

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ROLLA RESEARCH REACTOR

DOCKET NO. 50-123

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION  
OF LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering a request for an extension of the expiration date of the operating license for the University of Missouri-Rolla Research Reactor. On January 14, 1985, the Commission issued Amendment No. 7, which renewed the subject license authorization until November 20, 1989, in response to the licensee's request dated October 15, 1979. On December 14, 1984, before Amendment No. 7 was issued, the licensee requested that the renewal period be extended for 20 years instead of 10 years. The Safety Evaluation Report and the Environmental Assessment prepared in connection with Amendment No. 7 address the safety of the operation and the environmental impacts associated with the continued operation of the facility, and were not limited to the 10 year extension requested in October 1979.

The additional period of operation that would be authorized by the amendment covered by this Notice, if granted, is the period from November 20, 1989 to ten years from that date, or November 20, 1999.

By \_\_\_\_\_, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to extension of time of the subject facility license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed

in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceeding" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petitions should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the renewal action under consideration. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed

to Cecil O. Thomas: (petitioner's name and telephone number); (date petition was mailed); (University of Missouri-Rolla); and (publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice). A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request that the petition has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10CFR §2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and §2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for license extension dated December 14, 1984, (2) Amendment No. 7 to License No. R-79; and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation Report and Environmental Impact Appraisal. These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The Safety Evaluation Report (NUREG-1086) can also be purchased at current rates from the National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 7th day of February 1985.

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