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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 17, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit application received. Permits were issued on September 21, 1999 to the following applicants:

Steven D. Emslie—Permit No. 2000-001
Paul J. Poganis—Permit No. 2000-004
Wayne Z. Trivelpiece—Permit No. 2000-006

W. Berry Lyons—Permit No. 2000-008
Ron Naveen—Permit No. 2000-012
Gary D. Miller—Permit No. 2000-014

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses and Conforming Amendments, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of orders under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the transfer of Facility Operating License No. DRP-63

for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (NMP1), and Facility Operating License No. NPF-69 for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (NMP2). Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) is currently the sole owner and operator of NMP1. The transfer of the license for NMP1 would be to AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen). NMPC currently holds a 41% undivided ownership interest in NMP2, is its exclusive licensed operator, and acts as agent for its other co-owners. The other current co-owners, who may possess but not operate NMP2, are New York Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) with an 18% interest, Long Island Lighting Company with an 18% interest, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation with a 14% interest, and the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company with a 9% interest. Under the proposed transfer for NMP2, NMPC's and NYSEG's interests, and NMPC's operating authority under the license for NMP2, would be transferred to AmerGen. Accordingly, following the proposed transfers, AmerGen would become the licensed operator of both NMP units, the sole owner of NMP1, and a 59% co-owner of NMP2. The Commission is also considering amending the licenses for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfers. The NMP facility is located in Oswego County, New York.

Under the proposed transfers, AmerGen would be authorized to possess, use, and operate NMP1 and NMP2 under essentially the same conditions and authorizations included in the existing licenses. In addition, no physical changes would be made to either NMP1 or NMP2 as a result of the proposed transfer, and there would be no significant changes in the day-to-day operations of either unit. The proposed amendments to each unit's license would delete all references to "Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation" and "New York State Electric & Gas Corporation" (including variations of these names) and substitute "AmerGen Energy Company, LLC" (or its new position of "licensee" or "applicant"). The proposed amendments would also add to the licenses certain additional conditions arising from the license transfers; these conditions would (1) Preserve AmerGen's decision-making authority over safety issues, (2) Limit the foreign membership of AmerGen's Management Committee, (3) Assign to AmerGen's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Nuclear Officer the responsibility and authority for ensuring that AmerGen's business and activities with respect to the NMP units are conducted

consistent with the protection of the public health and safety and common defense and security of the United States, and (4) Require AmerGen to report to the Commission the filing of any Schedules 13D or 13G with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that disclose beneficial ownership of a registered class of Philadelphia Electric Energy Company (PECO Energy) stock.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendments application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the application for transfers of licenses, are discussed below.

By October 20, 1999, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing, and, if not the applicants, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR part

2. In particular, such requests must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)–(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon (1) Mark J. Wetterhahn, counsel for NMPC, at Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (tel: 202-371-5703; fax: 202-371-5950; e-mail: mwetterh@winston.com); (2) Samuel Behrends IV, counsel for NYSEG, at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P., 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20009-5728 (tel: 202-986-8018; fax: 202-986-8102; e-mail: sbehrend@llgm.com); (3) Kevin P. Gallen, counsel for AmerGen, at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1800 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-5869 (tel: 202-467-7462; fax: 202-467-7176; e-mail: Kpgallen@mlb.com); (4) the General Counsel, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for license transfer cases only: ogclt@nrc.gov); and (5) the Secretary of the Commission, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by November 1, 1999, persons may submit written comments regarding the application for transfer of licenses, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated September 10, 1999, 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 Reference and Documents Department, Penfield Library, State University of New York, Oswego, New York 13126.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Peco Energy Company

[Docket Nos. 50-277 and 50-278]

Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of PECO Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated August 6, 1999, for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56 for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3, located in York County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed exigent amendments would have temporarily revised Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.7.2.2, for the normal heat sink. The revision would have allowed a temporary increase to the limit for the average water temperature of the normal heat sink from less than or equal to 90 °F to less than or equal to 92 °F.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the **Federal Register** on August 13, 1999 (64 FR 44243). However, by letter dated September 23, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed amendment application.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated August 6, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated September 23, 1999, 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 Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, (Regional Depository) Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, PA.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388]

PP&L, INC., (Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2); Exemption

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PP&L, Inc., (PP&L or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, which authorize operation of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 (SSES 1 & 2 or the facilities) at power levels not to exceed 3441 megawatts thermal. The facilities consist of two boiling-water reactors located at the licensee's site in Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

II

Section IV.F.2.b of Appendix E to 10 CFR part 50 requires each licensee at each site to conduct an exercise of its onsite emergency plan every 2 years and indicates the exercise may be included in the full-participation biennial exercise required by paragraph 2.c. Paragraph 2.c requires offsite plans for each site to be exercised biennially with full participation by each offsite authority having a role under the plan. During such biennial full-participation exercises, the NRC evaluates onsite emergency preparedness activities and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) evaluates offsite emergency preparedness activities. PP&L successfully conducted a full-participation exercise for SSES during the week of October 28, 1997. By letter dated January 29, 1999, as supplemented by letter dated May 24, 1999, the licensee requested an