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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee of Visitors Meeting for the Physiology & Ethology Cluster; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences, Committee of Visitors for the Physiology & Ethology Cluster (1110).

Date & Time: July 13-15, 1998—8:30 am-5:00 pm each day.

Place: Room 360, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open—(see agenda below).

Contract Person: Dr. John Fray, Deputy Division Director, Division of Integrative Biology & Neuroscience, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, 703 306-1420.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

Open: July 13 from 8:30 am-10:30 am & July 15 from 10:30 am-12 noon—To provide background information on the role of COVs and GPRA at NSF. To summarize findings regarding the quality of program management, including merit review; and discussion and review of grantee outputs and outcomes during the past three years.

Closed: July 13 from 10:30 am-5:00 pm; July 14 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm; July 15 from 8:30 am-10:30 am and from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the past three fiscal years of the Physiology & Ethology Cluster.

Reason For Closing: During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Reason for Late Notice: Difficulty in arranging schedules of COV members.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-002]

Notice of Issuance of Final Design Approval Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix O System 80+ Standard Design ABB-Combustion Engineering, Inc.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a revised final design approval (FDA) to ABB-Combustion Engineering, Inc. (ABB-CE) pursuant to 10 CFR part 52, Appendix O. This FDA allows the System 80+ standard design to be referenced in an application for a construction permit or operating license pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, or in an application for a combined license pursuant to 10 CFR part 52. The FDA is being revised to make it coterminous with the design certification rule that was issued on May 21, 1997. This FDA supersedes the FDAs dated July 26 and November 23, 1994.

A copy of the revised FDA has been placed in the NRC's Public Docket Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20037, for review by interested persons.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Theodore R. Quay,

Director, Standardization Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Consumers Energy Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 issued to Consumers Energy Company (the licensee) for operation of the Palisades Nuclear Plant, located in Van Buren County, Michigan.

The proposed amendment would revise Section 3.1.1c of the Technical Specifications (TS), Appendix A of the Operating License for the Palisades Nuclear Plant, to change the minimum

required primary coolant system flow. The currently specified value is 140.7x10⁶ lb/hr [pounds per hour] or greater, when corrected to 532 °F. The licensee proposed to revise the TS to specify a value of greater than or equal to 352,000 gpm [gallons per minute], which is equivalent to approximately 135x10⁶ lb/hr, when corrected to 532 °F.

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

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

a. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change to the minimum reactor vessel flow does not alter the assumed initiators to any analyzed event. Rather, specification of a minimum reactor vessel flow provides assurance that sufficient cooling will take place during normal and accident operating conditions of the reactor. Therefore the probability of an accident previously evaluated has not been increased by this proposed change.

Each of the applicable Palisades FSAR [Final Safety Analysis Report] Chapter 14 accident analyses have been evaluated with respect to the proposed reduction in minimum reactor vessel flow rate. The results of these analyses, which have been incorporated into the Palisades Cycle 14 Disposition and Analysis of Standard Review Plan (SRP) Events, demonstrate that the acceptance criteria for each of the events continues to be met.

Therefore, operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed change to TS section 3.1.1c would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

b. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

The proposed changes provide a reduced requirement for PCS [primary coolant system] flow through the reactor vessel than currently exists in the TS. The change does not, however, involve any alteration in the plant configuration (no new or different type