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Dear Mr. Griffin:

Subject: Issuance of Federal Register Notice Arkansas Nuclear One,
Unit 2

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for Hearing related to your application, dated December 20, 1985, for changes to Section 6 of the Technical Specifications for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2. This Notice has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONARKANSAS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANYDOCKET NO. 50-368NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS
CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-6 issued to Arkansas Power and Light Company (the licensee), for operation of Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2, located in Pope County, Arkansas.

The amendment would revise Section 6 (ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS) of the Technical Specifications (TS) in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated December 20, 1985. The proposed TS changes are:

1. Changes to TS 6.5.2.2 would be made to clarify the responsibility of Safety Review Committee (SRC) appointments and total membership of the committee. In addition, the job titles referenced in the current TS for the committee membership would be replaced with functional descriptions.
2. Editorial changes would be made to TS 6.5.2.8 and a typographical error which was made with the issuance of Amendment No. 52 dated February 1, 1984 would be corrected.
3. Changes to Figures 6.2-1 and 6.2-2 would be made to reflect a reorganization of the Nuclear Operations Department of Arkansas Power & Light Company (AP&L).

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4. Changes would be made to reflect title changes and change in makeup of the Plant Safety Committee (PSC) due to reorganization.

Before 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.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The Commission has provided guidance concerning the application of the standards for determining whether a significant hazards consideration exists by providing certain examples (48 FR 14870). One of the examples (i) of actions involving no significant hazards considerations is a purely administrative change to TS; for example, a change to achieve consistency throughout the TS, correction of an error, or a change in nomenclature.

The proposed changes identified in item 2 above are purely administrative changes as in example (i) since they involve editorial changes and correction of an error.

The Commission has provided standards for determining whether a significant hazards consideration exists [10 CFR 50.92 (c)]. A proposed amendment to an

operating license for a facility involves no significant hazards considerations if operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed changes identified in items 1, 3 and 4 above are the results of a recent reorganization of the Nuclear Operations Department of AP&L. The details of the reorganization are described in the licensee's application dated December 20, 1985. There, the licensee indicates that the reorganization will enhance the effectiveness of the Nuclear Operations Department in responding to safety issues at Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO). In a similar manner, the effectiveness of PSC and SRC will be enhanced by the improved utilization of personnel with experience and expertise in the appropriate technical disciplines necessary to carry out their functions. Based on the above, the NRC staff believes that these proposed changes are administrative improvements and that these changes will not diminish, in any way, current administrative requirements of the ANO-2 TS. The staff therefore, proposes to conclude that the proposed amendment would not: (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, (2) create the possibility of an accident of a type different from any previously evaluated, or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. On this basis, the staff has made an initial determination that the proposed amendment is not likely to involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination. The Commission will not normally make a final determination unless it receives a request for a hearing.

Comments should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attn: Docketing and Service Branch.

By ~~MAR 0 0 1986~~ 1986, the licensees may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating licenses 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. Request 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.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make them effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendments until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendments before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

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 promptly so

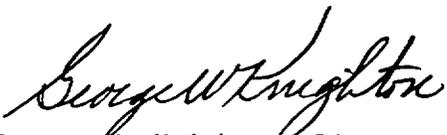
inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to George W. Knighton: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition 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 Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Nicholas S. Reynolds, Esq., Bishop, Liberman, Cook, Purcell and Reynolds, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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 petitioner 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., and at the Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas 72801.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 30th day of January 1986.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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