

- Discussion on Workshop II: December 16, 2005
- Joint Session: Committee on Strategy and Budget and Committee on Programs and Plans (11 a.m.–11:45 a.m.), Room 1235
- Centers and the NSF Portfolio
 - Funding Rates, Award Size and Duration
 - FY 2004 Funding for Highly Successful PIs
- Committee on Strategy and Budget (11:45 a.m.–12:05 p.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Minutes
 - Discussion of CSB Contribution to Vision for NSF Document
 - Status of FY 2006 Budget Request to Congress
- Committee on Programs and Plans (12:55 p.m.–3 p.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of Minutes
 - Charge to the International Science Effort
 - Status Reports
 - Long-Lived Digital Data Collections: Enabling Research and Education in the 21st Century
 - Transformative Research Task Force
 - Subcommittee on Polar Issues
 - Process for Sending Information and Actions to CPP and NSB—Revised Guidelines
 - Major Research Facilities:
 - Setting Priorities for Large Research Facilities Projects Supported by the National Science Foundation: Final document
 - Facilities Plan
 - Timeline
 - Cyberinfrastructure Vision: Continuing Discussion
 - Hurricane Research and the Federal Government
 - Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
- Committee on Education and Human Resources (3 p.m.–5 p.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Minutes
 - CEOSE Summary: Decennial and 2004 Biennial Reports to Congress
 - NSF Integration of Research and Education
 - NSB Commission on Education
 - NSB/EHR Committee's Contribution to Board's Vision for NSF
 - NSB Items
 - Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators
 - Update on Workshop on "Engineering Workforce Issues and Engineering Education: What are the Linkages?"

Closed

- Committee on Programs and Plans
Subcommittee on Polar Issues (9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.), Room 1235

- NSB Action Item
- Committee on Strategy and Budget (12:05 p.m.–12:15 p.m.), Room 1235
- Status of FY 2007 Budget Submission to OMB
- Committee on Programs and Plans (12:45 p.m.–12:55 p.m.), Room 1235
- NSB Action Item

Thursday, September 29, 2005*Open*

- Committee on Audit and Oversight (8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Minutes
 - Discussion and Committee Approval of NSF Merit Review System Review
 - Discussion of NSF Vision Document: NSB Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee Approval of NSB Policy Statement on Respective Roles of the OIG and NSF Management in the Pursuit and Settlement of Administrative Investigatory Matters
 - CFO Update
 - OIG FY 2006 Audit Plan
- Executive Committee (10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Minutes
 - Updates or New Business from Committee Members
 - Update on 2006 NSB Retreat and Off-Site Visit
 - Presentation on NSF Sexual Harassment Policies

Closed Session

- Committee on Audit and Oversight (10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.), Room 1235
- Pending Investigations
- Executive Committee (11 a.m.–11:15 a.m.), Room 1235
- Board Member Proposal
 - Director's Items
 - Specific Personnel Matters
 - Future Budgets

Plenary Session of the Board (1 p.m.–3:30 p.m.)

- Executive Closed Session (1 p.m.–1:15 p.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Executive Closed Minutes
 - Board Member Proposal
- Closed Session (1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Closed Session Minutes
 - Closed Committee Reports
 - Awards and Resolutions
- Open Session (1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.), Room 1235
- Approval of August 2005 Minutes
 - Resolution to Close November–December 2005
 - Chairman's Report

- Director's Report
- NSF Congressional Update
- Committee Reports

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–285]

Omaha Public Power District; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Omaha Public Power District (the licensee) to withdraw its July 25, 2003, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR–40 for the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1 (FCS), located in Washington County, Nebraska.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to FCS Technical Specification Section 3.0.2, Table 3–2, Table 3–5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, and the Definitions Section. This proposed change would have provided a risk-informed alternative to the existing surveillance interval for the integrated Engineered Safety Features (ESF) and Loss-of-Offsite Power testing required to be performed on each ESF equipment train during each outage. The proposed change would have modified the surveillance interval requirement for these refueling interval surveillance requirements to go to a staggered test basis scheme. Using a staggered test basis, only one train would be tested each refueling outage. Omaha Public Power District stated that this amendment was modeled after the Improved Standard Technical Specifications and is based on a study conducted by the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC on behalf of the Combustion Engineering Owners Group in topical report WCAP–15830–P, "Staggered Integrated ESF Testing," and Technical Specification Task Force 450.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 19, 2003 (68 FR 49818). However, by letter dated September 9, 2005, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 25, 2003, and the

licensee's letter dated September 9, 2005, which withdrew the application for the 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 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (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 14th day of September 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-244]

R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC, R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License 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-18, issued to R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC (the licensee), for operation of the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna) located in Wayne County, New York.

The proposed amendment would revise the facility operating license and technical specifications (TSs) to authorize an increase in the maximum steady-state thermal power level at Ginna from 1520 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 1775 MWt, which is a 16.8 percent increase. This increase in power level is generally referred to as an extended power uprate. Specifically, the proposed amendment would change the TSs to revise: (1) The Definition of Rated Thermal Power (RTP), (2) the RTP for the Required Action for Condition O in Limiting Condition for Operation

(LCO) 3.3.1, "Reactor Trip System," (3) the Power Range Neutron Flux—High Limiting Safety System Setting, (4) the Reactor Trip System Interlocks—Power Range Neutron Flux, P-8 Limiting Safety System Setting, (5) the RTP reference in Table 3.3.1-1, Footnote (h), (6) the Steam Line Isolation High Steam Flow Limiting Safety System Setting, (7) the Steam Line Isolation High—High Steam Flow Limiting Safety System Setting, (8) decrease the upper lift setting in LCO 3.4.10, "Pressurizer Safety Valves," (9) the required volume in surveillance requirement (SR) 3.7.6.1 for TS 3.7.6, "Condensate Storage Tanks (CSTs)." In addition, the proposed amendment would change the TSs to provide margin improvement, but are not part of the extended power uprate (EPU), to revise: (1) The Safety Injection Pressurizer Pressure—Low Limiting Safety System Setting, (2) the Containment Spray Containment Pressure—High High Limiting Safety System Settings for narrow range and wide range, and (3) the Steam Line Isolation Coincident with Tavg-Low Limiting Safety System Setting. The proposed amendment also includes a change to the licensing basis for control room dose for the loss-of-coolant accident and the rod ejection accident dose consequences because of the EPU conditions.

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.

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309, which is available at the Commission's public document room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, [*collections/cfr/*. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or a presiding officer designated by the Commission or by the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-</p>
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As required by 10 CFR 2.309, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner/requestor in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following general requirements: (1) The name, address and telephone number of the requestor or petitioner; (2) the nature of the requestor's/petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (3) the nature and extent of the requestor's/petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (4) the possible effect of any decision or order which may be entered in the proceeding on the requestor's/petitioner's interest. The petition must also identify the specific contentions which the petitioner/requestor seeks to have litigated at the proceeding.

Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner/requestor shall provide a brief explanation of the basis for 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. The petition must include 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/requestor to relief. A petitioner/requestor who fails to satisfy these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.