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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of August 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-320]

GPU Nuclear Corporation; Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Possession Only License No. DPR-73, issued to GPU Nuclear Corporation (GPU Nuclear or the licensee), for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2), located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise the Possession Only License No. DPR-73 and the Technical Specifications (TS) appended to Possession Only License No. DPR-73 for TMI-2. Specifically, the proposed action would amend the license to reflect the change in the licensee's name from GPU Nuclear Corporation to GPU Nuclear, Inc. The amendment would also make an editorial change to better describe TMI-2's use of site physical security, guard training and qualification, and safeguards contingency plans that are maintained by Three Mile Island, Unit 1, licensee AmerGen Energy Company, LLC. In addition, the amendment would make minor changes to Section 6.0 of the TSs to reflect TMI-2 organizational and administrative controls that will exist following the sale of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (Oyster Creek) to AmerGen Energy Company, LLC.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated April 6, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated May 25 and July 18, 2000.

Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is needed to revise the company name in the license

to reflect the corporate name change that occurred on January 14, 1999, and to make administrative changes to reflect changes that will occur in the TMI-2 organization and administrative controls following the sale of Oyster Creek.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed changes to the license and TS. According to the licensee, the name change will not impact the existing ownership of TMI-2. GPU Nuclear will maintain final decision making authority for TMI-2 licensed activities.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Programmatic Final Environmental Statement Related to Decontamination and Disposal of Radioactive Wastes Resulting from the March 28, 1979, Accident—Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2, Supplement No. 3, issued in August 1989.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 27, 2000, the NRC staff

consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Stan Miangi of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of no Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 6, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated May 25 and July 18, 2000, which are available for public inspection at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington DC. Publicly available records are accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of August 2000.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on August 29–September 1, 2000, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55787).

Tuesday, August 29, 2000

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10:15 a.m.: Spent Fuel Pool Accident Risk at Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions

with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a revised draft report of a technical study of spent fuel pool accident risk at Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants. The Committee will also hear a presentation by and hold discussions with a representative of the Institute for Resource and Security Studies regarding the potential for release of radioactive material from spent fuel pools.

10:30 a.m.–12:00 Noon: Proposed Risk-Informed Revisions to 10 CFR Part 50 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding proposed NRC framework document for risk-informing the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, proposed revisions to 10 CFR 50.44 concerning combustible gas control systems, and advance notice of proposed rulemaking (10 CFR 50.69 and Appendix T).

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.: Causes and Significance of Design Basis Issues (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a study of design basis issues and trends.

2:00 p.m.–2:45 P.M.: Proposed Final Regulatory Guide (DG-1093) Endorsing NEI 97-04 Document on Design Bases (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final version of the Regulatory Guide.

3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m.: AP1000 Standard Plant Design (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Westinghouse Electric Company regarding issues identified during AP1000 pre-application review (Phase 1).

3:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

5:15 p.m.–7:00 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on Assessment of the Quality of PRAs.

Wednesday, August 30, 2000

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–9:30 a.m.: Performance-Based Regulatory Initiatives (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a Commission paper associated with performance-based regulatory initiatives.

9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.: License Renewal Guidance Documents (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the contents of the proposed Standard Review Plan, Generic Aging Lessons Learned Report, and a Regulatory Guide and associated NEI guidance documents.

10:30 a.m.–12:00 Noon: Operating Events at Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Unit 2

(Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the licensee regarding the events, noted below, that occurred at the Indian Point Unit 2 Nuclear Power Plant and the associated staff findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the evaluations of these events: (1) February 15, 2000 steam generator tube rupture event and (2) August 31, 1999 event involving reactor trip and loss of all off-site power.

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.: Siemens SRELAP-5 Best-Estimate Small-Break LOCA Code (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Siemens Corporation regarding the Siemens SRELAP-5 best-estimate code for application to analysis of transients and small-break loss of coolant accident (LOCA).

Note: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss Siemens Corporation's proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

3:45 p.m.–7:00 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

Thursday, August 31, 2000

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–8:45 a.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.: Annual Report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)—The Committee will discuss the format and content of the annual ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program.

11:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners on October 6, 2000 (Open)—The Committee will discuss and prepare

topics for meeting with the Commissioners scheduled for October 6, 2000.

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

Friday, September 1, 2000

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–1:00 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52353). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Howard J. Larson, ACRS, five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting Mr. Howard J. Larson prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with Mr. Howard J. Larson if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

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. Howard J. Larson (telephone 301/415-6805), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., EDT.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., EDT, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: August 3, 2000.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from July 15, 2000, through July 28, 2000. The last biweekly notice was published on July 26, 2000.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve 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. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

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 before action is taken. 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 Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications 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 6D22, 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 Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By September 8, 2000, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and electronically from the ADAMS Public Library

component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room). If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. 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