UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-213

CONNECTICUT YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

AND

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 32 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-61, issued to Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (the licensee) which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Haddam Neck Plant (the facility) located in Middlesex County, Connecticut. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment modifies the Appendix B (Environmental) Technical Specifications to: (1) Add a qualification to the allowable rate of change of discharge temperature which states that the temperature change must be related to a change in plant operation; (2) Change the pH limit to allow for fluctuations in naturally occurring pH of the river water; (3) Change the dissolved oxygen limit to relate it to the dissolved oxygen at the intake and any change caused by plant operation; (4) Change the reporting requirements for fish impingement; (5) Delete the requirement for fish deterrent studies which have been completed; and (6) Delete the requirement for phytoplankton studies which have been completed.

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The amendment also incorporates numerous editorial and clarifying changes, Environmental Review Board authority and membership changes and organizational changes within the Northeast Utilities Service Company.

The Commission has determined that the portions of the amendment dealing with numerous editorial and clarifying changes, and the changes associated with the Environmental Review Board and organizational structure will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with these matters. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has prepared an environmental impact appraisal relating to Items (1) - (6) above and has concluded that an environmental impact statement for these items is not warranted because there will be no significant environmental impact attributable to these items other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the facility.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated June 4, 1976, and supplements thereto dated May 6, 1977 and November 28, 1977, and applications dated February 16, 1978 and August 15, 1978, (2) Amendment No. 32 to License No. DPR-61, including its letter of transmittal, and (3) the Commission's Environmental Impact

Appraisal. 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 Russell Library, 119 Broad Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06457. 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 15th day of March, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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