

of *Azdell and Fishman v. Office of Personnel Management*, docket numbers DC-300A-97-0368-N-1, DC-300A-97-0368-N-2, DC-97-0369-N-1, DC-97-0369-N-2, DC-300A-97-0368-C-1, DC-300A-97-0368-C-2, DC-300A-97-0369-C-1, and DC-300A-97-0369-C-2.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined that Board business required its consideration of these matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10).

The meeting was held in the Board's conference room at 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419

Dated: March 27, 2001.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

PPL Susquehanna, LLC; Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14, and NPF-22, issued to PPL Susquehanna, LLC (the licensee), for operation of Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would make administrative changes in the Technical Specifications (TSs), correcting the wording of the legends in Figure 3.4.10.1, "Reactor Vessel Pressure vs. Minimum Vessel Temperature," for both units, and correcting administrative errors in Section 5.6.5.b, regarding the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), for Unit 2.

The proposed action is in accordance with the application for amendment submitted by PP&L, Inc. (the licensee before July 1, 2000), dated January 13, 2000, as supplemented by letter submitted by PPL Susquehanna, LLC (the licensee on and after July 1, 2000), dated September 6, 2000.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed amendments would revise the wording of parts of the units' TSs, which are currently in error. The proposed amendments involve administrative changes to the TSs only. No actual plant equipment, regulatory requirements, operating practices, or analyses are affected by these proposed amendments.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact if the amendments are granted. No changes will be made to the design, licensing bases, and applicable procedures at the units. Other than the administrative changes, no other changes will be made to the TSs. Consequently, the action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, 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 nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological 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 Final Environmental Statement related to the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 dated June 1981.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on February 9, 2001, the staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Mr.

Richard Janati, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed amendment. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed amendment 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 PP&L, Inc.'s letter dated January 13, 2000, as supplemented by PPL Susquehanna, LLC's letter dated September 6, 2000. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publically available documents will be 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 23rd day of March 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert G. Schaaf,

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Division of Licensing Project Management,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Working Group on Termination of Uranium Mill Licenses in Agreement States

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of formation of working group and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the formation of a working group on Termination of Uranium Mill Licenses in Agreement States. The working group will provide recommendations to the NRC on the NRC concurrence process for uranium license termination in Agreement States. The working group is composed of representatives from the NRC and Agreement States.

DATES: The first meeting will be held on April 24, 2001, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-3-B4, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Agreement State representatives will participate in the

meeting by phone. These meetings will be open to the public. Future meetings will be announced on the NRC public meeting web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/meet.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) Procedure SA-900, "Termination of Uranium Mill Licenses in Agreement States," has been used as guidance by NRC staff for review of uranium license termination proposals as well as by Agreement State staff on preparation of such proposals. The NRC has made its concurrence determinations on one conventional and seven in-situ uranium mill license termination proposals submitted by Agreement States since the STP SA-900 procedure was issued in April 1999.

During NRC review of the license termination proposals, especially Washington State's proposal for termination of the Western Nuclear (Sherwood) mill license, NRC staff recognized that in some areas the guidance may need to be expanded to better characterize the level of detail in information which should be provided by an Agreement State in support of a license termination proposal. In addition, the NRC also received a comment letter from the National Mining Association recommending clarifying changes to the guidance provided in the STP SA-900 procedure.

The working group will identify areas that need improvements in the NRC concurrence process based on the review experience to date, and propose a draft revised SA-900 procedure that addresses issues identified by the working group and stakeholders. The working group is scheduled to complete the project by October 2001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 23rd day of March, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Janet R. Schlueter,

Acting Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27365]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act")

March 23, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by April 17, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After April 17, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Northeast Utilities, et al. (70-9825)

Northeast Utilities ("NU"), 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090-0010, a registered holding company, and its public utility subsidiary, The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), 107 Selden Street, Berlin, Connecticut 06037 (collectively, "Applicants") have filed a declaration under section 12(d) of the Act and rules 44 and 54 under the Act.

Applicants seek an order of the Commission approving the sale of CL&P's South Meadow electric generating station ("Station") to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority ("CRRA"), a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut. CRRA performs the essential government functions of handling and disposing of solid waste and resource

recovery in Connecticut. The Station consists of two steam turbines and four jet turbine sets with a rated capability of approximately 250 megawatts, to generate electricity, in part from steam produced from combustion of municipal solid waste.

CRRA will pay CL&P \$10 million for the Station.¹ Also, CRRA will assume all but \$2 million of the on-site environmental obligations. Minor amounts of the "transmission" assets, which are jurisdictional to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will be included with the Station. CL&P will retain either a fee interest or adequate easement rights for the existing substation, switchyard and related transmission and distribution facilities. CRRA will continue to use the Station to process municipal solid waste. CRRA will generate electricity for sale to CL&P and in the New England competitive markets.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 33-7964, File No. S7-08-01]

Securities Uniformity; Annual Conference on Uniformity of Securities Laws

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Conference; Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Commission and the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. today announced a request for comments on the proposed agenda for their annual conference to be held on April 30, 2001. This meeting seeks to carry out the policies and purposes of Section 19(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, principally to increase cooperation between the Commission and state securities regulatory authorities in order to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of securities regulation.

DATES: The conference will be held on April 30, 2001. We must receive your written comments by April 25, 2001 in order to be considered by conference participants.

¹ As of November 30, 2000, the net book value (excluding dismantlement reserves) of the Station was approximately \$2.9 million.