

lighting as required by Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50.

Valves AFW-1 and AFW-104 are located in fire zone 33 at the bottom of the condensate storage tank (CST). Failure to manually isolate valves AFW-1 and AFW-104 could result in overfilling the CST with service water after switchover of the AFW cooling source from the CST to the service water system. These AFW valves are located in outdoor areas within the protected area and are provided with lighting from the security lighting system. However, the licensee may need to manually operate these valves during the hours of darkness. Because the security lighting system is also backed by a standby diesel generator, the licensee would like to rely on the security lighting system with its standby diesel generator as an acceptable alternative fire protection configuration equivalent to that achieved by conformance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J.

Valve IA-297 is located in an outdoor area within the protected area near the southeast corner of the turbine mezzanine in fire zone 25 next to the steam dump accumulator. The HBR safe shutdown analysis takes credit for the availability of the main steam safety valves. The use of the nitrogen backup to the main steam power-operated relief valves is a contingency evolution for coping with a fire in the charging pump room. The licensee has already committed to provide emergency lighting with at least an 8-hour battery power supply for the main steam isolation and relief valve area, also in the southeast corner of the turbine building mezzanine. The licensee would rely on that planned emergency lighting in the vicinity of IA-197 as well as the security lighting system with its backup diesel generator to ensure the light necessary to take the actions described by the licensee.

The manual actions would be limited to operating valves AFW-1, AFW-104, and IA-297 over their full travel, with no requirement to partially open or close a valve, by relying on instruments, or other means, to determine valve travel.

In the licensee's submittal of September 29, 1995, the licensee confirmed that a walkdown was conducted in the areas for which the exemption was requested. With the normal lighting turned off, the light provided solely by the security lighting system was adequate for access and egress to, and operation of, valves AFW-1, AFW-104, and IA-297. During a telephone conference call on December 1, 1995, the licensee

confirmed that postulated fires requiring the operators to travel to and operate valves AFW-1, AFW-104, and IA-297 would not affect the security lighting system. In addition, the security lighting system is backed by a standby diesel generator that has been very reliable; records indicate only two failures in 250 surveillance starts. However, none of the failures were failures to start but, rather, failures to come up to rated speed within the prescribed time of 10 seconds. Should the diesel fail to start, procedure OP-926, "TSC/ EOF/ PAT Diesel Generator," provides instruction for manually starting the diesel, and such an action would be initiated by a call to the control room operators. Therefore, in the event of a fire that requires manual operation of valves AFW-1, AFW-104, and IA-297, or in the event of a loss of offsite power, there is reasonable assurance that the security lighting system will be available and will provide the light necessary to take the actions described above.

On the basis of this evaluation, the NRC staff has concluded that the use of the diesel-backed security lighting system will provide an equivalent level of fire safety to that achieved by compliance with Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 for access and egress to, and operation of, valves AFW-1 and AFW-104, located in fire zone 33, and valve IA-297, located in fire zone 25.

The Commission, thus, has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption requested by the licensee's letters dated February 2, 1995, May 15, 1995, and September 29, 1995, as discussed above, is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property and is otherwise in the public interest. Furthermore, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), that special circumstances as set forth in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(ii) are present and applicable in that application of the regulation in these particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

The Commission hereby grants an exemption from the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J, for the use of the diesel-backed security lighting system for access and egress to, and operation of, valves AFW-1 and AFW-104 and IA-297.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting of this exemption will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment (61 FR 6044). This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of June 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Steven A. Varga,
*Director, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*
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[Docket No. 50-219]

GPU Nuclear Corporation; Notice of Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by GPU Nuclear Corporation, (licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-16 issued to the licensee for operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, located in Forked River, New Jersey. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the Federal Register on December 7, 1995, (60 FR 62895).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to modify the License Condition 2.C(5) to utilize a visual inspection technique in accordance with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code, Section XI, and to eliminate the requirements to docket inspection results and the need to obtain NRC restart authorization for each refueling outage.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted and has advised the licensee that the proposed amendment is denied because the licensee has not provided adequate justification to resolve the staff's concern over the long-term behavior of the core spray sparger system. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated June 7, 1996.

By July 15, 1996, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General

Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Ernest L. Blake, Jr., Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) The application for amendment dated October 26, 1995, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated June 7, 1996.

These documents 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 Ocean County Library, Reference Department, 101 Washington Street, Tom's River, NJ 08753.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of June 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Donald S. Brinkman,

Acting Project Director, Project Directorate I-2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NAME OF AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. on July 9, 1996.

PLACE: Conference Room, 1333 H Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Issues in Docket No. MC96-2, Mail Classification Schedule, 1996—Classification Reform II (Nonprofit Mail).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20268-0001, Telephone (202) 789-6840.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the

following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Annual Earnings Questionnaire for Annuitants in Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-19L.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0179.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* July 31, 1996.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 6,000.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 6,000.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 3,000.

(10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for a railroad or earns more than the prescribed amounts. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to determine possible reductions in annuities because of LPE earnings.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

The Home Link Corporation; File No. 500-1; Order of Suspension of Trading

June 10, 1996.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of The Home Link Corporation ("Home Link") in documents sent to and statements made by Home Link and by others to market-makers of the stock of Home Link, other

broker-dealers, and to investors concerning, among other things, the number of shares of common stock of the company currently outstanding, the current capitalization of the company, whether the company is in fact pursuing a NASDAQ listing, and the future business prospects of the company.

The commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the above listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT, June 10, 1996 through 11:59 p.m. EDT, on June 21, 1996.

By the Commission.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of June 17, 1996.

A closed meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Wallman, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., will be:

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

Institution and settlement of an injunctive action.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.