

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-346; NRC-2019-0087]

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company;

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal by applicant.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (FES) to withdraw the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC, the licensee) application dated February 5, 2019, for a proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-3. The proposed amendment would have made changes to the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit No. 1, license and technical specifications (TS) to reflect the permanent cessation of reactor operation and permanent defueling of the reactor.

DATES: The withdrawal of the proposed amendment takes effect on August 9, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NRC has granted the request of FES to withdraw the FENOC application dated February 5, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19036A523), as supplemented by letters dated May 16 and June 26, 2019 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML19136A240 and ML19177A289, respectively), for a proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-3 for the DBNPS located in Ottawa County, Ohio. FES is the parent company of FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation, LLC, which owns DBNPS. The proposed amendment would have revised the DBNPS renewed facility operating license and TS following the permanent cessation of power operations to reflect the post-shutdown and permanently defueled condition. The proposed amendment would have eliminated TS requirements and license conditions which would not have been applicable once DBNPS

ceased power operations and could no longer place fuel in the reactor vessel. The proposed amendment would have also eliminated obsolete license conditions. In addition, the proposed amendment would have revised several license conditions and TS requirements, including limiting conditions for operation, usage rules, definitions, surveillance requirements, and administrative controls. The licensing bases for DBNPS, including the design bases accident analysis, would have also been revised.

The Commission previously issued a proposed finding that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration published in the *Federal Register* on April 9, 2019 (84 FR 14149). However, by letter dated July 26, 2019 (ADAMS Accession No. ML19207A097), FES requested to withdraw the proposed amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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