

April 13, 2009

The Honorable Billy Cypress, Chairman
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3
NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Cypress:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking input for its environmental review of an application from Florida Power Corporation for the renewal of the operating license for the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Station (CR-3), located 35 miles southwest of Ocala, Florida. CR-3 is in close proximity to lands that may be of interest to the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida. As described, the NRC's process includes an opportunity for public and inter-governmental participation in the environmental review. We want to ensure that you are aware of our efforts and, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51.28(b) (10 CFR 51.28(b)), the NRC invites the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida to provide input to the scoping process relating to the NRC's environmental review of the application. In addition, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, through the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant is issued for up to 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years, if NRC requirements are met. The current operating license for CR-3 will expire on December 3, 2016. Florida Power Corporation submitted its application for renewal of the CR-3 operating license in a letter dated December 16, 2008.

The NRC is gathering information for a CR-3 site-specific supplement to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS), NUREG-1437. The supplement will contain the results of the review of the environmental impacts on the area surrounding the CR-3 site related to terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology, hydrology, cultural resources, and socioeconomic issues (among others) and will contain a recommendation regarding the environmental acceptability of the license renewal action. Provided for your information is the Crystal River Site Layout (Enclosure 1) and Transmission Line Map (Enclosure 2)

To accommodate interested members of the public, the NRC will hold two public scoping meetings for the CR-3 license renewal supplement to the GEIS at the Plantation Inn, 9301 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429 on April 16, 2009. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each session.

The license renewal application (LRA) and the GEIS are publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. The ADAMS accession number for the LRA is ML090080053. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

The CR-3 LRA is also available on the Internet at www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/crystal-river.html. In addition, the Coastal Regional Library, located at 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River, FL 34428-4468, has agreed to make the LRA available for public inspection.

The GEIS, which documents the NRC's assessment of the scope and impact of environmental effects that would be associated with license renewal at any nuclear power plant site, can also be found on the NRC's website or at the NRC's PDR.

Please submit any comments that the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida may have to offer on the scope of the environmental review by June 6, 2009. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at CrystalRiverEIS@nrc.gov. At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a summary of the significant issues identified and the conclusions reached, and mail a copy to you.

The NRC will hold another set of public meetings in the site vicinity to solicit comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS). Once the draft SEIS is complete, a copy will be sent to you for your review and comment. After consideration of public comments received on the draft, the NRC will prepare a final SEIS. The issuance of a final SEIS for CR-3 is planned for October 29, 2010.

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If you need additional information regarding the environmental review process, please contact Elaine Keegan, Project Manager, at 301-415-8517 or at elaine.keegan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-302

Enclosures:

1. Site Layout
2. Transmission Line Map

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