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Docket No. 50-416

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Dear Mr. Kingsley:

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. 66878)

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."

This notice relates to your application for amendment dated December 16, 1987, as revised August 3, 1988. This notice supersedes a previous notice (53 FR 2302) dated January 27, 1988 that related to your December 16, 1987 application. The proposed amendment 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,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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DOCKET NO. 50-416
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. This notice relates to the licensees' revised application for an amendment dated August 3, 1988 and supersedes a previous notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on January 27, 1988 (53 FR 2302), which related to the licensees' initial application for an amendment dated December 16, 1987.

The proposed 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 would implement an amendment to 10 CFR Part 55, "Operator's 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

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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 INPO accredited and based on a systems approach to training.

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, except for the Chemistry/Radiation Control Superintendent who shall meet or exceed the qualifications of Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975##; the Shift Technical Advisor who shall meet or exceed the qualifications referred to in Section 2.2.1.b of Enclosure I of the October 30, 1979 NRC letter to all operating nuclear power plants"

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 except for the Chemistry/Radiation Control Superintendent who shall meet or exceed the qualifications of Regulatory Guide 1.8, September 1975##; the Shift Technical Advisor who shall meet or exceed the qualifications referred to in Section 2.2.1.b of Enclosure I of the October 30, 1979 NRC letter to all operating nuclear power plants" from the above TS and replace it with, "except for the Chemistry/Radiation Control Superintendent and Shift Technical Advisor, who shall meet or exceed the education and experience requirements of ANSI/ANS 3.1-1981 as endorsed by Regulatory Guide 1.8,

Revision 2, 1987, and licensed personnel who shall meet or exceed the criteria of the accredited license training program." This change will make GGNS TS consistent with the revision to 10 CFR Part 55 and Regulatory Guide 1.8, Revision 2, 1987.

3. Footnote # to TS 6.3 and 6.4 states, "Except that the experience and other training information provided in the licensee's letter to the NRC dated July 29, 1985 are acceptable for the individuals listed in that letter."

Footnote ## to T.S. 6.3 states, "Except that the individual identified in MP&L's [Mississippi Power & Light Company's] letter to the NRC dated December 11, 1985 is considered qualified to hold the position of Chemistry/Radiation Control Superintendent based on the experience, education, and other information provided or referenced in that letter."

SERI proposes to delete these footnotes. Footnote # modified Section A of Enclosure 1 of the March 28, 1980 NRC letter which SERI proposes deleting under changes 2 and 4. The individual identified in the referenced MP&L letter in Footnote ## complies with the requirements of Regulatory Guide 1.8, Revision 2, 1987.

4. 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: (a) delete the phrase "the requirements and recommendations of Section 5.5 of ANSI N18.1-1971" and replace it with "INPO accreditation criteria"; (b) delete the reference to "Appendix A" since the revision to 10 CFR Part 55 deleted this appendix; and, (c) 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" to make GGNS TS consistent with the revision to 10 CFR Part 55, which superseded the referenced letter.

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 September 26 , 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 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, 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 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 December 16, 1987, as revised August 3, 1988, 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 Hinds Junior College, McLendon Library, Raymond, Mississippi 39154.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of August 1988.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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