

QUESTION 7. How does the Commission judge the fitness of the proposed new licensee? Are there specific criteria that must be met before the license transfer would be approved? What are they?

ANSWER

10 CFR 50.57, Issuance of Operating License, requires that NRC find that applicants are technically qualified, and that applicants other than electric utilities are financially qualified, in order to issue an operating license. See also 10 CFR 50.40. These standards would apply to an amendment involving a transfer to a new licensee. 10 CFR 50.92.

NRC guidance concerning technical qualifications is contained in NUREG-0800, the Standard Review Plan, Sections 13.1 (Management and Technical Support Organization), 13.4 (Operational Review), and 13.5 (Administrative Procedures). Copies of these sections are enclosed. These are the criteria used by the NRC staff in determining the technical qualifications of a license applicant to conduct the proposed activity.