

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Applicable.

10. *Abstract:*—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending 10 CFR Parts 10, 11, 25 and 95 to conform the requirements for the protection of and access to classified information to new national security policy documents, to conform the addressee for some reporting requirements to reflect the results of a reorganization within the NRC Office of Administration, and to reflect the reassignment of some responsibilities from the Executive Director for Operations to the Deputy Executive Director for Management Services. The proposed mandatory requirements are necessary to ensure that classified information in the possession of NRC licensees and others under the NRC's regulatory requirements is protected in accordance with current national policies. The change in addressee is necessary to ensure proper receipt of reports from regulated entities, and the change in responsibilities is necessary to accurately reflect which NRC official is responsible for certain decisions.

Submit, by September 4, 1998, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. You may also review the submittal and provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). From the home page, select "Rulemaking" from the tool bar. The interactive rulemaking website can then be accessed by selecting "Rulemaking Forum." This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by September 4, 1998:

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0047, and 3150-0050) NEOB-10202 Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Houston Lighting & Power Company and City Public and Service Board of San Antonio, et al.; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Merger

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering approval, by issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80, of an application concerning a proposed merger between Central and South West Corporation (CSW) and American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP). CSW is the parent holding company of Central Power and Light Company (CPL). Houston Lighting & Power Company, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Central Power and Light Company, City of Austin, Texas, and STP Nuclear Operating Company are holders of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80, issued on March 22, 1988, and March 28, 1989, respectively. Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 authorize the holders to possess the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (STP), and authorize STP Nuclear Operating Company to use and operate STP in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in the operating licenses. By application dated June 16, 1998, submitted under cover of a letter dated June 19, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated June 23, 1998, and enclosures thereto, the Commission was informed that CSW and AEP have entered into a merger agreement under which CSW would become a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEP with CPL remaining a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSW. The application seeks approval of the indirect transfer of control of the interest held by CPL in the STP

operating licenses to AEP to the extent effected by the proposed merger.

According to the application, the merger will have no adverse effect on either the technical management or operation of STP since STP Nuclear Operating Company, responsible for the operation and maintenance of STP, is not involved in the merger. Houston Lighting & Power Company, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Central Power and Light Company, City of Austin, Texas, and STP Nuclear Operating Company will remain licensees responsible for their possessory interests and related obligations. No direct transfer of the license will result from the merger.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, the Commission may consent to the transfer of control of a license after notice to interested persons. Such consent is contingent upon the Commission's determination that the holder of the license following the transfer is qualified to hold the license and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders of the Commission.

For further details with respect to this proposed action, see the application from CPL dated June 16, 1998, submitted under cover of a letter dated June 19, 1998, from Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, counsel for CPL, and supplemental letter dated June 23, 1998, and enclosures thereto. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, 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 30th day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388]

### Pennsylvania Power and Light Company; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued

Amendment No. 178 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-14 and No. 151 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-22 issued to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PP&L, the licensee), which revised operating license and Appendices A and C to the operating license for Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment implements a full conversion of the SSES Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based upon NUREG-1433, "Standard Technical Specifications General Electric Plants, BWR/4," Revision 1, dated April 1995 and grants requests for the following additional ITS items: (a) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17227); (b) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17232); (c) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17227); (d) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17231); (e) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17231); (f) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17230); (g) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17233); (h) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17229); (i) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17229); (j) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17230); (k) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17232); (l) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17234); (m) April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17233); (n) April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20664); (o) April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20669); (p) April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20665); (q) April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20667).

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1996 (61 FR 36972). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 39114).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated August 1, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated

November 26, 1997, January 6, March 2, April 24, and June 18, 1998, (2) Amendment No. 178 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-14 and Amendment No. 151 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-22, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. All of these items 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 Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 103rd meeting on August 27-28, 1998, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

*Thursday, August 27, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.*

*Friday, August 28, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.*

**A. Development of a Standard Review Plan for Decommissioning**—The Committee will continue monitoring progress on this subject and will be briefed on recent staff activities related to parameter selection for the D and D code and the development of a default table.

**B. Meeting with NRC's Director, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards**—The Committee will meet with the Director to discuss recent developments within the division such as developments at the Yucca Mountain project, rules and guidance under development, available resources, and other items of mutual interest.

**C. Preparation of ACNW Reports**—The Committee will discuss planned reports on the following topics: the recent working group on the near-field

environment and the performance of the engineered barrier system for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository; potential regulations for licensing the Yucca Mountain repository; proposed importance measures for evaluating nuclear waste repository performance; issues related to the regulatory guides and standard review plan for decommissioning; and other topics discussed during this and previous meetings as the need arises.

**D. Committee Activities/Future Agenda**—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee will discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

**E. Miscellaneous**—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1997 (62 FR 46382). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, Mr. Richard K. Major, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch