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ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY

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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT  
TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND  
OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR HEARING

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License No. NPF-62 issued to Illinois Power Company (the licensee), for operation of Clinton Power Station, Unit 1 located in DeWitt County, Illinois.

These amendments include four proposed changes to Technical Specification sections 3/4.3.7.1, 3/4.3.7.11 and 3/4.3.7.12 concerning radiation monitoring instrumentation. The first proposed change consists of revisions which both account for and allow credit to be taken for redundancy of the common Central Control Terminals (CCTs) where process radiation monitor status and indications are provided. These revisions consist of: including the CCTs in the OPERABILITY requirements for certain radiation monitor channels required to be OPERABLE by the Technical Specifications; changing the ACTION statements, as applicable, to account for inoperability of the CCTs versus inoperability of the monitor itself that provides input to the CCTs; enhancing the CHANNEL CHECK for the applicable radiation monitors to ensure that channel communication is established to the Main Control Room - CCT or Radiation Protection - CCT; and changing the expanded CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST requirements for the radiation monitors to make the wording of the requirement

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based on the Standard Technical Specifications more specific and applicable to the Clinton design without altering the intent of the requirement.

The second proposed change consists of revisions to the CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST requirement for the Liquid Radwaste Discharge Monitor. The current requirement requires a demonstration of automatic isolation of the release pathway with the monitor controls not set in the OPERATE mode. The proposed change would delete this specific requirement since the monitor is not designed to effect an isolation for this specific condition.

The third proposed change consists of specific revisions to make the channel/instrument descriptions for the Standby Gas Treatment System (SGTS) Exhaust Process Radiation Monitor (PRM) agree with the HVAC Exhaust PRM descriptions since they are designed and operated in a similar manner. These revisions would not change the intent of the Specification or the manner in which the surveillances are conducted.

The fourth proposed change consists of several changes to ACTION 72 of Table 3.3.7.1-1 to make it consistent with other applicable Specifications. To support these changes, which are associated with the OPERABILITY of the Pre-treatment Off-Gas process radiation monitor, changes are also proposed for related Specifications 4.11.2.7.1 and 4.22.2.7.2.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

By March 4, 1988, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating 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. Request for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" 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; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspects(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 amendment 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, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 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 Daniel R. Muller: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Council - Bethesda, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, and to Sheldon Zable, Esq., of Schiff, Hardin and Waite, 7200 Sears Tower, 233 Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petition and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factor specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 30, 1987, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Vespasian Warner Public Library, 120 West Johnson Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 27th day of January 1988.

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