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Enclosed is a Public Notice for the Wolf Creek Generating Station that we would like to have published on Tuesday, March 24, 1992 in the Coffey County Today and This Week. After publication, please send a copy of the tecr sheet and the notice to my attention. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-301-504-1315.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Martin J. Virgilio for

Suzanne C. Black, Trector Project Directorate IV-2 Division of Reactor Projects III/IV/V Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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# NRC STAFF CONSIDERING LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST TO EXTEND KG&E-KPL MERGER COMPLETION DATE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a request to extend from March 31, 1992, to May 31, 1992, the date when a merger is required to be completed by Kansas Gas and Electric Company (KG&E) and Kansas Power and Light Company (KPL).

This request is contained in an application dated March 20, 1992, for an amendment to the operating license of the Wolf Creek Generating Station near Burlington, Kansas, operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC).

In November 1991, NRC consented to the transfer of KG&E's interest in the Wolf Creek plant to a wholly-owned subsidiary of KPL and amended the facility operating license to reflect that change in ownership. That amendment was to be effective upon completion of the merger, provided that took place on or before March 31, 1992.

Now, however, the proposed merger has been delayed pending the completion of ongoing investigations by WCNOC, which the NRC is monitoring, regarding a noise which occurs during heatups at the Wolf Creek plant. Although the investigation is considered to be nearing completion, it is possible that the merger will be delayed until after March 31, 1992.

Following an initial review of this application, the staff has made a proposed (preliminary) determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under NRC regulations, this means that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, would not

create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident, or involve a significant reduction in a safety margin.

The proposed amendment extending the date by which the merger of KG&E and KPL is required to be completed was found not to adversely impact the analyses performed during the review and subsequent November 19, 1991, approval of the license transfer and associated amendment to the Wolf Creek operating license. Since the facility is operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, acting as an agent for KG&E and the other owners, the merger of KG&E and KPL has no effect on plant equipment or the technical qualification of plant personnel and therefore would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident. Likewise, since the merger does not involve any change to installed plant equipment or operating procedures and practices, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated. The partial change in ownership does not affect facility operation or overall organizational commitments and thus does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

If the proposed determination that the requested license amendment involves no significant hazards consideration becomes final, the staff will issue the amendment without first offering an opportunity for a public hearing. An opportunity for a hearing will be published in the <u>federal Register</u> at a later date and any hearing request will not delay the effective date of the amendment.

If the staff decides in its final determination that the amendment does involve a significant hazards consideration, a notice of opportunity for a prior hearing will be published in the <u>Federal Register</u> and, if a hearing is granted, it will be held before the amendment is issued.

Comments on the proposed determination of no significant hazards consideration may be telephoned to Suzanne Black, Director, Project Directorate IV-2, by collect call to 1-301-504-1318. All comments received by close of business on March 27, 1992, will be considered in reaching a final determination. A copy of the application may be examined at the NRC's Local Public Document Rooms located at the Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas 66901 and at the Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, Kansas 66621.

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