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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF INDIVIDUAL NOTICE (TAC NO. 66509)

The Commission has forwarded the enclosed "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Prior Hearing" to the Office of the Federal Register for publication (copy enclosed).

This notice relates to your application dated October 28, 1987, and supplemented by letter dated November 25, 1987, related to an interchange in the power supply between two isolation valves (F252 and F253) in the reactor water cleanup system.

Sincerely,



Lester L. Kintner, Project Manager
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Enclosure: As stated

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONMISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANYSYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INCSOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONDOCKET NO. 50-416NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TOFACILITY OPERATING LICENSEAND OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-29 issued to Mississippi Power & Light Company, System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association, for operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), Unit 1, located in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI or the licensee) requested a license amendment by letter dated October 28, 1987, as revised November 25, 1987. The proposed license amendment would revise the provisions in the Technical Specifications (TS) related to an interchange in the power supply between two isolation valves (F252 and F253) in the reactor water cleanup (RWCU) system.

As a result of a design review of the RWCU, the licensee discovered that an inboard containment isolation valve (F252) in a branch line had the same divisional power supply (Division A) as the outboard containment isolation valve in the main piping (F004). The inboard containment isolation valve in the main piping (F001) and the outboard drywell isolation valve in the branch line (F253) have Division B power supplied to them.

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In order to prevent a single failure of a power supply from causing failure of the containment isolation function of the branch piping, the licensee proposed an interchange between the Division A power supply to valve F252 and the Division B power supply to valve F253. The license amendment requested associated TS changes to Specification 3/4.6.4 and 3/4.8.4.1.

The licensee's design review of the RWCU also disclosed that the piping components in the branch lines out to the outboard dry well isolation valve (F253) were designated ASME Boiler and Pressure Code, Class 2 (ASME Code Class 2) and not ASME Code Class 1. The Commission's regulations (10 CFR 50.55a) require that the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) include all those pressure-containing components which are connected to the reactor coolant system, up to and including the outermost containment isolation valve in system piping which penetrates primary reactor containment. For GGNS, Unit 1 which has a BWR-6 Mark III containment, the dry well is considered as the primary reactor containment structure for the purpose of establishing ASME Code Class requirements for piping. By separate letter dated November 25, 1987, the licensee requested an exemption from 10 CFR 50.55a that requires components which are a part of the RCPB to meet the requirements of ASME Code Class 1. This request for an exemption will be addressed separately by the staff.

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 JAN 04 1988 , 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. 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 pre-hearing 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 that 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 must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, 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 Elinor G. Adensam: (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 Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Nicholas S. Reynolds, Esquire, Bishop, Lieberman, Cook, Purcell, and Reynolds, 1200 17th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20036, attorney for the licensee.

Untimely 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 presiding 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)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and at the Local Public Document Room, Hinds Junior College, McLendon Library, Raymond, Mississippi 39154.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 1st day of December 1988

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