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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 85 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-64
POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 3
DOCKET NO. 50-286

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated February 5, 1988, the Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee) requested an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-64 for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3. This proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to reflect a management reorganization which merged the engineering and construction management functions into existing operations departments.

EVALUATION

The proposed change to TS Figure 6.2-1 reflects elimination of the Engineering and Design Department by deleting the positions of: (1) First Executive Vice President - Operations, and (2) Executive Vice President and Chief Engineer - Engineering and Design. The proposed change to TS Section 6.5.2.2 removes the Vice President - Design and Analysis from membership on the Safety Review Committee (SRC) since the position will no longer exist.

The Engineering and Design Department was divided into nuclear and non-nuclear analytical engineering and design groups and the support staff personnel were reassigned to the Nuclear Generation and System Operations Departments. These changes, therefore, allow the grouping of similar and interdependent activities, affording each of the departments more effective control of the key resources required to accomplish its tasks. The Nuclear Generation Department will now be responsible for all operations, engineering, and construction of the licensee's nuclear power plants. The position of First Executive Vice President - Operations has been eliminated to reduce the number of management levels without compromising effectiveness. However, the responsibility and functions have been divided between the Executive Vice President - Nuclear Generation and Executive Vice President - System Operations.

The licensee's submittal stated that the proposed changes promote more efficient management by streamlining management hierarchy, thus resulting in

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more rapid problem resolution, easier identification of responsibility, more direct communication links, and greater flexibility in adapting to change. This, therefore, enhances the organization's effectiveness and efficiency without compromising functions required for the continued safe operation of the plant. All personnel affected by the reorganization continue to meet the educational and experience levels described in the FSAR.

The position of Vice President - Design and Analysis has been eliminated, and the associated responsibilities and functions appropriate in supporting the operations of the licensee's nuclear power plants have been assumed by the Vice President - Nuclear Engineering. Consequently, the Vice President - Design and Analysis position has been eliminated from the Safety Review Committee (SRC). The elimination of one member of the SRC's voting board will not affect the function of the SRC. The quality of SRC decisions will not be adversely impacted since the remaining members of the board meet the academic knowledge and experience required in fulfilling the SRC's function. The remaining members are sufficient in number to achieve the quorum specified in the TS.

The proposed changes to the TS are purely administrative in nature in that they reflect the corporate reorganization only. Thus, the changes will have no effect on plant operation as described in the FSAR and are considered satisfactory.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves only changes in administrative procedure and requirements. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR Section 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

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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