

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 or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If the amendment is issued before the expiration of the 30-day hearing period, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. If a hearing is requested, the final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, 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. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to John F. Stolz, Director, Project Directorate I-2: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Jay Silberg, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 17, 1997, 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 Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 50-482]

**Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has

granted the request of Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its December 3, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-42 for the Wolf Creek Generating Station, located in Coffey County Kansas.

The proposed amendment would have changed the Action Statement associated with Item 7.b, RWST Level—Low-Low Coincident with Safety Injection, Table 3.3-3, Engineered Safety Features Actuation System Instrumentation, from Action 16 to Action 28.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on January 2, 1997 (62 FR 133). However, by letter dated February 28, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 3, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated February 28, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and the local public documents rooms located at Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas 66801 and Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, Kansas 66621.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN 50-529, and STN 50-530]

**Arizona Public Service Company; Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74, issued to Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee), for operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

## Environmental Assessment

### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would modify the licenses for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, to authorize revision of the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to reflect a revised electrical grid stability analysis. The revised analysis addresses a previously unanalyzed condition of loss of two offsite transmission lines. This condition results from the construction by the Salt River Project of a new high voltage transmission line over two of five existing transmission lines serving PVNGS.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated December 27, 1996.

### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would permit the licensee to revise the UFSAR to incorporate the previously unanalyzed simultaneous loss of two transmission lines, making this condition part of the licensing basis for the facility.

### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental consideration involved with the proposed action. Incorporation of the event involving the simultaneous loss of two of five offsite power sources does not affect the existing design or operation of the plants, does not involve any modifications to the plants or any increase in the licensed power for the plants, does not affect plant effluents, and does not create any new or unreviewed environmental impacts that were not considered in the Final Environmental Statement (FES).

The revised analysis for loss of offsite transmission lines demonstrates that the loss would not result in a loss of offsite power (LOOP) event to the site. The remaining electrical power supply lines will continue to supply power to all three units following the grid disturbance resulting from the postulated simultaneous loss of two power supply lines. Thus the loss of these two lines will not affect the plants' operation. The revised analysis does not, therefore, increase the environmental impacts of postulated accidents discussed in Section 5.9.2 of the FES, and is of no measurable environmental impact.

### Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that 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 Related to the Operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3," dated February 1982.

### Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 17, 1997, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

### Finding of – No Significant Impact

Based on 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 December 27, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, which is located at The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C., and at the local public document room located at the Phoenix Public Library, 1221, N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes on April 10–11, 1997. Topics will include discussions of: the Commission's Staff Requirements Memorandum entitled "Materials/Medical Oversight (DSI 7)"; NRC's Medical Policy Statement of 1979; criteria and racking of medical procedures by risk; regulatory use of industry standards; misadministrations; the advisory committee process; and status reports on proposed rulemaking and guidance documents. In addition, on April 11, 1997, the members of the Committee will prepare for a May 15, 1997, meeting with the Commissioners. The Commission briefing will be Noticed separately.

**LOCATION:** The meeting will take place at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T2B3, Rockville, MD 20852-2738. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., on April 10, 1997, and 8:00 a.m. on April 11, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T2B3, Rockville, MD 20852-2738.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** William B. McCarthy, Ph.D., U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, MS T8F5, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-7900.

### Conduct of the Meeting

Judith Ann Stitt, M.D., will chair the meeting. Dr. Stitt will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit a reproducible copy to William B. McCarthy (address listed previously), by April 4, 1997. Statements must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. At the meeting, questions from members of the public will be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection, and copying, for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Lower Level, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (202) 634-3273, on or about April 18, 1997. Minutes of the meeting will be available on or about May 23, 1997.