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Docket No. 50-313

Arkansas Power and Light Company ATTN: Mr. J. D. Phillips Vice President and Chief Engineer Sixth and Pine Streets Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Gentlemen:

In response to your request of March 14, 1973, the Atomic Energy Commission has issued an Order extending the construction completion date for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1. In lieu of the latest completion date of July 1, 1973, as specified previously in Provisional Construction Permit No. CPFR-57, the latest completion date has been extended to January 1, 1974.

A copy of the Order, and a Memorandum from R. C. DeYoung to A. Giambusso, are enclosed for your information. The Order has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By A Schwencer

A. Schwencer, Chief Pressurized Water Reactors Branch No. 4 Directorate of Licensing

Enclosures: As stated

cc w/encls: Horace Jewell, Esquire House, Holms and Jewell 1555 Tower Building Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Honorable Wayne Nordin Acting County Judge of Pope County Pope County Courthouse Russellville, Arkansas 72801

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ARKANSAS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1)

DOCKET NO. 50-313

ORDER EXTENDING COMPLETION DATE

Arkansas Power and Light Company is the holder of Provisional

Construction Permit No. CPPR-57 issued by the Commission on December 6, 1968,

for construction of Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, a 2568 megawatt (thermal)

pressurized water nuclear reactor presently under construction at the

Company's site on a peninsula in the Dardanelle Reservoir on the Arkansas

River in Pope County, Arkansas.

On March 14, 1973, the Company filed a request for an extension of the completion date because construction has been delayed due to several factors which include (i) late delivery of valves, (ii) modification of reactor vessel and internals, (iii) problems with containment tendon stressing systems, and (iv) modification of the emergency core cooling system. The Director of Regulation having determined that this action involves no significant hazards considerations, and good cause having been shown, the bases for which are set forth in a memorandum dated from R. C. DeYoung to A. Giambusso:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the latest completion date for CPPR-57 is extended from July 1, 1973 to January 1, 1974, with the earliest completion date being November 1973.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Original signed by A. Giambusso

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director for Reactor Projects Directorate of Licensing

Date of Issuance: 41973



. UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Docket No. 50-313

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director for Reactor Projects, Licensing

EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE FOR ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1

On March 14, 1973, Arkansas Power and Light Company filed a request for an extension of the completion date for the construction of Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1. The only modification proposed to the existing construction permit is an extension of the construction completion date which does not allow any work to be performed that is not already allowed by the existing construction permit. Therefore, the staff finds that this action does not involve any significant hazards considerations. The staff also finds that the applicant's explanation in its letter of March 14, 1973, that the delays in the Arkansas Nuclear One construction were due to (i) late delivery of valves, (ii) modification of reactor vessel and internals, (iii) problems with containment tendon stressing systems, and (iv) modification of the emergency core cooling system, is reasonable and shows good cause for the delay.

The Regulatory staff finds that prior public notice of an order authorizing the requested extension is not required since the action does not involve significant hazards considerations, and that good cause exists for the issuance of an order extending the completion dates.

Accordingly, issuance of an Order extending the latest completion date for the construction of Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, as presently set forth in Construction Permit No. CPPR-57, should be authorized. The Order is to be effective on the date of issuance.

R. C. DeYoung, Assistant Director for Pressurized Water Reactors

Directorate of Licensing