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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSES AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING - BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT
NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MC7005 AND MC7006)

Dear Mr. Leidich:

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This notice is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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William A. Macon, Jr., Project Manager, Section 2
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Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY
BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-334 AND 50-412
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS,
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the direct transfer of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73 for the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 (BVPS 1) and 2 (BVPS 2), respectively, to the extent held by Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power). The transfer would be to FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation Corporation (FENGenCo). The Commission is further considering amending the licenses for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer.

According to an application for approval dated May 18, 2005, as supplemented by letter dated July 15, 2005, filed by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) on behalf of Penn Power and FENGenCo, FENGenCo would assume Penn Power's 65 percent undivided ownership interest in BVPS 1 and 13.74 percent undivided ownership interest in BVPS 2 following approval of the proposed license transfers. FENOC, currently the licensed operator of BVPS 1 and BVPS 2, would remain so and continue to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of BVPS 1 and BVPS 2. No physical changes to the BVPS 1 and BVPS 2 facilities or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

The proposed conforming amendments would replace references to Penn Power in the licenses with references to FENGenCo, as appropriate.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the direct transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

Within 20 days from the date of publication of this notice, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not the applicant, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart C, "Rules of General Applicability: Hearing Requests, Petitions to Intervene, Availability of Documents, Selection of Specific

Hearing Procedures, Presiding Officer Powers, and General Hearing Management for NRC Adjudicatory Hearings,” of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.309. Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)-(viii).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon David W. Jenkins, Esq., FirstEnergy Corp., 76 South Main Street, Mail Stop A-Go-18, Akron, OH 44308, tel: (330) 384-5037, and email: djenkins@firstenergycorp.com; the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302 and 2.305.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and

Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated May 18, 2005, and the supplemental letter dated July 15, 2005, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdrr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of July 2005.

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