UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-58

CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, ET AL

PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 50-440

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated September 22, 1987, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), Duquesne Light Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and Toledo Edison Company (the licensees) requested an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-58 for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1. The proposed amendment would make various changes to the organization charts, Figures 6.2.1-1 and 6.2.2-1 of the Technical Specifications. Specifically, the position of Nuclear Operations Division Vice President would be eliminated. The previous Nuclear Operations Division Vice President would hold the position of Nuclear Group Vice President, the senior corporate management position at the Perry site. He would now report directly to the President of CEI and have additionally reporting to him the Manager of the Nuclear Quality Assurance Department.

The previous Nuclear Group Senior Vice President would become the Nuclear Vice President for the Centerior Energy Corporation. In this capacity, he would be planning for the future relationships between the Centerior Energy Corporation and the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. He would also report directly to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Centerior.

The Fire Protection Coordinator and his functions would be consolidated into a Unit with other Fire Protection activities assigned to the Technical Section General Supervising Engineer. The licensees have stated that this organizational change would not eliminate or alter any aspects of the fire protection plan itself.

The Procedures, Records and Services Section would be dissolved, and the responsibilities transferred to two sections - the existing Perry Procurement and Record Management Section and the new Document, Procedures and Services Section.

In addition to the above changes, other minor changes would be made to the organizational charts in terms of organization titles, and deletion/consolidation of certain non-key titles/positions such as grouping various lower echelon operations staff under the heading of "Nonlicensed Operators."

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensees have stated that the organizational changes would best utilize existing talents and focus resources on critical activities planned ahead. The licensees have stated that the changes do not affect their previous commitments with respect to meeting or exceeding the staff qualification requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971 as described in FSAR Section 13.1.3.

NRC staff approval of the licensees' existing organization structure for operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant is contained in Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report (SSER) No. 7, dated November 1985. The staff concluded that the licensees' organizational staff met the acceptance criteria for Regulatory Guide 1.8 and the Standard Review Plan, NUREG-0800. In evaluating the licensees' proposed changes, the staff has reviewed the licensees commitments to meet ANSI N18.1-1971 as described in FSAR Section 13.1.3. The staff has also reviewed Section 13.1 of the Standard Review Plan and Regulatory Guide 1.8. The staff has determined that the proposed changes would not affect the licensees' commitments to the provisions of ANSI N18.1-1971 and that the criteria stated therein with respect to selection and qualification of personnel would continue to be met if the licensees' proposed organizational changes were approved. Further, the staff has determined that the line authority reporting relationship in existence following implementation of the licensees' proposed changes would not be significantly different than previously approved by the staff in SSER No. 7, nor would there appear to be the addition of non-nuclear related collateral duties to key on-site management personnel which could detract from their supervising the safe operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, contrary to the guidance of Regulatory Guide 1.8. Therefore, the staff finds the proposed organizational changes acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment relates to changes in administrative procedures or requirements (namely organizational changes to the plant staff). Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement nor environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

We have 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, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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