

Docket: 50-267

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Gentlemen:

In November 1981, the NRC announced a program for the transfer of selected functions and responsibilities from the various headquarters' offices to the regional offices. One of the functions to be regionalized is the program for licensing activities at nuclear power reactors which includes the review and issuance of license amendments and changes to the Technical Specifications.

The Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station has been selected as the first nuclear power reactor facility for which licensing activities will be transferred to a regional office.

The transfer of Fort St. Vrain licensing activities to Region IV will be effected on November 1, 1982. A Federal Register notice will be published on or about that date to amend 10 CFR 50.4 and implement the change. A copy of the proposed Federal Register notice is attached for your information.

The licensing project manager for Fort St. Vrain will reside in the Region IV office and will report to the Chief of Reactor Project Branch 1.

Region IV will notify you when the transfer has been effected. I propose a meeting between your staff and my staff shortly after the change is effected.

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If you have any questions regarding this transfer of licensing activities, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 50

Regional Licensing Program

Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The NRC is amending its regulations concerning the domestic licensing of utilization facilities to provide information concerning the further implementation of NRC's regional licensing program. This amendment states that authority and responsibility for implementing selected parts of NRC's nuclear reactor licensing program pertaining solely to the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station have been assigned and delegated to the Regional Administrator of Region IV and specifies where communications and applications relating to that facility should be sent. The amendment is necessary to inform the licensee and the public of current NRC practice and organization.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director, Division of Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone: (301) 492-7672.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is conducting a regionalization program involving certain licensing activities pertaining to nuclear reactors. Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station (Utility Licensee: Public Service Company of Colorado, License No. DPR-34, Docket No. 50-267) has been selected as the first nuclear reactor for which selected licensing activities will be transferred to a region. The responsible region

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is Region IV, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000, Arlington, Texas 76011. The general delegation of authority for the Regional Administrators is described in NRC Manual Chapter 0128.

Pursuant to that general delegation of authority, the Executive Director for Operations and the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation assigned certain licensing responsibilities with respect to the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station to the Regional Administrator of Region IV. Copies of the delegations of authority have been placed in the Commission's public document rooms at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., at the Region IV Office, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000, Arlington, Texas, and at the Greeley Public Library, City Complex Building, Greeley, Colorado 80631, the local public document room for the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station, where they are available for inspection and copying by the public.

The revised regulations, 10 CFR 50.4, are intended to inform licensees and the public of current NRC practices and organization. As amended, section 50.4 states that inquiries concerning NRC regulation of the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station and certain types of communications and reports pertaining to that facility should be sent to the Region IV Office and specifies the proper address. The amendment does not change the requirements for direct communication between the licensee and Region IV. Changes to other affected parts of the Commission's regulations, such as Part 2, will be made in the near future.

Since this amendment is nonsubstantive and relates to matters of agency organization and procedure, the notice and comment procedures of the

Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) do not apply and good cause exists for making the amendment effective on

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This rule contains no new or amended requirements for record keeping, reporting, plans or procedures, applications or any other type of information collection.

LIST OF SUBJECTS IN 10 CFR PART 50

Antitrust, Classified information, Fire prevention, Intergovernmental relations, Nuclear power plants and reactors, Penalty, Radiation protection, Reactor siting criteria, Reporting requirements.

The authority citation for this document is: Sec. 161, Pub. L. 83-703, 68 Stat. 948, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2201).

Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended and 5 U.S.C. 552 and 553, the following amendment to 10 CFR Part 50 is published as a document subject to codification.

PART 50 - DOMESTIC LICENSING OF PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION FACILITIES

1. Section 50.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 50.4 Communications.

(a) Except where otherwise specified or except as provided under a regional licensing program identified in paragraph (c) of this section, any communication or report concerning the regulations in this part and any application filed under these regulations may be submitted to the Commission as follows:

(1) By mail addressed to - Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(2) By delivery in person to the Commission offices at -

(i) 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.; or

(ii) 7920 Norfolk Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland.

(b) Before making any submittal in microform, the applicant or licensee shall contact the Division of Technical Information and Document Control, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Telephone (301) 492-8585, to obtain specifications and copy requirements.

(c)(1) The Commission has delegated to the Regional Administrator of Region IV authority and responsibility for implementing selected parts of its nuclear reactor licensing program for the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station.

(2) Any application filed under the regulations in this part and any inquiry, communication, information, or report relating to the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station must be submitted to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000, Arlington, Texas 76011. Upon receipt, the Regional Administrator of Region IV or his designee will transmit to the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation any matter which is not within the scope of the Regional Administrator's delegated licensing authority.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this _____ day of _____, 1982.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.

William J. Dircks,
Executive Director for Operations.