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CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT
TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20, issued to Consumers Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the Palisades Plant (the facility), located in Van Buren County, Michigan.

The amendment would change various aspects of the Palisades Plant augmented steam generator inservice inspection program regarding the required frequency of inspection and the tubes to be included in inspection samples. The amendment would also allow the installation of Inconel-600 sleeves inside degraded tubes as an alternate to plugging.

Prior to issuance of the proposed 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 December 30, 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 provisional 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 M. I. Miller, Esquire, Isham, Lincoln & Beale, Suite 4200, One First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60670 and J. L. Bacon, Esquire, Consumers Power Company, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, the attorneys 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.

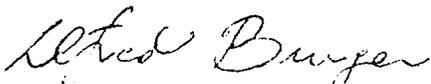
All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the 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 10, 1977, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20555 and at the Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 South Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 25th day of November 1977.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


Alfred Burger, Acting Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #1
Division of Operating Reactors

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
NOTICING OF PROPOSED LICENSING AMENDMENT

LICENSEE: CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY (Palisades Plant)

REQUEST FOR: Technical Specification changes related to steam generator inservice inspection requirments at the Palisades Plant.

REQUEST DATE: November 10, 1977

PROPOSED ACTION: (X) Pre-notice Recommended
 () Post-notice Recommended
 () Determination delayed pending
 completion of Safety Evaluation

BASIS FOR DECISION: The proposed changes to the Palisades steam generator inservice inspection program would allow the sleeving of degraded tubes as an alternate repair method (instead of the present method of plugging). In order to determine whether the proposed action would contribute an unreviewed safety question, we must perform a significant part of the review itself. Until this is done, we are unable to state per 10 CFR 50.59(c) whether: (appropriate Block(s) checked)

- (i) The probability of occurrence or the consequences of an accident of equipment important to safety may be increased.
- (ii) The possibility for an accident or malfunction of a different type than any evaluated previously in the SAR may be created
- (iii) The margin of safety for any Technical Specification is reduced.

Since the attendant delay in taking final NRC staff action, if prenoticing is found necessary, would impact on licensee's ability to proceed with the proposed action in a timely manner, it is considered prudent to prenotice at this time, even though an adequate basis for post noticing may well be developed during the course of the review.

- Proposed NEPA Action:
- EIS Required
 - Negative Declaration (ND) and Environmental Impact Appraisal (EIA) Required
 - No EIS, ND or EIA Required
 - Determination delayed pending completion of EIA

BASIS FOR DECISION: No environmental effects; no changes in power level or in type or quantity of effluents.

- | CONCURRENCES; | DATE: |
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