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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (#1756).

Date/Time: July 11, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Room 855; National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Clifford Jacobs, Section Head, UCAR and Lower Atmosphere Facilities Oversight Section, Room 775, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1521.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the UNIDATA Equipment proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposal being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data; such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems (1200).

Date and Time: June 15-16, 2000, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: Wissenschaftliches Bibliothekswesen, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Kennedyallee 40, D-53170 Bonn.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: /Dr. Ephraim Glinert, Deputy Division Director National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1926.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Special Project's International Digital Libraries Collaborative Research Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late Notice: This notice is late due to difficulty in scheduling.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).

Date and Time: June 21-23, 2000, 8:00 am-5:30 pm.

Place: Business School of the University of Wisconsin, 975 University Avenue, Room 110 of Grainger Hall, Madison, WI 53706.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. John Lynch, Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1033.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning "ICECUBE" proposal submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate "ICECUBE" proposal as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposal being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposal. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).

Date/Time: June 29-30, 2000; 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 730, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Mr. Guy Guthridge, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Antarctic Artists and Writers Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-410]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-69 issued to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 (NMP2) located in Scriba, Oswego County, New York.

The proposed amendment would revise Section 3.10.8, "Shutdown Margin (SDM) Test—Refueling," of the Technical Specifications (TS), correcting an administrative error introduced when Amendment No. 91, converting the TS to the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) format was processed. The error of omission was introduced by the licensee in that a February 7, 2000, licensee submittal did not propose to revise ITS Specification 3.10.8 consistent with the changes made to ITS Table 3.3.1.1 with regards to the inclusion of the Oscillation Power Range Monitor function (OPRM). The OPRM function was introduced into the TS by Amendment No. 92, which was being processed concurrently with the ITS conversion and which was issued within days after issuance of Amendment No. 91. Specifically, the licensee did not propose to revise ITS Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) 3.10.8.a, ITS Surveillance Requirement 3.10.8.1 and associated Bases to reflect the re-numbering of Function 2.e to 2.f on ITS Table 3.3.1.1-1 as a consequence of the insertion of a new Reactor Protection System function (*i.e.*, Function 2.e, "OPRM—Upscale"). Thus the amendment proposed by the licensee's June 7, 2000, application would only correct such omission to match technical changes already approved by Amendment No. 92.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended

(the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not: (1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

The operation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2, in accordance with the proposed amendment, will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Changes are proposed to ITS Specification 3.10.8 whereby the following aspects of this Specification are revised: ITS LCO 3.10.8.a, ITS SR [Surveillance Requirement] 3.10.8.1 and the associated ITS Bases. These changes replace references to Function 2.e with references to Function 2.f. These Functions are associated with the ITS RPS [reactor protection system] Instrumentation Table 3.3.1.1-1. "OPRM—Upscale" is Function 2.e and "2-Out-Of-4 Voter" is Function 2.f on the ITS RPS Table. Since neither of these functions are assumed to be initiators of any design basis accident or transient, the changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes to ITS LCO 3.10.8.a, ITS SR 3.10.8.1 and associated Bases ensure that the proper portions of the RPS are required to be operable and that appropriate surveillances are performed to enable shutdown margin testing during certain plant conditions. These operability and surveillance requirements will ensure mitigation of unacceptable reactivity excursions during control rod withdrawal. Therefore, these changes will maintain test operations as well as postulated accidents within the bounds of the safety analysis as described in Section 15.4.9 of the Updated Safety Analysis Report for a Control Rod Drop Accident. Accordingly, these changes do not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The operation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2, in accordance with the proposed amendment, will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes do not introduce any new failure modes. The proposed changes ensure that proper portions of the RPS are required to be operable and that appropriate surveillances are performed to enable shutdown margin testing. Therefore,

the proposed change will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The operation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2, in accordance with the proposed amendment, will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed changes ensure that the proper RPS functions are required to be operable and [surveyed] consistent with the safety analysis as described in Section 15.4.9 of the Updated Safety Analysis Report for a Control Rod Drop Accident. Therefore, operation in accordance with the proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the requested amendment involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public