

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:
Helen F. Hoyt, Chairperson
Emmeth A Luebke
Jerry Harbour



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In the Matter of)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY)
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, et al.)
(Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2)

) Docket Nos. 50-443-OL
) - 50-444-OL
) (ASLBP No. 82-471-02-OL)
)
) July 11, 1983

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ISSUANCE OF
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

On October 19, 1982, the Staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published in the Federal Register a notice that the Commission had received from the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, et al.,¹ (applicants) an application for facility operating license to possess, use, and operate the Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2--two pressurized water nuclear reactors located in the town of Seabrook, approximately 40 miles north of Boston. Each reactor is designed to operate at a core power level of 3411 megawatts thermal with an equivalent net electrical output of approximately 1198 megawatts each. 46 Fed. Reg. 51331 (1981).

1. The applicants for the operating license for Seabrook Station are: Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Commonwealth Energy Systems, Connecticut Light & Power Company, Montaup Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company, Hudson Light & Power Department, Maine Public Service Company, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, New England Power Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant, the United Illuminating Company, and the Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The notice stated that the Commission will consider the issuance to applicants of a facility operating license to possess, use, and operate the Seabrook Station; and the notice also provided that by November 18, 1981, anyone whose interest might be affected by the proceeding could file a request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice, 10 CFR Part 2. On November 30, 1981, the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972 (37 Fed. Reg. 28710) and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.711, 2.714a, 2.717, and 2.721 of the Commission's Regulations, established an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearings and to preside over the proceeding in the event that a hearing was ordered. 46 Fed. Reg. 59667-68 (1981).²

Twelve petitions to intervene were originally filed with the Commission. After special prehearing conferences held in Portsmouth, NH on May 6-7 and July 15-16, 1982, the Licensing Board admitted as a party pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.714 the State of New Hampshire, the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, the Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, and the Coastal Chamber of Commerce; the Licensing Board also admitted as interested states or municipalities pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.715(c) the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Maine, and the Town of South

2. The Licensing Board was reconstituted on August 25, 1982, because of a schedule conflict of one of the Board members. 47 Fed. Reg. 38656 (1982). The Licensing Board is presently comprised of the following Administrative Judges: Helen F. Hoyt, Chairperson; Dr. Emmeth A. Luebke; and Dr. Jerry Harbour.

Hampton. Memorandum and Order dtd Sep. 13, 1982. Subsequently, the Licensing Board dismissed the Coastal Chamber of Commerce as a party, and admitted as interested municipalities the Towns of Hampton, Brentwood, Kensington, Rye, Hampton Falls, Portsmouth, Newbury, Amesbury, Newburyport, Exeter, Seabrook, Salisbury, and North Hampton.

Evidentiary hearings on contentions advance by the parties will be conducted in two phases. The first phase hearings will be held on August 17 to August 19, August 23 to August 26, and August 30 to September 2, at the Strafford County Superior Court, County Farm Road, Dover, New Hampshire; those hearings will commence at 9:30 a.m. each day, and will address technical safety issues and on-site emergency planning issues. The second phase will commence in December, 1983 (the exact time and location to be specified in a later notice), and will address off-site emergency planning issues.

The public is invited to attend the hearings and observe, but members of the public may not participate in the evidentiary hearings. Instead, any person who wishes to make an oral or written statement in this proceeding, but who has not filed a petition to intervene, may request permission to make a limited appearance pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.715. Limited appearances during the first phase will be entertained only at the following times and locations:

Saturday, August 20
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Town Hall
Exeter, NH

Tuesday, August 23
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Strafford County Superior Court
County Farm Road
Dover, NH

Friday, August 26
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Hampton Academy Junior High School
Hampton, NH

Wednesday, August 31
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

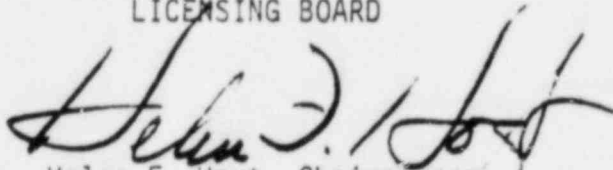
Seabrook Fire Station
Seabrook, NH

Limited appearance statements need not be limited to technical safety or on-site emergency planning issues, but must address issues relevant to the application. In addition, oral statements by a person making a limited appearance must be limited to 10 minutes.

Persons desiring to make a limited appearance are requested to inform the Licensing Board in advance, by writing to: David R. Lewis, Esq., Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. The Licensing Board will give priority to those limited appearances of which it has advance notice; persons who have not informed the Board in advance that they wish to make a limited appearance will be heard if time permits.

For further details, see the application for the facility operating license (including the Final Safety Analysis Report and the Environmental Report) forwarded October 1, 1981; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff's Safety Evaluation Report and Final Environmental Statement; the pleadings of the parties, interested States, and interested municipalities; and the Memoranda and Orders of the Licensing Board, all of which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Exeter Public Library, Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire 03883.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen F. Hoyt".

Helen F. Hoyt, Chairperson
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Issued at Bethesda, Maryland
this 11th day of July, 1983.