

Dates/Time: 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2004 (NSF); 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2004 (EarthScope Office); 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2004 (NSF).

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Stafford I Building, Room 770; EarthScope Office, 1200 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

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

Contact Person: Dr. Kaye Shedlock, Program Director, EarthScope Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, (703) 292-4693.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out EarthScope proposal and management review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials; and to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning EarthScope construction, operation, science and education support.

Agenda: Closed: November 16, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.—To review the EarthScope Project Execution Plan (PEP) covering funding decisions for personnel and subcontracts for the construction phase of EarthScope; proposal actions from the 2004 EarthScope Solicitation, including the discussion of proposals still under review.

Open: November 17, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.—To provide advice on the 2004 EarthScope Solicitation, education and outreach management structure, and revision of volcanic area instrumentation.

Closed: November 17, 2004, 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—continue discussions of EarthScope Project Execution Plan (PEP) covering funding decisions.

Reason For Closing: During the closed sessions, the committee will be reviewing proposal actions that may include privileged intellectual property or information confidential in nature, including 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.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

STP Nuclear Operating Company, et al., South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Partial Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear

Operating Company (the licensee) to partially withdraw its September 22, 2003 (ML032691396), application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 and Facility Operating License No. NPF-80 for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The facility is located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility Technical Specifications (TSs) to change the requirements for the Engineered Safety Features sequencer and the Surveillance Requirements that are applicable in Modes 5 and 6 to provide needed clarification. In addition, the proposed amendment would correct a typographical error from requirement "c." in TS 3.2.4 to requirement "b."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2003 (68 FR 64139). However, by letter dated September 30, 2004 (ML042800236), the licensee withdrew the proposed change except for that part which corrected the typographical error.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 22, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated September 30, 2004, which partially withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of October 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David H. Jaffe,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-29-OLA; ASLBP No. 04-831-01-OLA]

Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and the Commission's regulations, *see* 10 CFR 2.104, 2.300, 2.303, 2.309, 2.311, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Yankee Atomic Electric Company, Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Franklin County, Massachusetts (Operating License Amendment)

This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted on August 20, 2004, by the Citizens Awareness Network, Inc., in response to a June 14, 2004 notice of opportunity for hearing (69 FR 34,696, 34,707 (June 22, 2004)), regarding a November 24, 2003 request to amend the operating license of Yankee Atomic Electric Company's Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Rowe, Massachusetts. The new license condition would document the date of NRC approval of the license termination plan (LTP) for the facility and provide criteria to determine the need for NRC approval of changes to the approved LTP.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Alan S. Rosenthal, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with the administrative judges in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of October 2004.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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