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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. 43 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-23, 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.

This amendment changes the Technical Specifications to allow operation with a small positive moderator temperature coefficient at power levels below full power at beginning of cycle. Administrative changes are also made which delete references to early cycle requirements, correct figures and clarify wording.

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. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR 551.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

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For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated April 18, 1979, as supplemented August 8, 1979, (2) Amendment No. 43 to License No. DPR-23, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. 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) and (3) 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 26th day of October, 1979. FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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