

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONGPU NUCLEAR, INC.DOCKET NO. 50-289NOTICE OF PARTIAL DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSEAND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has partially denied a request by GPU Nuclear, Inc., (licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 issued to the licensee for operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, located in Dauphin County, PA.

The purpose of the portion of the licensee's amendment request that is denied was to seek approval from the Commission to allow the licensee to ignore the low temperature overpressure protection provisions related to high pressure injection pumps start and running restrictions during an emergency cooldown without having to invoke 10 CFR 50.54(x).

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated August 6, 1999.

By September 13, 1999, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public

Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

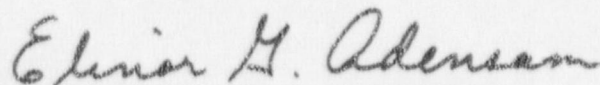
A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Ernest L. Blake, Jr., Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Poits, & Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated March 31, 1997, as supplemented June 3, 1998, and July 13, 1998, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated August 6, 1999.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Law/Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, (REGIONAL DEPOSITORY) Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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