

**DOCKET: 70-1151**

**LICENSEE: Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC**

**SUBJECT: Change in Principal Officers**

## **1. BACKGROUND**

By letter dated November 11, 2014, (Ref. 1) the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, (Westinghouse) submitted page changes, revising the list of principle officers at the Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (CFFF).

- David J. Precht, had previous been listed as the site manager at the CFFF. He now takes on the responsibilities as Vice President of Columbia Fuel Operations.
- Nancy Blair Parr had been the licensing manager at the CFFF prior to Gerald Couture. When Mr. Couture had left the site, Ms. Parr assumed those responsibilities.

The subject changes were included with an amendment to increase the possession limits.

## **2. DISCUSSION**

### **2.1. Regulatory Requirements**

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Paragraph 70.23(a)(2) requires that the applicant is qualified by reason of training and experience to use the material for the purpose requested.

### **2.2. License Application**

#### D. Precht

By letter dated October 4, 2010, (Ref. 2) Westinghouse had informed the staff at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that D. Precht had assumed the position of acting plant manager at the CFFF. By letter dated February 22, 2011, (Ref. 3) Westinghouse informed the NRC staff that D. Precht had been permanently assigned to the position of CFFF plant manager. Then, C. Alstadt had been appointed as first acting, and then permanent, Vice President, U.S. Fuel Operations. The NRC staff had approved of this change (Ref. 4). When C. Alstadt retired, Westinghouse combined the position of Vice President, U.S. Fuel Operations and CFFF plant manager.

#### N. Parr

By letter dated June 5, 2015, (Ref. 5) Westinghouse submitted a summary of the work experience and qualifications of N. Parr. Ms. Parr has over 25 years of experience in nuclear fuel fabrication engineering, process safety management, and regulatory compliance at the Westinghouse Savannah River Site and the CFFF. She has been certified as a team leader for root cause and process hazard analysis and represents Westinghouse on an international nuclear safety committee for fuel cycle facilities to share best practices and operating experience. For seven years, she had been involved, as a stakeholder from the nuclear

industry, the development of 10 CFR Part 70, Subpart H, requiring Westinghouse to conduct and Integrated Safety Analysis. Ms. Parr has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and Master's Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

### 2.3. NRC Staff Evaluation

#### D. Precht

Since 1981, Mr. Precht has been working at Westinghouse where he has held financial, technical, and management positions. He understands the technology of fuel fabrication, the financial aspects of nuclear fuel, and the management organization of the CFFF. The NRC staff concludes that Mr. Precht has technical qualifications, including training and experience to assume the role of both the plant manager of the CFFF and Vice President of Columbia Fuel Operations.

#### N. Parr

Ms. Parr has formal education in engineering sciences, and Westinghouse certification, thus she has sufficient training. Ms. Parr has over 25 years of experience in nuclear fuel fabrication. She also has experience with NRC regulations. The NRC staff concludes that Ms. Parr has technical qualifications, by reason of formal education and work experience, to be in the role of Licensing Manager at the CFFF.

### **3. FINDINGS**

The NRC staff finds that the licensee meets the requirements of 10 CFR 70.23(a)(2). Both Mr. Precht and Ms. Parr have qualifications, by reason of education, training, and extensive experience at the CFFF.

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Amendments to licenses that involve only changes of licensee management staff belong to a category of actions that the Commission has determined are categorical exclusions. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11), which states: Issuance of amendments to licenses for fuel cycle plants and radioactive waste disposal sites and amendments to materials licenses identified in 10 CFR 51.60(b)(1) which are administrative, organizational, or procedural in nature, no Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement was prepared for this action.

### **5. APPROVAL**

10 CFR 70.23(a)(2) states that an application for a license will be approved if the NRC staff determines that the applicant is qualified by reason of training and experience. The NRC staff finds that both D. Precht and N. Parr are qualified by reason of training and experience for their stated positions at the CFFF.

## **6. PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS**

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## **7. REFERENCES**

1. Letter from N. Parr, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, "Westinghouse License SNM-1107 Amendment Request (Docket 70-1151)", November 11, 2014. ADAMS accession number ML14316A092.
2. Letter from G. Couture, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, "Westinghouse License SNM-1107 Amendment Request For Change In Principal Officers (Docket 70-1151)," October 4, 2010. ADAMS accession number ML102800348.
3. Letter from G. Couture, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, "Westinghouse License SNM-1107 Amendment Request For Change In Principal Officers (Docket 70-1151), February 22, 2011. ADAMS accession number.
4. Letter from "License SNM-1107, Amendment 9 - Approval To Change Principal Officers (TAC NO. L33018)," February 25, 2011. ADAMS accession number ML103570263.
5. Letter from N. Parr, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, "Westinghouse Response To NRC Request For Additional Information (TAC #L33353) And Page Changes To Be Incorporated Into The Existing License SNM-1107 Amendment Request (Docket 70-1151)", June 5, 2015. ADAMS accession number ML15156B384.