UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-261

CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 39 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-23, issued to the Carolina Power and Light Company, (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit No. 2 (the facility) located in Darlington County, Hartsville, South Carolina. The amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

The amendment revises the facility license and Technical Specifications to provide for a power increase from 2200 MWt to 2300 MWt.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 30, 1974 (39 FR 15061). One party, Mr. John D. Whisenhunt, petitioned to intervene in accordance with 10 CFR 2.714 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, and his petiton was granted.

Mr. Whisenhunt withdrew from the proceeding in 1977. On May 9, 1979, licensee moved to terminate the proceeding since it had become uncontested. On June 26, 1979 the Licensing Board granted this motion and terminated the proceeding.

The environmental impacts associated with operation of the facility at 2300 MWt have been considered in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement dated April 1975. In a proceeding which has been consolidated for consideration with this proceeding, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has reviewed these environmental impacts and by Partial Initial Decision of June 16, 1978 (7 NRC 1052) found that the benefits of continued operation of the facility outweigh the attendant environmental impacts and costs.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated February 1, 1974, as supplemented

March 12, April 12 and 29, May 17 and June 4, 1974, December 29, 1977, and March 14 and 20, 1978; (2) Amendment No. 39 to License No. DPR-23; (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation dated May 20, 1974 and supplemented July 31, 1975 and March 30, 1979; and (4) the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Order Granting Applicant's Motion to Terminate Proceeding dated June 26, 1979. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Hartsville Memorial Library, Home and Fifth Avenues, Hartsville, South Carolina. A copy of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 29th day of June, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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