

new parent company on a share-for-share basis, according to the application. Notice of this application for consent was published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 1997 (62 FR 65448); and an Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1997 (62 FR 65716).

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application dated June 9, 1997, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that the proposed restructuring of BECo will not affect the qualifications of BECo as holder of the license for Pilgrim and that the transfer of control of the license, to the extent effected by the restructuring of BECo, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a safety evaluation dated February 11, 1998.

### III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* That the Commission approves the application regarding the proposed restructuring of BECo subject to the following: (1) BECo shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from BECo to its proposed parent or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding 10 percent (10%) of BECo's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on BECo's books of account, and (2) should the restructuring of BECo not be completed by December 31, 1998, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, on application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

### IV

By March 23, 1998, any person adversely affected by this Order may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the Order. Any person requesting a hearing shall set forth with particularity how that interest is

adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is to be held, the Commission will issue an order designating the time and place of such hearing.

The issue to be considered at any such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Any request for a hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C. by the above date. Copies should be also sent to the Office of the General Counsel and to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to William S. Stowe, Esq., Boston Edison Company, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02199, Assistant General Counsel for BECo.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for approval regarding the corporate restructuring dated June 9, 1997, and the safety evaluation dated February 11, 1998, which 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 Plymouth Public Library, 11 North Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Samuel J. Collins,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, AND 50-287**

#### **Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its September 4, 1997, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-

47, and DPR-55 for the Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, located in Seneca, South Carolina.

The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) pertaining to the justification of the acceptability of the current TS for the High Pressure Injection (HPI) System and allowing operation at reduced power levels with two HPI pumps. The submittal was made because of the potential for an extended shutdown to repair the 3B HPI pump that existed at the time the amendments were proposed. The 3B pump has been repaired.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 1997 (62 FR 50003). However, by letter dated February 9, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated September 4, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated February 9, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendments. The above 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 Oconee County Library, 501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David E. LaBarge,**

*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate II-2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on March 2, 1998, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would

constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

**Monday, March 2, 1998—12:00 Noon Until 1:00 p.m.**

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. It may also discuss the qualifications of candidates for appointment to the ACRS. 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 person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, 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 person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). 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 changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

**Medhat M. El-Zeftawy,**

*Acting Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on March 5-6, 1998, in Conference Room

T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, November 20, 1997 (62 FR 62079).

**Thursday, March 5, 1998**

**8:30 A.M.—8:45 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman** (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

**8:45 A.M.—10:30 A.M.: Strategy for the Development of the NRC Research Program** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), concerning the systematic research process, methods used to identify research topics and agency goals and programs that require support.

**10:50 A.M.—12:00 Noon: Prioritization of Research Needs** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC RES staff regarding the methods used to prioritize research needs. Validation and justification of the prioritization methods should be provided.

**1:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.: Core Capabilities** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC RES staff regarding the expertise and core capabilities needed to respond to future needs; explain how these needs were identified and how they affect the research program.

**2:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.: Confirmatory Research Activities** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC RES staff regarding the processing of user need requests and identification of the research activities that are confirmatory in nature.

**3:15 P.M.—5:00 P.M.: Anticipatory Activities and Severe Accident Research** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC RES staff regarding the identification of each research activity that is anticipatory in nature. The Committee will also discuss the current activities and remaining needs especially in light of the drive toward risk-informed regulation and the estimation of LERF.

**5:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.: Committee Discussion Period** (Open)—The Committee will discuss significant observations, questions and topics needing further exploration.

**Friday, March 6, 1998**

**8:30 A.M.—8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman** (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

**8:35 A.M.—9:30 A.M.: IPE and IPEEE Projects** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC RES staff regarding what utility can be made of the IPE and IPEEE results.

**9:30 A.M.—10:30 A.M.: Meeting with Commissioner Nils J. Diaz** (Open)—The Committee will discuss items of mutual interests with Commissioner Nils J. Diaz.

**10:50 A.M.—12:00 Noon: Deferred Research** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC RES staff regarding the risk significant and vulnerabilities of agencies programs and goals and research that is needed but is not being done.

**1:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Research needs by the appropriate Subcommittee Chairmen.**

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 1997 (62 FR 46782). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Dr. Medhat M. El-Zeftawy, Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Acting Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the