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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 78 TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-16

GPU NUCLEAR CORPORATION AND

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

OYSTEP CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated June 8, 1984, GPU Nuclear Corporation (GPU) (the licensee) requested an amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-16 for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. This amendment would authorize changes to the Technical Specifications (TS), Section 6.0, Administrative Controls.

A Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for Hearing related to the requested action was published in the Federal Register on November 21, 1984 (49 FR 45953). No request for hearing or public comments were received.

2.0 DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION

The proposed amendment would authorize changes to Appendix A of the TS in four areas. The first area involves changes to the Plant Engineering Organization to allow it to be more responsive to operations and maintenance needs, and to enhance the administrative capabilities of the organization. The second area involves upgrading the position of Manager, Radiological Controls to the Director level. The third area involves updating the requirements for written procedures in effect for Oyster Creek and the fourth area involves the addition of the NUREG-0737 (Clarification of TMI Action Plan Requirements) requirement for a special report to be submitted to the NRC following the failure of, or challenge to, relief and safety valves.

The Plant Engineering organization will be restructured as depicted in revised Figure 6.2.2 and as described in revised Section 6.3.1. The responsibilities of the Manager-Plant Engineering will be split into three separate areas: Operations Engineering, Maintenance Engineering and Support Engineering. Each of the three areas will be headed by a Manager

with an appropriate Technical/Administrative background and capabilities as specified in the Oyster Creek TS. This structure provides increased time on the managerial level for both technical and administrative support to the Supervisory/Engineering personnel. Since the technical, educational, administrative and experience requirements for these three managerial positions have not been changed, the staff finds this proposed administrative change acceptable.

The Fire Protection Supervisor title will be revised to Site Fire Protection Coordinator since this position no longer directly supervises the activities of fire protection personnel. This position reports to the Manager-Support Engineering, but continues direct access to the Plant Engineering Director providing an additional level of technical support to this function. Since the technical responsibilities of the position remain the same, the staff finds this proposed administrative change acceptable.

The title of Manager-Core Engineering will be revised to Core Manager. This position reports directly to the Manager-Operations Engineering and relieves this position of some administrative responsibilities which allows more time for technical duties. An additional level of expertise is also provided to the Plant Engineering Director. The description of the Core Manager has been placed in a new place on TS page 6-6 because the position now ranks at a different level in the facility staff organization. Since the technical responsibilities of this position remain as specified in Section 6.3, the staff finds this proposed administrative change acceptable.

The position of Chemistry Manager no longer falls under the cognizance of the Plant Engineering organization. This position now reports to the Plant Operations Director and is subsequently deleted from Plant Engineering; this title has also been changed to Manager-Plant Chemistry. The description of the Manager-Plant Chemistry has been moved from the bottom of TS page 6-6 to the bottom of TS page 6-5 because the position now ranks at a higher level in the facility staff organization. Since the qualifications of this position remain the same and the position's reporting requirements have not been downgraded, the staff finds this administrative change acceptable.

Another change to the onsite organization at Oyster Creek is that the position of Manager/Deputy Radiological Controls has been upgraded to the Director level. The title of the position will be revised from Manager/Deputy Radiological Controls to Radiological Controls Director. This revision in titles will also be made in TS Section 6.3.2 which has a reference to the Manager/Deputy Radiological Controls. The TS requirements and reporting requirements remain the same for this position; therefore the staff finds these administrative changes acceptable.

Under current TS requirements of Section 6.8, written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained that meet or exceed the requirements of Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of ANSI N18.7-1976 and Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33-1972. However, due to updated requirements for written procedures, Oyster Creek has proposed committing to Regulatory Guide 1.33-1978. The licensee has proposed to list the Regulatory 1.33 in TS Section 6.8.1 without the date of the approved revision. Instead, the licensee has proposed the following: "the applicable revision is identified in GPU Nuclear Operational Quality Assurance Plan." The applicable revision date is 1978. Paragraph 10 CFR 50.54(a)(3) states that changes to a quality assurance program description which reduce commitments accepted by the NRC, in this case the applicable revision date for Regulatory Guide 1.33, must be submitted to NRC and receive NRC approval before implementation. In addition, the TS should refer to the "Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regulatory Guide 1.33" and not to the "Nuclear Regulatory Guide 1.33." The licensee agreed to this non-substantive change in a meeting at the plant site on November 28, 1984. The staff finds these administrative changes to be acceptable.

The final change is to add the NUREG-0737 requirements for special reports that are to be submitted to the NRC after failure of, or challenge to, relief and safety valves. The model TS for these reporting requirements were described in the NRC's Generic Letter No. 82-16. However, subsequent issuance of the new "LER rule" (10 CFR 50.73) supersedes the model reporting requirement of most events that may be attributable to or associated with failures of relief and safety valves. Therefore, Oyster Creek has proposed reporting failures and challenges to relief and safety valves, which do not constitute an LER, within 60 days of the occurrence. This proposed administrative change is consistent with the intent of the NUREG-0737 requirement and is considered acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment relates to changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The staff 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; and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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