



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 140 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-72

FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION, ET AL.

CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT NO. 3 NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-302

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 16, 1991, Florida Power Corporation (FPC or the licensee) requested an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-72 for the Crystal River Unit No. 3 Nuclear Generating Plant (CR-3). The proposed amendment would delete Sebring Utilities Commission (Sebring) as a participating owner of CR-3 and licensee under this license, since FPC will purchase the 0.4473 percent ownership share owned by Sebring. FPC has informed us that this transfer is expected to be completed by mid-March 1992.

2.0 EVALUATION

FPC presently owns 90% of CR-3. Portions of the remaining 10% are owned by 11 municipalities and cooperatives, including Sebring. FPC and Sebring have entered into an agreement under which FPC would purchase the 0.4473 percent share owned by Sebring, which increases FPC's ownership share to 90.4473 percent.

FPC notes that its present funding of decommissioning costs is sufficiently in excess of minimum requirements as determined by use of the formula in 10 CFR 50.75(c)(1), and that it covers the increase resulting from its increased ownership share. We find this conclusion acceptable.

The proposed change to the license does not involve a change in the safety analysis, the Technical Specifications or day-to-day operation of the facility. Based on FPC's operation of CR-3 to date and the fact that the transaction involves the transfer of a small ownership share between two participants in the facility, the staff has determined that the proposed license amendment is acceptable. We have further determined that FPC remains qualified to be a holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-72 and that the transfer of license rights is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and others issued by the Commission, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80(a).

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

Based upon the written notice of the proposed amendment, the Florida State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32 and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact was prepared and published in the Federal Register (57 FR 9432). Accordingly, based upon the environmental assessment, the NRC staff has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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