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

June 19, 1984

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IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-84-162

Dear Ms. Bell:

This is a fourth partial response to your letter dated March 6, 1984, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, four categories of documents regarding Portland General Electric's application to expand the storage capacity of its Spent Fuel Pool.

The documents as listed on Appendix A are being placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). You may obtain access to these records by presenting a copy of this letter to the PDR or by requesting folder FOIA-84-162 under your name.

The review of additional documents subject to your request has not been completed. As soon as the review is completed we will advise you of our disclosure determination.

Sincerely,

J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration

Enclosure: As stated

Re: FOIA-84-162

APPENDIX A

DOCUMENTS BEING PLACED IN THE PDR

1. 6/23/83 SECY-83-249 (DRAFT) For The Commissioners from W. J. Dircks re: SPENT FUEL POOL EXPANSION (2 pages)

2. 8/12/83 Memo For The Commissioners from W. J. Dircks re: OCONEE UNIT NO. 3 - SPENT FUEL POOL EXPANSION (2 pages)

3. 11/23/83 Routing and Transmittal Slip to J. Miller et al. from C. M. Trammell re: COMMISSION PAPER -TROJAN NUCLEAR PLANT - SPENT FUEL POOL RERACK APPLICATION w/attachments (19 pages)

4. 2/21/84 Letter to B. D. Withers from J. R. Miller re: TROJAN NUCLEAR PLANT SPENT FUEL STORAGE RACK DESIGN DRAWINGS AND DESIGN CALCULATIONS (4 pages)

5. 1/13/79 Letter to All Power Reactor Licensees from B. K. Grimes re: "REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND HANDLING APPLICATIONS" w/enclosed Pages IV-5 and IV-6 (25 pages)

6. 4/15/83 Letter to J. M. Griffin from J. F. Stolz and R. A. Clark re: Enclosed Amendment No. 76 to DPR-51, Amendment No. 43 to NPF-6, Safety Evaluation, Environmental Impact Appraisal and Notice/Negative Declaration (65 pages)

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~~June 23,~~ 1983

POLICY ISSUE

SECY-83-~~249~~

(NEGATIVE CONSENT)

8-16-83
- 48 FR 37108

For: The Commissioners

From: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

Subject: ~~OCONEE UNIT NO. 3~~ - SPENT FUEL POOL EXPANSION

Purpose: To advise the Commission that on ~~July 11~~, 1983, unless notified to the contrary, the staff proposes to issue the enclosed notice of consideration and proposed no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) determination relative to the licensee requested expansion of the ~~Oconee Unit 3~~ spent fuel pool.

Background: By letter dated ~~March 10~~, 1983, ~~Duke Power Company~~ (~~DPC~~ or the licensee) submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee station operating license and proposed revision to the Technical Specifications. The proposed Technical Specifications revision would allow the expansion of the ~~Unit 3~~ spent fuel pool from ~~474~~ to ~~825~~ spaces by means of reracking the pool with high density neutron absorbing (poison) racks. A copy of the licensee's submittal is enclosed.

The staff has reviewed a detailed NSHC determination included in the licensee's submittal and has concluded that the determination appears to demonstrate that the three standards specified in 10 CFR 50.92 are met. In this instance, the reracking technology and design criteria ~~has~~ have been well developed and demonstrated in prior rerackings.~~at the Oconee station.~~ The proposed reracking does not appear to create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. The proposed reracking would not appear to significantly reduce the margin of safety from the viewpoint of nuclear criticality, thermal-hydraulic, or mechanical, material and structural considerations. In view of this, the staff proposes to determine that the licensee's application does not involve a significant hazard consideration.

The Commission is being advised of this action in view of the guidance provided with regard to spent fuel pool reracking in the publication of the Interim Final Rule as part of 10 CFR 50. This guidance provided, in part, that NSHC findings for reracking applications would be made on a case-by-case basis (48 FR 14869). Moreover, the legislative history of P.L. 97-415 and continuing Congressional interest in the subject of spent fuel pool ~~reracking~~ dictates that ~~the~~ Commission be aware of the

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 Oconee Unit 3 spent fuel pool expansion

As you know, we have issued a Federal Register notice regarding our proposed determination that the ~~TMI-1 steam generator repair issue~~ does not involve significant hazards considerations. We anticipate at least one request for hearing relative to this matter and, therefore, anticipate the need for a final significant hazards determination. We plan to discuss this issue with the Commission prior to making this determination.

William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

Enclosures:
As Stated

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SECY NOTE: In the absence of instructions to the contrary, SECY will notify the staff on ~~Friday, July 8, 1983~~ that the Commission, by negative consent, assents to the action proposed in this paper.

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