petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

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 a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. 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: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. 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 Mr. Jeffrie J. Keenan, Esquire, PSEG Nuclear—N21, P.O. Box 236, Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038, 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 January 8, 2001, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (http://www.nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of January, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 50–271]

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted a request by Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (VYNPC, the licensee) to withdraw its December 21, 1999, as supplemented on September 12 and 19, 2000, application for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR–28, for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, located in Windham County, Vermont.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to change the control rod block requirements consistent with the BWR/4 Standard Technical Specifications.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment on January 26, 2000 (65 FR 4291). However, by letter dated December 26, 2000, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 21, 1999, as supplemented on September 12 and 19, 2000, and the licensee's letter dated December 26, 2000, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (*http://www.nrc.gov*).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of January 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–29]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to the Possession Only License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Yankee Atomic Electric Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 17, 1999, application for proposed amendment to the Possession Only License No. DPR–3 for the Yankee Nuclear Power Station, located in Rowe, Massachusetts.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Yankee Nuclear Power Station's Defueled Technical Specifications by transferring the administrative requirements to the Yankee Decommissioning Quality Assurance Program.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 1999 (64 FR 17032). However, by letter dated