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## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

January 15, 1979

Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281

Mr. W. L. Proffitt
Senior Vice President - Power
Virginia Electric and Power Company
Post Office Box 26666
Richmond, Virginia 23261

Dear Mr. Proffitt:

The Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses" for the Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The notice is in response to your request dated December 26, 1978 which proposed Technical Specification changes related to a reevaluation of the ECCS using an approved model as required by Order for Modification of License dated April 7, 1978 for Unit 2 and Exemption dated June 30, 1978 for Unit 1. The ECCS evaluation includes an increase in the steam generator tube plugging levels from 25% to 28%.

Sincerely,

A. Schwencer, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #1 Division of Operating Reactors

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## VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos.

DPR-32 and DPR-37 issued to Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 located in Surry County, Virginia.

The amendments would revise the provision in the Technical Specifications related to a reevaluation of the ECCS using an approved model as required by Order for Modification of License dated April 7, 1978 for Unit 2 and Exemption dated June 30, 1978 for Unit 1. The ECCS evaluation includes an increase in the steam generator tube plugging levels from 25% to 28% in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated December 26, 1978.

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

By FEBRUARY 20 1979 the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments to the subject facility operating licenses and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific

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aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend his petition, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, the petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to A. Schwencer: (petitioner's name and telephone number); (date petition was mailed); (plant name); and (publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice). A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Michael W. Maupin, Hunton and Williams, Post Office Box 1535, Richmond, Virginia 23213, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request, that the petitioner has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR §2.714(a)(i)-(v) and §2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this section, see the application for amendment dated December 26, 1978, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., and at the Swem Public Library, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 15th day of January, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A. Schwencer, Chief

Operating Reactors Branch #1
Division of Operating Reactors

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Note to Don Neighbors, Project Manager, ORB #1

Re: Preliminary Determination Not to Prepare EIA on Steam Generator Plugging at Surry 1 & 2

As we discussed, although I agree with the determination that the action should be prenoticed as involving a significant hazards consideration, I disagree with the determination that no EIS or EIA/ND is required.

The requested amendment would authorize an increase in the number of steam generator tubes which can be plugged (from 25% to 28%) without a reactor power decrease. Vepco submitted a new ECCS to support its request.

The basis for decision on the proposed NEPA action states that there would be no change in environmental impact. It appears to me that the authorization of additional plugging will result in an increase in the doses to the workers who will do the plugging and may increase environmental impact. Also, but for the action a decrease in power level would result. The action directly affects human beings and requires at least an analysis of whether the impact is significant. If it is not significant, the staff may issue an EIA/ND. If it is significant, the staff must issue an EIS.

J. M. Cutchin, IV Attorney, OELD

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