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Signed at Washington, DC this 29th day of December 1999.

Margaret J. Washington,

Acting Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by March 7, 2000 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 306-1125 x 2017; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0019.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The Survey of Earned Doctorates has been conducted continuously since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by five Federal agencies in order to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information on our Nation's most precious resource—highly educated individuals. Data is obtained from each person earning a research doctorate on their field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics. The information is used extensively by the Federal government, universities, and others. The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the annual publication series "Science and Engineering Doctorates" (available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web). The National Opinion Research Corporation, U. of Chicago, also disseminates a free report entitled "Summary Report: Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities."

A total response rate of 92% of the total 42,683 persons who earned a research doctorate was obtained in fiscal year 1998.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 20 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey, for a total of 14,228 hours for all respondents.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 42,683 (FY 1998 number).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,228 hours total (FY 1998 number).

Dated: January 3, 2000.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324]

Carolina Power & Light Company (Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring of Carolina Power & Light Company by Establishment of a Holding Company

I

Carolina Power and Light Company (CP&L) and North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency are the holders of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units No. 1 and 2 (Brunswick 1 and 2), which were issued November 12, 1976, and November 27, 1974, respectively. CP&L owns a 81.67% interest in Brunswick 1 and 2.

II

Pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.80, CP&L filed an application dated September 15, 1999, which was supplemented by letters dated October 8, and November 10, 1999, requesting approval of the indirect transfer of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 for Brunswick 1 and 2 that would result from a proposed corporate restructuring of CP&L. Under the proposed restructuring, a new holding company, CP&L Holdings, Inc. ("Holdings"), will be formed and will become the parent company of CP&L. Current holders of CP&L common stock will receive, on a one-for-one basis, shares of common stock of Holdings such that Holdings will then own the common stock of CP&L. CP&L's ownership interests in, and its operation of, its nuclear facilities will not change. No direct transfer of the licenses will occur, as CP&L will continue to hold the licenses. No physical changes to the facilities or operational changes are being proposed in the application. According to the application, as a result of the new corporate structure, Holdings will be able to respond more effectively to increased competition in the energy industry. Notice of the application and an opportunity for hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on November 2, 1999 (64 FR 59220). No hearing requests were filed.

Under 10 CFR 50.80 and 72.50, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted by

CP&L in its application, as supplemented, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed restructuring of CP&L will not affect the qualifications of CP&L as holder of the licenses referenced above, and that the indirect transfer of the licenses, to the extent effected by the restructuring, 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 December 29, 1999.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 USC 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o) and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80 and 72.50, *It is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the subject indirect transfers is approved, subject to the following conditions:

(1) CP&L 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 CP&L 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 ten percent (10%) of CP&L's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on CP&L books of account, and

(2) should the restructuring of CP&L not be completed by December 30, 2000, 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.

For further details with respect to this action, see the initial application dated September 15, 1999, and supplements dated October 8, and November 10, 1999, and the Safety Evaluation dated December 29, 1999, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Website (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of December 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel A. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

Notice of Partial Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied part of a request by Virginia Electric and Power Company, (the licensee) for amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7, issued to the licensee for operation of the North Anna Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1998 (63 FR 69349).

The licensee's application of November 18, 1998, as supplemented October 22, 1999, proposed several changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) relating to allowable groundwater elevation at the service water reservoir dike and monitoring of the groundwater level. The amendments authorize these changes except for one to remove the monitor device numbers from the TS. The proposal to eliminate device numbers from the TS was denied because the device numbers help to indicate the location of the piezometer within the zone of interest.

The NRC staff has concluded that this portion of the licensee's proposed change is unacceptable and is denied. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial by letter dated December 29, 1999.

By February 7, 2000, 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, 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, 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, 20555-0001, and to Donald P. Irwin, Esquire, Hunton and Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 E. Byrd Street,

Richmond, Virginia 23219, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated November 18, 1998, as supplemented October 22, 1999, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated December 29, 1999.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Document Control Desk, or accessed electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of December 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Richard L. Emch, Jr.,

Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Power Authority of the State of New York

[Docket No. 50-286]

Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to the Technical Specifications for Facility Operating License No. DPR-64, issued to the Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee), for operation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3, located in Westchester County, New York.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would implement the Radiological Effluent Technical Specifications guidance of Generic Letter (GL) 89-01 and make changes that are necessary to implement the revised 10 CFR Part 20.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated February 19, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated July 28, 1999.