

organizational affiliation of the personnel who operate the facility, in that ComEd will remain the holder of the operating licenses and continue to be responsible for the operation of Quad Cities, Units 1 and 2.

The Commission has evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed action and has determined that the probability or consequences of accidents would not be increased by the proposed action, and that post-accident radiological releases would not be greater than previously determined. Further, the Commission has determined that the proposed action would not affect routine radiological plant effluents and would not increase occupational radiological exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action would not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that the environmental effects of the proposed action are not significant, any alternative with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested approval. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative actions are identical.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement Related to Operation of Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, dated September 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 3, 1996, the staff consulted with the Illinois State official, Mr. Frank Niziolek, Head, Reactor Safety Section, Division of Engineering, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action relating to MidAmerican's ownership of Quad Cities, Units 1 and 2.

For further details with respect to this action, see the request for approval dated April 4, 1996, which is 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 Dixon Public Library, 221 Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of July 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Robert A. Capra,
Director, Project Directorate III-2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 50-458]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; River Bend Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-47, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc., (the licensee), for operation of the River Bend Station, located in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise the Facility Operating License No. NPF-47 and Appendix C to the license to reflect the name change from Gulf States Utilities Company to Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated May 20, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is to correct the name in the license to reflect the change which occurred on April 22, 1996. The name change was made by the licensee to improve customer identification by establishing the name Entergy in the region that it serves.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed changes to the license. We agree with the licensee that the name change will not impact the existing ownership of the River Bend Station (RBS) or the existing entitlement to power and will not alter the existing antitrust license conditions applicable to Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) or GSU's ability to comply with these conditions or with any of its other obligations or responsibilities. As stated by the licensee, "The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. Thus, there is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the company. Nor is there a change in the function of the Company or the way in which it does business. GSU's financial responsibility for RBS and its sources of funds to support the facility will remain the same." Therefore, the change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluent that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluent and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. 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 for the River Bend Station.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 17, 1996, the staff consulted with the Louisiana State official, Dr. Stan Shaw, Assistant Administrator of the Louisiana Radiation Protection Division of the Department of Environmental Quality, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission 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 May 20, 1996, which is 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 Government Documents Department, Troy H. Middleton Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of July 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
David L. Wigginton,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on August 20 and 21, 1996, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, August 20, 1996-8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

Wednesday, August 21, 1996- 8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will: (1) begin its review of the NRC-RES Program to revise/replace the current suite of NRC-RES thermal hydraulic codes, and (2) discuss the status of the RES thermal hydraulic research program. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Date: July 23, 1996

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions From the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Paige, (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on June 26, 1996 (60 FR 33150). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C during the period June 1, 1996, through June 30, 1996, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established in 1996.

The Following Schedule A authorities were revoked:

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Until June 1, 1996, all liquidation graded, temporary field positions concerned with the work of liquidating the assets and loans, or paying the depositors, of closed banks or savings and loan institutions. Effective June 8, 1996.

African Development Foundation

Two Financial Analyst positions, GS-501-12, and one Research Specialist position, GS-301-13, requiring indepth professional and cultural knowledge of African grassroots development. Effective June 24, 1996.

Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado

Positions of Cadet hostesses, instructors in Physical Education, instructors in Music (Choirmasters), one Training Instructor (Parachuting), one Training Instructor (Code of Conduct and Evasion) and two Physical Therapists (Athletic Trainers). Effective June 28, 1996.