndonville Electric
Department .0487%

FROM: Central Vermont Public Service Company

All references in Construction Permit No. CPPR-113 to "applicants" to include:

The Village of Lyndonville Electric Department

3. This Amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original Signed By
Roger S. Boyd
Roger S. Boyd, Director
Division of Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

## DOCKET NO. 50-423

## NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL\*

## NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT

## TO CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 6 to Construction Permit No. CPPR-113 issued to the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. The amendment reflects a change in ownership and transfer of shares of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (the facility), located in New London County, Connecticut. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment provides for the addition of The Village of Lyndonville Electric Department as an applicant for all licenses previously requested and the transfer of ownership shares as noted in the construction permit amendment.

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The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment contained in Northeast Nuclear Energy Company's letter, dated August 25, 1977, (2) Amendment No. 6 to Construction Permit No. CPPR-113, and (3) the Commission's letter to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company and the related Safety Evaluation attached thereto. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at the Waterford Public Library, Rope Ferry Road, Route 156, Waterford, Connecticut 06385.

A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Project Management.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 2 day of Mark 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Olan D. Parr, Chief/

Light Water Reactors Branch No. 3 Division of Project Management

See previous yellow for concurrences

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#### SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

## MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

### Introduction

On April 18, 1977, May 9, 1977, and August 25, 1977, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company requested amendments to its construction permit for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, to secure approval of changes in the ownership percentages. The April 18, 1977 request involved Connecticut Light and Power Company, The Hartford Electric Light Company, and Western Massachusetts Electric Company transferring ownership interests of 2.903 percent, 1.533 percent, and 1.040 percent, respectively, to Central Maine Power Company, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, and Montaup Electric Company. Of the aggregate 5.476 percent proposed to be sold, 2.50 percent, 1.339 percent, and 1.637 percent was to be transferred to Central Maine Power Company, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, and Montaup Electric Company, respectively. The May 9, 1977 request involved Central Vermont Public Service Corporation transferring a .10 percent ownership interest to Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and twelve Massachusetts municipalities (Ashburnham, Boylston, Holyoke, Marblehead, North Attleborough, Paxton, Shrewsbury, South Hadley, Templeton, Wakefield, West Boylston, and Westfield) transferring a 1.857 percent ownership interest to Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company. The August 25, 1977 request involved the transfer of a .0487% ownership share from Central Vermont Public Service Company to The Village of Lyndonville Electric Department. Action had previously been taken by the staff to approve the April 18, 1977 and May 9, 1977 transfers; therefore, the staff's only other concern, from a financial qualifications standpoint, is the capability of The Village of Lyndonville to assume financial responsibility for their proposed ownership interest in the subject facility. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations relating to the determination of an applicant's financial qualifications are Section 50.33(f), 50.40(b) and Appendix C to 10 CFR Part 50.

## Analysis

Village of Lyndonville Electric Department is a municipal electric department with its principal office in Lyndonville, Vermont. It supplies electric service in fourteen cities, towns, villages, and other municipalities in the state of Vermont. Village of Lyndonville Electric Department presently plans to finance its acquisition through

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the issuance of general obligation bonds through the Vermont Bond Bank. Issuance of the bonds has been approved by the qualified voters of the Village of Lyndonville. The Village of Lyndonville Electric Department plans to finance its initial cost of participation in the project with short-term borrowing for a period of approximately twelve months. Short-term borrowing will be from either the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company, where the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department has a \$500,000 line of credit, or the First National Bank of Springfield.

The transfer contemplates a very small change in ownership interests and will in no way affect the operation and control of the project. An analysis of the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department's operations indicates that it will generate sufficient revenues to finance its participation in the project. The municipality has the authority to increase rates should it become necessary to provide additional revenue.

## Conclusion

Based on the preceding analysis, we have concluded that the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department is financially qualified to participate in the construction of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 at the proposed .0487 percent ownership interest. This conclusion is based on our determination that the applicant has reasonable assurance of obtaining necessary funds to cover its share of the construction and related fuel cycle costs.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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