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Subject: Order Extending Construction Completion Date - Waterford Steam
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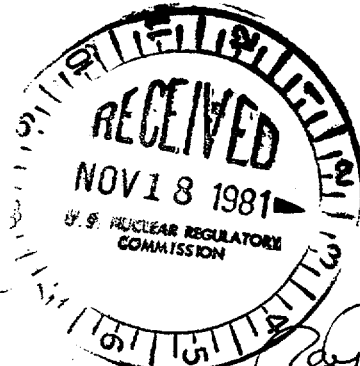
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for Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
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LOUISIANA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION UNIT NO. 3

DOCKET NO. 50-382

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Louisiana Power & Light Company is the holder of Construction Permit No. CPPR-103 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission* on November 14, 1974 for the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3. This facility is presently under construction at the applicant's site in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. By letter dated June 23, 1977, Louisiana Power & Light Company filed a request for extension of the latest construction completion date for the facility. The request was granted by the Commission's Order dated July 19, 1979.

On August 6, 1980, Louisiana Power & Light Company filed a request for another extension of the latest construction completion date for the Waterford 3 facility. This request is to extend the latest completion date to October 30, 1983. Louisiana Power & Light Company stated that this

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extension was requested because construction has been delayed due to (1) the status of the operating license application review, (2) slow down in construction progress due to manpower shortages, and (3) financial conditions which lead to a reduced construction workforce.

The Commission had determined that this action involves no significant hazards consideration; good cause has been shown for the delays; and the requested extension is for a reasonable period of time, the bases for which are set forth in the NRC staff's evaluation of the request for extension.

The Commission has determined that this action will not result in any significant environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal, need not be prepared in connection with this action.

The NRC staff's evaluation of the request for extension of the construction permit is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the University of New Orleans Library, Louisiana Collection, Lakefront, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the latest completion date for CPPR-103 is extended from June 1, 1982 to October 30, 1983.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Robert A. Purple, Deputy Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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EVALUATION OF A REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT NO. CPPR-103
FOR THE WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT NO. 3
DOCKET NO. 50-382

INTRODUCTION

Construction Permit CPPR-103 was issued on November 14, 1974 to Louisiana Power & Light Company authorizing construction of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3. The latest date for completion of the construction of this facility, as stated in the permit, was December 31, 1979. On June 23, 1977, Louisiana Power & Light Company filed a request for extension of the construction completion date to June 1, 1982. On July 19, 1979, the Commission issued an Order granting the requested extension. On August 6, 1980, Louisiana Power & Light Company filed a second request for extension of the construction completion date. This request is to extend the latest completion date to October 30, 1983.

DISCUSSION

In its application for extension of the construction completion date, Louisiana Power & Light Company indicated that three factors were responsible for the delay in completion of construction activities. These are:

- A. Licensing delays caused by NRC diversion of manpower to TMI related activities.
- B. Construction delays due to manpower shortages.
- C. Cutback in contract workforce because of critical financial conditions.

Louisiana Power & Light Company stated that reason B above caused construction to be delayed by six months; reason C caused an additional delay of eight months; and reason A delayed the earliest OL issuance date to October 1982. The applicant has asked for a latest completion date of one year beyond the present estimated OL issuance date to allow for possible delays caused by any additional as yet unidentified and unquantified future licensing problems.

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The NRC staff has reviewed the information provided in Louisiana Power & Light Company's submittal and concludes that the factors discussed above constitute good cause for granting the requested extension. The staff has evaluated each factor contributing to the construction delay and concurs with the permittee as to the reasonableness of time estimated for each delay. As a result of the staff's review of the Final Safety Analysis Report to date, and considering the nature of the delays, the staff has identified no areas of significant safety consideration in connection with the extension of the construction completion date for the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3. The only change proposed by the Permittee to the existing construction permit is an extension of the latest construction completion date. This extension will not allow any work to be performed involving new safety information of a type not considered by previous Commission safety reviews of the facility and that is not already allowed by the existing construction permit. Therefore, the staff finds that (1) this action does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) prior public notice of this action is not required, (3) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by the requested extension of the construction completion date, and (4) good cause exists for issuance of an Order extending the construction completion date.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the staff concludes that issuance of an Order extending the latest construction completion date for the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3, as set forth in CPPK-103, to October 30, 1983 is reasonable and should be authorized.

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