UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

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In the Matter of

GPU NUCLEAR CORPORATION

(Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station) Docket No. 50-219-OLA-2

ASLBP No. 00-773-02-OLA

December 15, 1999

<u>MEMORANDUM AND ORDER</u> (Terminating Proceeding)

Pending before this Board is the application of GPU Nuclear Corporation (GPUN) for an amendment to the operating license for its Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station that would allow the use of the reactor building crane to handle loads up to and including forty-five tons during power operations. By December 9, 1999 letter to the Board, GPUN requests permission to withdraw the application without prejudice.

The request is <u>granted</u>. Accordingly, the license amendment application is now deemed withdrawn without prejudice and the proceeding is <u>terminated</u>.

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This action has the effect of mooting the November 5, 1999 request of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) for a hearing on the GPUN license amendment application and for leave to intervene. In the event, however, that the amendment application should be submitted anew, the NIRS request will be automatically reinstated; the prior concession of GPUN and the NRC staff regarding standing given effect;¹ and a schedule for the submission of contentions and supporting bases determined by the Board.

It is so ORDERED.

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD²

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Alan S. Rosenthal ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Charles N. Kelber ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

December 15, 1999

¹See November 29, 1999 Memorandum and Order at 2. NIRS would be expected to affirm that there was not a material alteration in the basis for standing asserted in its November 5 filing.

²Judge Peter Lam was not available to participate in this Memorandum and Order.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB MEMO & ORDER (LBP-99-45) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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