UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-348

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 6 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-2, issued to Alabama Power Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1 (the facility) located in Houston County, Alabama. The amendment was effective as of October 26, 1978.

The amendment incorporates a one-time change which expires on November 1, 1978, to allow plant startup with one of two redundant safety-related high efficiency particulate air filters at 99.93% efficiency instead of at 99.95% efficiency.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment 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 issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 26, 1978, (2) Amendment No. 6 to License No. NPF-2, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D.C. and at the George S. Houston Memorial Library, 212 W. Vurdeshaw Street, Dothan, Alabama 36301. 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 9th day of November, 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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