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NO. NPF-29 - GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M95320)

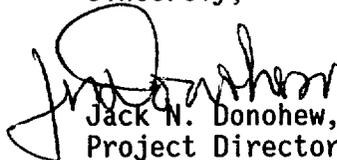
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Sincerely,



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DOCKET NO. 50-416

GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 125
License No. NPF-29

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) dated May 6, 1996, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended, as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment; by amending paragraphs 1.A., 2., 2.C.(3)(a), and 2.C.(3)(b) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-29 to read as follows:

1.A. The application for license filed by Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L), (now renamed Entergy Mississippi, Inc.), for itself and Middle South Energy, Inc., (now renamed System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI)) and South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA), as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the licensees) complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been fully made;

2. Based on the foregoing findings regarding this facility and pursuant to Commission Order CLI-84-19, dated October 25, 1984, License NPF-13, as amended, is superseded by this Facility Operating License NPF-29 which is hereby issued to Entergy Operations, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association to read as follows:

2.C.(3)(a) Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI shall comply with the antitrust conditions delineated in Appendix C. SERI is authorized to transfer its rights to possess, to use and to operate the facility to EOI, provided however, that until further authorization of the Commission, Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI shall continue to be responsible for compliance with the obligations imposed on the licensees in these antitrust conditions, and provided further that EOI accepts the right to possess, use and operate the facility and SERI accepts the right to possess the facility subject to the outcome of the pending separate antitrust review of the antitrust considerations related to the application dated September 2, 1986. SERI is authorized to transfer its rights to operate the facility to EOI.

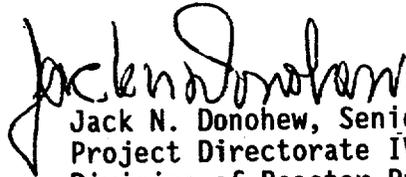
2.C.(3)(b) Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI are responsible and accountable for the actions of their respective agents to the extent said agent's actions contravene the antitrust conditions in Appendix C.

3. The license is also amended by changing the footnote on the bottom of License Page No. 6 to read as follows:

*The original license authorized Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) to operate the facility. Amendment 27 authorized SERI to operate the facility. Amendment 125 resulted in a name change for Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) to Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

4. In addition, the license is amended by changes to Appendix C to replace MP&L with Entergy Mississippi, Inc.
5. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment: Changes to the License

Date of Issuance: July 16, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 125

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-29

DOCKET NO. 50-416

Replace the following pages of the facility operating license with the attached pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the area of change.

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GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

License No. NPF-29

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for license filed by Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L), (now renamed Entergy Mississippi, Inc.), for itself and Middle South Energy, Inc., (now renamed System Energy Resources, Inc. (SERI) and South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA), as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the licensees) complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I, and all required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made;
 - B. Construction of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility), has been substantially completed in conformity with Construction Permit No. CPPR-118 and the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission;
 - C. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, as amended, the provisions of the Act, and the regulations of the Commission (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);
 - D. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this operating license can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public; and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I (except as exempted from compliance in Section 2.D. below);

- E. Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI), is technically qualified to engage in the activities authorized by this operating license in accordance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - F. The licensees have satisfied the applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 140, "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements," of the Commission's regulations;
 - G. The issuance of this license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public;
 - H. After weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other benefits of the facility against environmental and other costs and considering available alternatives, the issuance of Facility Operating License No. NPF-29, subject to the conditions for protection of the environment set forth in the Environmental Protection Plan attached as Appendix B, is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied; and
 - I. The receipt, possession, and use of source, by-product and special nuclear material as authorized by this license will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70.
2. Based on the foregoing findings regarding this facility and pursuant to Commission Order CLI-84-19, dated October 25, 1984, License NPF-13, as amended, is superseded by this Facility Operating License NPF-29 which is hereby issued to Entergy Operations, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association to read as follows:
- A. This license applies to the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), Unit 1, a boiling water nuclear reactor and associated equipment (the facility), owned by System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association and operated by Entergy Operations, Inc. The facility is located in Claiborne County, Mississippi, and is described in the licensees' "Final Safety Analysis Report," as supplemented and amended, and in the licensees' Environmental Report, as supplemented and amended.
 - B. Subject to the conditions and requirements incorporated herein, the Commission hereby licenses:
 - (1) Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) pursuant to Section 103 of the Act and 10 CFR Part 50, to possess, use, and operate the facility at the designated location in Claiborne County, Mississippi, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;
 - (2) System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association to possess, but not operate, the facility at the designated location in Claiborne County, Mississippi, in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in this license;

(3) Antitrust Conditions

- (a) Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI shall comply with the antitrust conditions delineated in Appendix C. SERI is authorized to transfer its rights to possess, to use and to operate the facility to EOI, provided however, that until further authorization of the Commission, Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI shall continue to be responsible for compliance with the obligations imposed on the licensees in these antitrust conditions, and provided further that EOI accepts the right to possess, use and operate the facility and SERI accepts the right to possess the facility subject to the outcome of the pending separate antitrust review of the antitrust considerations related to the application dated September 2, 1986. SERI is authorized to transfer its rights to operate the facility to EOI.
- (b) Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI are responsible and accountable for the actions of their respective agents to the extent said agent's actions contravene the antitrust conditions in Appendix C.

(4) Independent Verification of Staff Performance and Other Plant Activities (Section 13.4, SER, SSER #2)

- (a) MP&L* shall establish a subcommittee of the Corporate Safety Review Committee to review and evaluate the:
 - (i) Status and readiness of the plant and systems needed to support intended modes of operation and/or testing;
 - (ii) Readiness of personnel to conduct intended operation and testing;
 - (iii) Morale and attitudes of plant personnel that have a bearing on safe plant operation;
 - (iv) Past performance in plant operations and adherence to procedures and administrative controls;
 - (v) Changes in current organization with regard to experience and qualifications of plant management and supervisory personnel since the last evaluation;
 - (vi) Results and effectiveness of the Plant Safety Review Committee (PSRC),
 - (vii) Status of plant as compared to other BWR startups based on the subcommittee's knowledge and experience.

Reviews shall be conducted prior to exceeding 50 percent of full power and within 30 days following completion of the 100 hour warranty run. The subcommittee shall be composed of a minimum of three professionals not employees of MP&L, with experience which will be responsive to the concerns presented above. In conducting these evaluations, the subcommittee shall conduct interviews of representatives of all levels of plant staff management. The subcommittee shall report directly to the Chairman of the Corporate Safety Review Committee and, in turn, MP&L shall submit the report of these reviews to NRC.

- (b) The Plant Safety Review Committee shall review all Unit 1 Preoperational Testing and System Demonstration activities performed concurrently with the Unit 1 Startup Test Program to assure that the activity will not affect the safe performance of the portion of the Unit 1 Startup Program being performed. The review shall address, as a minimum, system interaction, span of control, staffing, procedures, security and health physics, with respect to performance of the activities concurrent with the portion of the Unit 1 Startup Program being performed.

(5) Deferred Preoperational Deficiencies

MP&L shall satisfactorily resolve those deficiencies which were deferred from the preoperational testing program on a schedule that shall assure that the capability of a system required to be operable by Technical Specification is not degraded.

(6) Soil Structure Interaction (Section 3.7.1, SER, SSER #2)

Prior to startup following the first refueling outage, MP&L shall complete structural modifications, if required, as a result of the NRC staff's completion of its review of MP&L* responses.

(7) Seismic Instrumentation (Section 3.7.4, SER, SSER #2)

Prior to startup following the first refueling outage, the installation of triaxial strong motion accelerometers on reactor supports shall be completed.

(8) Masonry Walls (Section 3.8.3, SER, SSER #2)

Prior to startup following the first refueling outage, MP&L shall complete structural modifications, if required, as a result of the NRC staff's completion of its review of the MP&L response to IE Bulletin 80-11.

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APPENDIX C

ANTITRUST CONDITIONS
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-29

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI (the term licensees in Appendix C refers to Entergy Mississippi, Inc. and SERI) shall comply with the following conditions:

I. DEFINITIONS

- (a) "Western Mississippi Area" means the counties of: Walthall, Lawrence, Jefferson Davis, Covington; Simpson, Smith, Scott, Leake, Attala, Choctaw, Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Panola, Tate, DeSoto, Pike, Amite, Wilkinson, Adams, Franklin, Lincoln, Copiah, Jefferson, Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Yazoo, Warren, Issaquena, Sharkey, Humphreys, Holmes, Carroll, Leflore, Sunflower, Washington, Bolivar, Tallahatchie, Quitman, Coahoma, and Tunica. An entity shall be deemed to be in the "Western Mississippi Area" if it has electric power generation, transmission, or distribution facilities located in whole or in part in the above described area.
- (b) "Bulk Power" means the electric power, and any attendant energy, supplied or made available at transmission or subtransmission voltage by one entity to another.
- (c) "Entity" means a person, a private or public corporation a municipality, a cooperative, an association, a joint stock association or business trust owning, operating or proposing to own or operate equipment or facilities for the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity, provided that, except for municipalities or rural electric cooperatives, "entity" is restricted to those which are or will be public utilities under the laws of the state in which the entity transacts or will transact business or under the Federal Power Act, and are or will be providing electric service under a contract or rate schedule on file with and subject to the regulation of a state regulatory commission or the Federal Power Commission.
- (d) "Cost" means any operating and maintenance expenses involved together with any ownership costs which are reasonably allocable to the transaction consistent with power pooling practices (where applicable). No value shall be included for loss of revenues from sale of power at wholesale or retail by one party to a customer which another party might otherwise serve. Cost shall include a reasonable return on Licensees' investment. The sale of a portion of the capacity of a generating unit shall be upon the basis of a rate that will recover to the seller the pro rata part of the fixed costs and operating and maintenance.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 125 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-29

ENERGY OPERATIONS, INC., ET AL.

GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

DOCKET NO. 50-416

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated May 6, 1996, Entergy Operations, Inc., (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the operating license and the antitrust conditions of the license for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (GGNS). The proposed changes would account for the change in the name of Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) to Entergy Mississippi, Inc. The license amendment would add the phrase "(now renamed Entergy Mississippi, Inc.)", replace MP&L by Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and replace a footnote with a reference to this change in name for MP&L.

2.0 BACKGROUND

As of April 22, 1996, the name of one of the license holders for GGNS has changed from MP&L to Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

The licensee has stated in its application that this is only an administrative change to the license and the antitrust conditions of the license to change the name of one of the companies listed in the license. The licensee stated further that the corporate existence of MP&L continues uninterrupted as Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and all legal characteristics remain the same. There is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the operating companies.

The financial responsibility for GGNS and the funds to support the facility will remain the same. Further, this name change does not impact the existing ownership of GGNS or the existing entitlement to power and will not alter the existing antitrust license conditions applicable to MP&L or MP&L's ability to comply with these conditions or with any of its other obligations or responsibilities under the license.

The licensee stated that the name changes were made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy", for the region that the licensee serves.

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2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee has proposed to change the operating license and the antitrust conditions of the license for GGNS to reflect the change in the legal name of MP&L which is listed in the license. This change in legal name is stated to be a simple change in name and does not affect the corporate existence of MP&L and all legal characteristics remain the same. There is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the operating companies.

The licensee also stated that the company, Entergy Mississippi, Inc., will still own all of the same assets as did MP&L, serve the same customers, and will continue all the existing obligations and commitments. There is also no change in the management or the procedures that operate GGNS. The financial responsibility for GGNS and the funds to support the facility will remain the same.

Based on the above, the staff concludes that the change in name from MP&L to Entergy Mississippi, Inc., in the operating license is acceptable.

Because the name change is only an administrative change in name having no other effect, the change does not require a financial qualification or antitrust review by the staff.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Mississippi State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32 and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact has been prepared and published in the Federal Register on July 12, 1996 (61 FR 36770). Accordingly, based upon the environmental assessment, the staff has determined that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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