Agenda: To review and evaluate formal proposals submitted to the Program for Gender Equity in High School, Undergraduate, Teacher and Faculty Development, Educational Technologies.

Reasons for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research (DMR) #1203.

Dates & Times: May 1, 2001, 8 a.m.–9 p.m., May 2, 2001; 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Place: Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Ulrich Strom, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292–4938.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning progress of the Collaborative to Integrate Research and Education (CIRE) between Florida A&M University and Carnegie Mellon University.

Agenda: Review and evaluate progress of the Collaborative to Integrate Research and Education (CIRE) between Florida A&M University and Carnegie Mellon University.

Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late Notice: Conflicting schedules of members and the necessity to proceed with review of proposals.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–387 and 50–388]

PPL Susquehanna, LLC, Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the indirect transfer of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF–14 and NPF–22 for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2 to the extent held by PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL Susquehanna, the licensee). The indirect transfer would result from the establishment of an intermediary parent company that will indirectly own PPL Susquehanna.

PPL Susquehanna is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Generation, LLC, which is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Energy Funding Corporation. PPL Energy Funding Corporation is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of PPL Corporation, the ultimate parent of PPL Susquehanna. According to PPL Susquehanna's application dated March 6, 2001, as supplemented on April 4, 2001, PPL Energy Supply, LLC will become an intermediary, indirect parent company of PPL Susquehanna. Specifically, PPL Energy Supply will become a subsidiary of PPL Energy Funding Corporation and the new direct parent of PPL Generation, LLC. The proposed corporate restructuring will not involve any transfer of assets to or from PPL Susquehanna, nor will it affect SSES management, organization, or day-to-day operations. No physical or operational changes to SSES Units 1 and 2 are proposed in the application. The application does not involve Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., the other owner of and co-holder of the licenses for SSES Units 1 and 2.

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 indirect transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the underlying transaction that will effectuate the indirect transfer will not affect the qualifications of the holder of the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

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

By May 15, 2001, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not the applicant, 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 and petitions 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 John E. Matthews, counsel for PPL Susquehanna, LLC, at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, 1800 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036–5869 (tel: 202–467–7524; fax: 877–432–9652; e-mail: jematthews@morganlewis.com); the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.GOV); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. 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 May 25, 2001, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, 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, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, 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 March 6, 2001, and supplement dated April 4, 2001, 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 20th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–338 and 50–339]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–4 and NPF–7, issued to Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would increase the limit on the fuel enrichment from the current limit of 4.3 weight percent U^{235} to a maximum of 4.6 weight percent U^{235}, establish boron concentration and fuel storage restrictions for the Spent Fuel Pool (SFP), and eliminate the value of uncertainties in the calculation for K_{eff} in the SFP criticality calculation. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendments dated September 27, 2000, as supplemented November 21 and December 18, 2000, and February 2, and March 2, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action to increase fuel enrichment will reduce the need for extended periods of reduced power operation at the end of each operating cycle and permit fuel discharge burnups more compatible with the current maximum rod burnup limit of 60,000 MWD/MTU. This action will help optimize fuel cycle costs while satisfying the safety limits. Currently, Technical Specification (TS) 5.3, ''Reactor Core,'' limits the use of reload fuel to a maximum enrichment of 4.3 weight percent U^{235}. Thus, the proposed change to the TS was requested.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the storage and use of fuel enriched with U^{235} up to 4.6 weight percent at North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, is acceptable. The safety considerations associated with higher enrichments have been evaluated by the staff, and the staff has concluded that such changes would not adversely affect plant safety. The proposed changes have no effect on the probability of any accident. There will be no change to the authorized power level. There is no change to the allowable maximum rod burnup limit of 60,000 MWD/MTU, already approved for North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2. As a result, there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative radiation exposure.

The environmental impacts of transportation resulting from the use of higher enrichment fuel and extended irradiation are discussed in the staff assessment entitled, ''NRC Assessment of the Environmental Effects of Transportation Resulting from Extended Fuel Enrichment and Irradiation.'' This assessment was published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 1988 (53 FR 30355), as corrected on August 24, 1988 (53 FR 32322), in connection with the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. As indicated therein, the environmental cost contribution of an increase in fuel enrichment of up to 5.0 weight percent U^{235} and irradiation limits up to 60,000 MWD/MTU are either unchanged, or may in fact be reduced from those summarized in Table S–4 as set forth in 10 CFR 51.52(c). Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed changes involve systems located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the ''no-action'' alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement—Operating License (FES-OL), dated April 1973 for the North Anna Power Station.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 22, 2001 the staff consulted with the Virginia State official, Mr. Les Foldesi of the Virginia Department of Health regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed amendments.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated September 27, 2000, as supplemented November 21 and December 18, 2000, and February 2 and March 2, 2001. 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. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov* (the Electronic Reading Room).