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Docket No. 50-348

Mr. F. L. Clayton
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Dear Mr. Clayton:

The Commission has filed the enclosed "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License" with the Office of the Federal Register for publication. This notice relates to your request of March 19, 1982 to amend the Technical Specifications to Operating License No. NPF-2 for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1. The amendment would revise the Technical Specifications relating to the spent fuel storage pool. As amended, the Technical Specifications would permit you to replace all of the storage racks in the present spent fuel pool with high density, poisoned racks, increasing its capacity from 675 fuel assemblies to 1407 fuel assemblies.

Sincerely,

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Steven A. Varga, Chief
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 Division of Licensing

Enclosure:
 "Notice of Proposed Issuance
 of Amendment to Facility
 Operating License"

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-348ALABAMA POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TOFACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-2, issued to Alabama Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1 located in Houston County, Alabama.

The amendment would revise the provisions in the Technical Specifications relating to the spent fuel pool. This change would permit the licensee to replace all of the storage racks in the present spent fuel pool with high density, poisoned racks, increasing its capacity from 675 fuel assemblies to 1407 fuel assemblies, in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated March 19, 1982.

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

By May 7, 1982, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license 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.

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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 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 the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, 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, a 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. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. 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 Steven A. Varga, Chief, Operating Reactors Branch No. 1, Division of Licensing: (petitioner's name and telephone number); date petition was mailed); (Farley Unit 1); 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,

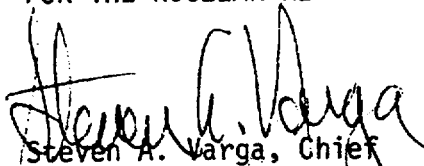
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to G. F. Trowbridge, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 1800 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, attorney for the licensee.

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 action, see the application for amendment dated March 19, 1982, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at the George S. Houston Memorial Library, 212 W. Burdeshaw Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 28th day of April 1982.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


Steven A. Varga, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
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