

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONSYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INC., et alDOCKET NO. 50-416NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSEAND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by System Energy Resources, Inc., (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPR-29, issued to the licensee for operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1, located in Claiborne County, Mississippi. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 28, 1988 (53 FR 37886).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to allow the fuel transfer gate to be in place during refueling when the reactor cavity is flooded and either the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) or the suppression pool is inoperable.

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 letter dated June 13, 1989.

By July 20, 1989, 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, D.C., 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 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, D.C. 20555, and to Nicholas S. Reynolds, Esquire, Bishop, Lieberman, Cook, Purcell and Reynolds, 1200 17th Street, Washington, D. C. 20036 attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated August 31, 1988, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated June 13, 1989 . These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Geiman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Hinds Junior College, McLendon Library, Raymond, Mississippi 39154. A copy of Item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555, Attention: Document Control Desk.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of June 1989. .

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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