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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

FOR OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 50 TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-16

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-219

INTRODUCTION

By letters dated August 7, 14, 25, and 27, 1980, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (the licensee) (JCP&L) submitted proposed changes to the Technical Specifications as contained in Appendix A to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-16 for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The proposed changes would modify Section 6 of the Technical Specifications to show a revised management and plant staff organization. The licensee also proposed organizational changes to be reflected in the Appendix B (Environmental) Technical Specifications. These changes are addressed in the transmittal letter to this action.

This revision will establish a General Public Utilities Nuclear Group (GPUNG) through which the operating and management responsibility for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station will be implemented for JCP&L. The GPUNG is being formed by combining the technical and management resources of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, and GPU Service Corporation Generations Division into a single organizational entity.

EVALUATION

The GPUNG that is being proposed will be organized as shown in revised Figure 6.2.1. The Technical Functions Group, Nuclear Assurance Group, Administration Group, Communications Group, and the Radiological and Environmental Controls Group will provide additional support for the operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

The Technical Functions Group consists of the Licensing Systems Engineering Department, the Engineering and Design Department, and the Project Engineering Department. These departments provide engineering and licensing support. The current responsibilities of the JCP&L's Supervisor, Nuclear Safety and Licensing, and the Manager, Generation Engineering, will be transferred to this Group.

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The Nuclear Assurance Group is comprised of the Quality Assurance Department, Nuclear Safety Assessment Department, and the Training and Operational Safety Support Department. These departments will provide support in the areas of quality assurance, safety assessment and training. The current responsibilities of JCP&L's Manager, Operational Quality Assurance, will be transferred to this Group.

The Administrative Group will provide support in the areas of security, materials management, personnel and general administrative functions.

The Radiological and Environmental Controls Group will provide personnel and technical support to implement the radiological and offsite environmental control functions for the Oyster Creek Station. The current responsibilities of the Oyster Creek Supervisor, Health Physics, will be transferred to this Group, as well as the environmental monitoring responsibilities of the current Manager, Environmental Affairs. This arrangement for management of radiological control functions assures further independence from station operation and maintenance functions.

The current responsibilities of the JCP&L's Director, Generation Construction, Maintenance and Contractor Services, will be transferred to a central maintenance support group.

The Executive Office GPUNG will be responsible for the operation of Oyster Creek. Reporting to that office will be the Director - Oyster Creek. The current responsibilities of the Manager, Generating Stations Nuclear for Oyster Creek, will be transferred to the Director - Oyster Creek.

We have reviewed the above described transfer of responsibilities and resources to the proposed new organization. We find based on the above that the proposed new organization will provide acceptable management and technical resources to manage and support the operation of Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station and we agree with the licensee that the proposed changes strengthen the overall management and increase the technical resources for Oyster Creek.

The proposed reorganization of the Oyster Creek plant staff is shown in the revised Figure 6.2.2. The responsibilities of the current Station Manager will be transferred to the Director, Oyster Creek Operations. Reporting to the Director, Oyster Creek Operations, will be the new positions of: Manager, Maintenance, who will be responsible for the Mechanical, and Instrument & Electrical (I&E) Maintenance, currently the responsibility of Supervisor, Station Mechanical Maintenance, and Supervisor, I&E Maintenance; Manager, Plant

Engineering, who will be responsible for those activities currently held by the Plant Support Superintendent; Manager, Administration, who will be responsible for station administrative duties; and Manager, Operations, who will be responsible for functions currently held by the Unit Superintendent, except for maintenance functions which will be transferred to the new Manager, Maintenance. New positions of Fire Protection Manager (reporting to Manager, Plant Engineering), Radwaste Operations Manager (reporting to the Manager, Operations), and Safety Review Manager (reporting to the Director, Oyster Creek Operations) will be established.

Based on our review, we have concluded that all existing functions of the current organization are included in the proposed reorganization and will remain onsite and would be available for day-to-day operation of Oyster Creek, with offsite backup support from GPUNG. Further, the staff finds that the technical qualifications of the licensee are unaffected by this amendment since it involves only a reorganization of the management structure for Oyster Creek.

The proposed change describes qualification requirements for key positions in the proposed organization which meet the provisions of Regulatory Guide 1.8 (Revision 1). We, therefore, find the proposal acceptable.

The NRC staff's review of the issues raised by the Commission in its August 9, 1979 and March 6, 1980 Orders regarding management capability of GPUNG has not been completed. Moreover, the issue of GPUNG's management capability is the subject of litigation in the TMI-1 restart proceeding. The staff's findings regarding the management capability of GPUNG contained in this safety evaluation are thus subject to modification should the staff's review or the Commission's findings in the restart proceeding necessitate such a change.

#### SUMMARY

We have reviewed the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and find that they are consistent with the proposed organizational changes. Based on our review of the proposed organizational changes, we conclude that all existing functions of the current organization are included in the proposed reorganization and the onsite groups will have backup support by GPUNG thus strengthening the overall Oyster Creek technical and management organization. We further conclude that the proposed plant staff will provide adequate management and functional capability for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

We have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR §51.51(4), that an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

#### CONCLUSION

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Date: September 15, 1980