

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 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 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. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. 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.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

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hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to William D. Beckner, Director, Project Directorate IV-1: 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 Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Mr. Nicholas S. Reynolds, Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-3502, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions 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 factors 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 November 24, 1996, which is 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 Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas 72801.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of November 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Kombiz Salehi,

Acting Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 50-498]

Houston Lighting and Power Company, City Public Board of San Antonio, Central Power and Light Company, City of Austin, Texas; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Houston Lighting & Power Company, et al., (the licensee) to withdraw its February 29, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 for the South Texas Project, Unit No. 1, located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have included the addition of Technical Specification 3.10.8 to allow a one-time only extension of the standby diesel generator (SDG) allowed outage time for a cumulative of 21 days on "A" train SDG. In addition, it would have also allowed a one-time only extension of the allowed outage time on "A" train essential cooling water loop for a cumulative 7 days. This one-time only change would have become effective on April 10, 1996, and expire on May 15, 1996.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on March 8, 1996 (61 FR 9502). However, by letter dated November 5, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 29, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated November 5, 1996, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above 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 Wharton County Junior College, J. M. Hodges Learning Center, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of November 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Thomas W. Alexion,
Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: Weeks of December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1996.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 2

Friday, December 6

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(Please Note: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a. Certification of Two Evolutionary Designs (tentative)

(Contact: Andy Bates, 301-415-1663)

Week of December 9—Tentative

Thursday, December 12

3:30 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of December 16—Tentative

Monday, December 16

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Inspection Criteria, Evolution of Assessment, and SALP System (Public Meeting)

Tuesday, December 17

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Chairman of Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Jose Cortez, 301-415-6596)

3:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)

Week of December 23—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 23.

By a vote of 4-0 on November 22, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Petitions for Commission Review of Director's Decision on Certification of Gaseous Diffusion Plants" be Held on November 22, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (Recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the

Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: November 29, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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Updated Standard Review Plan Chapter 7: Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared an update to Chapter 7 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," (SRP) for review and comments. The updated SRP Chapter 7 incorporates changes in the NRC review criteria in the area of instrumentation and control (I&C) systems, particularly digital computer-based I&C systems of nuclear power plants that have occurred since the last major revision of the SRP in 1981.

The revisions were derived from the following programmatic areas: NRC regulatory documents issued after the 1981 SRP revision; NRC staff positions related to digital I&C retrofits at operating nuclear power plants as documented in relevant safety evaluation reports; industry consensus standards applicable to I&C systems; NRC staff positions related to evolutionary and advanced light water reactor design reviews as presented in SECY-91-292, "Digital Computer Systems for Advanced Light Water Reactors," and the Staff Requirements Memorandum on SECY-93-087, "Policy, Technical, and Licensing Issues Pertaining to Evolutionary and Advanced Light Water Reactor (ALWR) Designs;" NRC design certification safety evaluation reports for the General Electric Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Design and the ABB-CE System 80+ Design; and nuclear power plant operating experience.

DATES: The comment period expires January 31, 1997. Comments received after this date will be considered if practical to do so, but the Commission

is able to assure consideration only of comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publication Services, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal work-days. Comments may be submitted electronically as specified in the supplementary information section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Chiramal, Instrumentation and Controls Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-8H3, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone No. (301) 415-2845.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed revised text to Chapter 7 of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants—LWR Edition," (SRP), is being published as a draft report for comments. Further NRC staff review and evaluation, including resolution of public comments, will be needed before a final revision of Chapter 7 of the SRP can be published.

The draft Chapter 7 of the SRP that is available for public review consists of revised SRP sections and appendices with side-bars that show the major technical changes resulting from the updating of the existing SRP Chapter 7 sections and new sections, appendices and branch technical positions. Three new sections are added: Section 7.0, Introduction, Section 7.8, Diverse Instrumentation and Control Systems, and Section 7.9, Data Communication Systems. Section 7.1 which contains the general I&C system requirements and guidance has been revised to incorporate (1) references to new regulatory guides (RGs) and branch technical positions (BTPs) on digital computer-based I&C system issues, (2) review areas, acceptance criteria, and review process for digital computer-based I&C systems, and (3) discussion of standard plant reviews. Sections 7.2 through 7.9 that focus on specific nuclear power plant I&C systems have been revised to add reference to the digital I&C system guidance contained in the revised Section 7.1. Two new appendices have been added and three have been revised. Appendix 7.0-A is a new appendix that describes the overall NRC review process for digital computer-based I&C systems and new Appendix 7.1-C provides guidance with