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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to
submit an information collection
request to OMB and solicitation of
public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a
submittal to OMB for review of
continued approval of information
collections under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the
requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information
collection:* 10 CFR Part 55, "Operators'
Licenses".

2. *Current OMB approval number:*
3150-0018.

3. *How often the collection is
required:* As necessary for NRC to meet
its responsibilities to determine the
eligibility of applicants for operators'
licenses, prepare or review initial
operator licensing and requalification
examinations, and review applications
for and performance of simulation
facilities.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:*
Holders of and applicants for facility
(i.e., nuclear power, research, and test
reactor) operating licenses and
individual operators' licenses.

5. *The number of annual respondents:*
106.

6. *The number of hours needed
annually to complete the requirement or
request:* 65,586 (approximately 44,736
hours of reporting burden and
approximately 20,850 hours of
recordkeeping burden).

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 55,
"Operators' Licenses," of the NRC's
regulations, specifies information and
data to be provided by applicants and
facility licenses so that the NRC may
make determinations concerning the
licensing and requalification of
operators for nuclear reactors, as
necessary to promote public health and
safety. The reporting and recordkeeping

requirements contained in 10 CFR Part
55 are mandatory for the licensees and
applicants affected.

Submit, by February 14, 2003,
comments that address the following
questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of
information necessary for the NRC to
properly perform its functions? Does the
information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the
information collection be minimized,
including the use of automated
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting
statement may be viewed free of charge
at the NRC Public Document Room, One
White Flint North, 11555 Rockville
Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD
20852. OMB clearance requests are
available at the NRC worldwide web
site: [http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/
doc-comment/omb/index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html). The
document will be available on the NRC
home page site for 60 days after the
signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the
information collection requirements
may be directed to the NRC Clearance
Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6,
Washington, DC 20555-0001, by
telephone at 301-415-7233, or by
Internet electronic mail at
INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day
of December 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief
Information Officer.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-261]

Carolina Power & Light Company; H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2; Exemption

1.0 Background

Carolina Power & Light Company
(CP&L) is the holder of Facility
Operating License No. DPR-23, which
authorizes operation of the H. B.
Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No.
2 (HBRSEP2). The license provides,
among other things, that the facility is
subject to all rules, regulations, and
orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC, the Commission)
now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized-
water reactor located in Darlington
County, South Carolina.

2.0 Request/Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.59(c), a
facility's licensed operator
requalification program must be
conducted for a continuous period not
to exceed 2 years (24 months) and upon
conclusion must be promptly followed,
pursuant to a continuous schedule, by
successive requalification programs.
Each 2-year requalification program
must include a comprehensive biennial
written examination and annual
operating tests.

By letter dated October 11, 2002,
CP&L requested a one-time exemption
from the schedular requirements of 10
CFR 55.59(c). Specifically, for
HBRSEP2, CP&L has requested a one-
time extension from December 31, 2002,
to March 31, 2003, for completing the
licensed operator requalification annual
operating test and comprehensive
biennial written examination. This
requested exemption would allow an
extension of 3 months beyond the
schedule for completion of the operating
test and written examination as required
by 10 CFR 55.59(c). CP&L's letter
constitutes a request for exemption
under 10 CFR 55.11, which states: "The
Commission may, upon application by
an interested person, or upon its own
initiative, grant such exemptions from
the requirements of the regulations in
this part as it determines are authorized
by law and will not endanger life or
property and are otherwise in the public
interest." The exemption is being
requested for HBRSEP2 due to an
unusually high workload associated with
a plant refueling outage (RFO21)
and a power uprate project, which
occurred just prior to the originally
scheduled examinations. Due to the
refueling outage and power uprate
activities, which included modifying
the plant-specific simulator and
extensive training of personnel on new
and modified procedures, development
and administration of the written
examination and operating test within
the required schedule is viewed as a
schedule and workload hardship by the
licensee.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, the
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an interested person, or upon its own
initiative, grant such exemptions from
the requirements of the regulations in
this part as it determines are authorized
by law and will not endanger life or