

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONSOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANYSAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANYDOCKET NO. 50-206SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR-GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO
PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-13 issued to Southern California Edison Company, et al. (the licensee), for operation of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1, located in San Diego County, California. The request for amendment was submitted by letter dated April 28, 1988, and references a report submitted by letter dated April 25, 1988.

The proposed amendment would permit the licensee to transport spent fuel from the Unit 1 spent fuel pool using a spent fuel shipping cask designed to contain seven spent fuel assemblies, instead of the single element cask currently authorized. The seven element cask weighs a maximum of 70 tons versus 30 tons for the single-element cask.

The 70-ton cask would be handled by the turbine gantry crane and transported on the horizontal beam of the crane's west A-frame. Because of cask drop considerations, the licensee proposes to conduct the spent fuel shipments only when the unit is in the cold shutdown or refueling modes. In addition, the licensee proposes to use an energy absorbing polyurethane foam box as an impact limiter to protect the turbine deck in the event of a cask drop.

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The spent fuel would be transported to the Unit 2 or Unit 3 spent fuel pool where it would be stored until a federal repository is available. The authorization to store Unit 1 spent fuel at Units 2 and 3 is the subject of separate licensing actions for Units 2 and 3.

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

By JUL 25 1988, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject provisional operating license, and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition, and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene must set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature

of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 325-6000 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to George W. Knighton: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel-White Flint, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Charles R. Kocher, Assistant General Counsel, and James Beoletto, Esq., Southern California Edison Company, P. O. Box 800, Rosemead, California 91770, attorneys for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714 (a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

If a request for a hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendment after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of a proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D.C., and at the General Library, University of California, P. O. Box 19557, Irvine, California 92713.

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