

MISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANY Helping Build Mississippi P. O. BOX 1640, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

August 15, 1984

J B RICHARD SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT - NUCLEAR

> U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Unit 2 Docket No. 50-417 License No. NPF-13 File: 0260/0272/L-860.0/0092/0109 Extension of Construction Permit Date, Grand Gulf Unit 2 AECM-84/2-0003

Pursuant to 10CFR 50.55(b), Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L), on behalf of itself and as agent for Middle South Energy, Inc. (MSE) and South Mississippi Power Association', hereby requests an amendment to Construction Permit CPPR-119 for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 to extend the latest construction completion date to April 30, 1991. The construction completion date currently set forth in the Grand Gulf Unit No. 2 construction permit is October 1, 1984.

MP&L submits that good cause for the construction permit extension exists and that the extension is for a reasonable period of time. In December of 1979, MSE reduced construction activities on Unit No. 2 because of the unavailability of funds necessary to continue the full construction of both Unit No. 1 and Unit No. 2 and because of the need to concentrate its resources on the completion of Unit No. 1. As a result, Unit No. 2 is now approximately 33% complete and will not be completed before October 1, 1984, the current construction completion date in the Unit No. 2 construction permit.

After commercial operation of Unit No. 1 commences, MSE expects to obtain a significant portion of the funds necessary to finance continued construction of Unit No. 2 from the sale of power from Unit No. 1. Full resumption of construction on Unit No. 2 is dependent upon, among other things, the commercial operation of Unit No. 1.

Assuming full construction on Unit No. 2 resumes within the next year, that unit could begin commercial operation in April, 1991.

MP&L submits that good cause exists for this extension of Construction Permit CPPR-119 and that such extension is for a reasonable period of time. When a construction permit extension request is based upon a temporary inability to finance continued plant construction, then issuance of the extension pursuant to 10CFR Section 50.55 is warranted. Public Service of New Hampshire (Seabrook Station, Unit No. 2), CLI-84- , March 29, 1984, slip A001

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opinion; Washingtor Public Power Supply System (WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 1), ALAB-771, May 15, 1984, slip opinion; Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 2), ALAB-722, 17 NRC 576 (1983).

The requested construction permit amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. This is because the requested amendment would not:

- involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated;
- (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or
- (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Pursuant to 10CFR 170.21, a check is attached for \$150.00 as required for a Class II construction permit amendment application and, in accordance with provisions of 10 CFR 50.30, three (3) signed originals and forty (40) copies of the requested amendment are enclosed.

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JBR:rg Attachments

cc: Mr. R. B. McGehee (w/o)
Mr. N. S. Reynolds (w/o)
Mr. G. B. Taylor (w/o)

Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director (w/a) Office of Inspection & Enforcement U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator (w/a) U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II 101 Marietta St., N.W., Suite 2900 Atlanta, Georgia 30323

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J. B. Richard, being duly sworn, states that he is Senior Vice President - Nuclear, of Mississippi Power & Light Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this request for extension of construction permit CPPR-119 on behalf of Company, Middle South Energy, Inc. and South Mississippi Electric Power Association; that he signed the foregoing letter as Senior Vice President - Nuclear, of Mississippi Power & Light Company; and that the statements made and the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

J. B. Richard

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this 15% day of Avgvsf, 1984.

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My commission expires: October 27, 1987

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