

DATES: March 27, 2002, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held in the NRC's Auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Amy Cubbage, Mail Stop O-11D17, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Members of the public may pre-register for this meeting by contacting Amy Cubbage at (800) 368-5642, ext. 2875, or by Internet at aec@nrc.gov by March 21, 2002.

The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/Index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated December 5, 2000, Exelon Generation Company expressed an interest in pre-application activities for the pebble bed modular reactor (PBMR). The staff began its pre-application review at a meeting with Exelon on April 30, 2001. As part of the meeting, Exelon discussed legal and financial issues that they believe merit special consideration due to the unique features of the modular facility, the gas-cooled reactor design and their intention to operate the PBMR as a merchant plant. By letter dated May 10, 2001 (ML011420393), Exelon submitted nine white papers on these legal and financial issues and requested an agency response. The nine white papers addressed requirements associated with operator staffing; fuel cycle impacts; financial qualifications; decommissioning funding; minimum decommissioning costs; antitrust review; number of licenses; annual fees; and financial protection.

In addition to issues discussed in the white paper proposals, the staff identified the following related issues to Exelon's proposals that may affect the PBMR application: License life for one combined license for multiple reactors; duration of design approval under a combined license (COL) for multiple reactors; commencement of annual fees; and testing of new design features for a COL.

SECY-01-0207, "Legal and Financial Issues Related to Exelon's Pebble Bed

Modular Reactor (PBMR)," dated November 20, 2001 (ML012850139), presents preliminary positions related to the staff's assessment of Exelon's proposals on legal and financial issues and additional staff-identified licensing-related issues that may affect the Exelon application. The staff committed to hold a workshop to apprise Exelon and other stakeholders on the positions presented in the paper and receive their feedback. Based on this feedback, the staff will amend its positions, as necessary, and make recommendations on policy issues related to the legal and financial issues for Commission approval later this year.

For each of the issues discussed above, the NRC staff will provide a brief summary of the issue. This will be followed by an open discussion and opportunity for all stakeholders, including members of the public, to provide feedback on the preliminary staff positions presented in SECY-01-0207. Comments on SECY-01-0207 may also be submitted in writing by April 10, 2002. Comments should be addressed to Amy Cubbage, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O-11-D-17, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

A final agenda and schedule will be published on the NRC Web site when it is available: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/meeting-schedule.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of March 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James E. Lyons,

Director, New Reactor Licensing Project Office, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Agency Holding the Meeting: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Date: Weeks of March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2002.

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

Status: Public and closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Week of March 18, 2002

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: James Johnson, 301-415-6802).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

9:25 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting), (If needed).

9:30 a.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of March 25, 2002—Tentative

Monday March 25, 2002

1:00 p.m.—Discussion of Intergovernmental Issues (Closed).

Week of April 1, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 1, 2002.

Week of April 8, 2002—Tentative

Friday, April 12, 2002

9:25 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting), (If needed).

Week of April 15, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 15, 2002.

Week of April 22, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 22, 2002.

*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: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

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Additional Information

By a vote of 5-0 on March 7, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of a) Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (Savannah River Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility); Georgians Against Nuclear Energy's Petition for Interlocutory Review and Request for Stay Pending Review and b) Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI; Review of LBP-02-08 (February 22, 2002)" be held on March 7, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html.

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longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). 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 dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 14, 2002.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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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 February 22, 2002 through March 7, 2002. The last biweekly notice was published on March 5, 2002 (67 FR 10006).

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 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 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's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By April 18, 2002, 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 NRC's PDR, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. 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