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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT
TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING
FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Prior Hearing."

This notice relates to your application for amendment dated December 16, 1987, which would delete a condition in the facility Operating License and revise provisions in the Technical Specifications related to the qualifications and training of operating personnel for the facility.

Sincerely,

/s/

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONMISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANYSYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.SOUTH 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 (NRC or 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, Unit 1, (GGNS or the facility) located in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

Systems Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI or the licensee), requested a license amendment by letter dated December 16, 1987. The proposed license amendment would delete a condition in the facility operating license (OL) and revise provisions in the Technical Specifications (TS) related to the qualifications and training of operating personnel for the facility. These changes are intended to implement an amendment to 10 CFR Part 55, "Operators' Licenses," which became effective May 26, 1987. The specific proposed changes are described as follows:

1. OL Condition 2.C.(30) states, "Permanent training center instructors and consultants assigned to training who, after initial criticality will

teach systems, integrated responses, transients, and simulator courses to license candidates or NRC-licensed personnel, shall either demonstrate or have previously demonstrated their competence to the NRC staff by successful completion of a senior operator examination prior to teaching licensed operators."

SERI proposes to delete this condition, since the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) Operator Training Program is now accredited by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO).

2. TS 6.3 states, "Each member of the unit staff shall meet or exceed the minimum qualifications of ANSI N18.1-1971 for comparable positions and the supplemental requirements specified in Section A and C of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter[#] to all licensees,...."

SERI proposes to delete the phrase "and the supplemental requirements specified in Section A and C of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter[#] to all licensees" from the above TS, since 10 CFR Part 55, as amended, supersedes the March 28, 1980 NRC letter. The reference to the footnote (#) would be retained.

3. TS 6.4 states, "A retraining and replacement training program for the unit staff...shall meet or exceed the requirements and recommendations of Section 5.5 of ANSI N18.1-1971 and Appendix "A" of 10 CFR Part 55 and the supplemental requirements specified in Sections A and C of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter[#] to all licensees,...."

SERI proposes to delete the reference to "Appendix A" since the revision to 10 CFR 55 deleted this appendix. SERI also proposes to delete the phrase "and the supplemental requirements specified in Sections A and C of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter[#] to all licensees" since 10 CFR Part 55, as amended, supersedes the March 28, 1980 NRC letter. The reference to the footnote (#) would be retained.

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 February 26, 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.

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 presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted 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 21st day of January 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

/s/

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