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Dear Mr. Cloninger:

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING FOR GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. 69184)

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 Hearing."

The notice relates to your application for amendment dated August 19, 1988. The proposed amendment would change the Technical Specifications (TS) in accordance with the guidance provided in Generic Letter 87-09, "Sections 3.0 and 4.0 of the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) on the Applicability of Limiting Conditions for Operation and Surveillance Requirements." The general requirements in TS 3.0.4, applicable to each limiting condition for operation (LCO) within Section 3.0, would be changed to allow operational condition changes without meeting the LCO requirements provided the remedial actions in the associated action statements do not require reactor shutdown if the LCO is not met in a specified time. For those TS which presently have an exception to TS 3.0.4, the exception would be deleted because the change in TS 3.0.4 would achieve the same effect by itself. For applicable TS which do not presently have an exception to TS 3.0.4, the change in TS 3.0.4 provides increased operational flexibility. TS 4.0.3 would be changed to allow up to 24 hours additional time to run missed surveillance tests. TS 4.0.4 would be changed to clarify that it does not prevent changing operational conditions to comply with action requirements. The Bases for TS 3.0 and 4.0 would be changed to reflect the changes in the TS.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT

TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND

OPPORTUNITY FOR 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, South Mississippi Electric Power Association and System Energy Resources, Inc. (the licensees) for operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1, located in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

The proposed amendment would change the Technical Specifications (TS) in accordance with the guidance provided in Generic Letter 87-09, "Sections 3.0 and 4.0 of the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) on the Applicability of Limiting Conditions for Operation and Surveillance Requirements." The general requirements in TS 3.0.4, applicable to each Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) within Section 3.0, would be changed to allow operational condition changes without meeting the LCO requirements provided the remedial actions in the associated action statements do not require reactor shutdown if the LCO is not met in a specified time. For those TS which presently have an exception to TS 3.0.4, the exception would be deleted because the change in TS 3.0.4 would achieve the same effect by itself. For applicable TS which do not presently have an exception to TS 3.0.4, the change in TS 3.0.4 provides increased operational flexibility. TS 4.0.3 would be changed to allow up to 24 hours

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Prior to issuance of the 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 November 18, 1988 , the licensees 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 request for hearing and a 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 prehearing 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 which 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 shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch,

or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, 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 1-800-325-6000 (in Missouri 1-800-342-6700). 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 General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Nicholas S. Reynolds, Esquire, Bishop, Liberman, Cook, Purcell and Reynolds, 1200 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, attorney for the licensees.

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).

If a request for hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendment after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of its proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 19, 1988, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Hinds Junior College, McLendon Library, Raymond, Mississippi 39154.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of October, 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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