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The Commission has determined that this change should be implemented as soon as possible. The amendment would permit organizational changes to be made by the licensee more expeditiously. Since the proposed changes have no adverse effect on safety and would be beneficial to overall efficiency, such changes should be permitted with minimum delay. Consequently, the NRC staff has determined that these exigent circumstances justify reducing the public notice period normally provided for licensing amendments and proposes to issue the amendment at the close of business June 30, 1988.

The licensee has evaluated this proposed change with regard to the determination of whether or not a significant hazards consideration is involved. Operation of Sequoyah in accordance with the proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences

of an accident previously evaluated. This proposed change is administrative in nature and is intended to eliminate the need for NRC approval of a license amendment before implementation of an organization change. The changes to titles and references are also administrative in nature. The functions specified in Section 6 important to the safe operation of Sequoyah have not been altered or deleted. There are no hardware, procedure, personnel or analysis changes represented by this proposal that adversely affect the probability of occurrence or the consequences of an accident previously evaluated in the plant Final Safety Analysis Report.

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Following an initial review of this application, the requested amendment has been evaluated against the standards in 10 CFR 50.92 and the NRC staff has made a proposed (preliminary) determination that the requested amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. The changes to the organizational structure are administrative in nature and do not affect the consequences of any accident previously considered nor create the possibility of an accident of a different kind, nor decrease any margin of safety.

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