

November 2, 2007

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SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL
APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Epstein:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application to renew the operating license for Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS), Units 1 and 2, which is located near the town of Shippingport, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. BVPS is operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC). The application for renewal was submitted by FENOC in a letter dated August 27, 2007, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51 & 54 (10 CFR Part 51 & 54).

The NRC has established that, as part of the staffs review of any nuclear power plant license renewal action, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants", NUREG-1437, will be prepared under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c), the SEIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

In the context of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the NRC staff has determined that the area of potential effect (APE) for a license renewal action is the area at the power plant site and its immediate environs that may be impacted by post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities associated with the proposed action. The APE may extend beyond the immediate environs in those instances where post-license renewal land-disturbing operations or projected refurbishment activities specifically related to license renewal may potentially have an effect on known or proposed historic sites. This determination is made irrespective of ownership or control of the lands of interest.

The NRC staff plans to hold two identical public meetings covering the license renewal review process and NEPA scoping on November 27, 2007, at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh – International Airport, 550 Cherrington Parkway, Pittsburgh, PA 15108. The first meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. In addition, during the week of November 13, 2007, the NRC plans to conduct a site audit. Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments. The anticipated publication date for the draft SEIS is September 2008.

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If you have any questions concerning the NRC staff's review of this license renewal application, please contact the Safety/Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Kent Howard, at 301-415-2989 or by e-mail at KLH1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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