

Specifications for Granting of Patent Licenses.”

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0121.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Applications for licenses are submitted once. Other reports are submitted annually or as other events require.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Applicants for and holders of NRC licenses to NRC inventions.

5. *The number of annual respondents:*

1. 6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 37; however, no applications are anticipated during the next three years.

7. *Abstract:* As specified in 10 CFR part 81, the NRC may grant non-exclusive licenses or limited exclusive licenses to its patented inventions to responsible applicants. Applicants for licenses to NRC inventions are required to provide information which may provide the basis for granting the requested license. In addition, all license holders must submit periodic reports on efforts to bring the invention to a point of practical application and the extent to which they are making the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. Exclusive license holders must submit additional information if they seek to extend their licenses, issue sublicenses, or transfer the licenses. In addition, if requested, exclusive license holders must promptly supply to the United States Government copies of all pleadings and other papers filed in any patent infringement lawsuit, as well as evidence from proceedings relating to the licensed patent.

Submit, by March 31, 2008, 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 F21, 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>. 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, Margaret A. Janney (T–5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, by telephone at 301–415–7245, or by e-mail to INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of January 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gregory Trussell,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA–07–026]

In the Matter of: Mr. Luis Fernandez; Confirmatory Order (Effective Immediately)

I

Mr. Luis Fernandez is the former Security Project Manager for Wackenhut Nuclear Services (Wackenhut) at the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant (Turkey Point) operated by Florida Power and Light Company (FPL). FPL holds License No. DPR–31 and DPR–41, issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) on July 19, 1972, and April 10, 1973, respectively, pursuant to 10 CFR part 50. The licenses authorize the operation of Turkey Point, Units 3 & 4, in accordance with the conditions specified therein. Turkey Point is located on the Licensee’s site in Florida City, Florida.

II

In approximately October 2004, a firing pin from a contingency response weapon was discovered to be damaged at FPL’s Turkey Point facility. Mr. Fernandez participated in an inquiry of the damage and documented the results of that inquiry in Condition Report (CR) 2004–13573. As the Security Project Manager for WNS at Turkey Point during this time, Mr. Fernandez was knowledgeable of the circumstances and assisted in the preparation and/or approval of the documentation contained in Condition Report (CR) 2004–13573.

III

In February 2006, the NRC’s Office of Investigations (OI) initiated an investigation into the circumstances

surrounding the damaged firing pin, and the NRC was provided a copy of CR 2004–13573. Based on the OI investigation, the NRC reached a preliminary conclusion that Mr. Fernandez’ documentation of the circumstances involving the damaged firing pin in CR 2004–13573 was not complete and accurate in all material respects. The NRC also preliminarily concluded that Mr. Fernandez’ incomplete or inaccurate documentation of the circumstances was deliberate. As a result, the NRC concluded that Mr. Fernandez was in apparent violation of 10 CFR 50.5, in that his actions caused FPL to be in violation of 10 CFR 50.9.

The results of the NRC’s preliminary conclusion were provided to Mr. Fernandez by letter dated May 30, 2007. The NRC’s letter informed Mr. Fernandez that the NRC was considering the apparent violation for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, and offered Mr. Fernandez a choice to: (1) Attend a Pre-decisional Enforcement Conference; (2) provide a written response; or (3) request ADR with the NRC in an attempt to resolve any disagreement on whether a violation occurred, the appropriate enforcement action, and the appropriate corrective actions. In response, Mr. Fernandez requested ADR to resolve the matter. Mr. Fernandez and the NRC participated in an ADR session in Miami, Florida, on November 9, 2007. Consistent with the purposes of ADR, the parties acknowledged that the session was not for the purposes of reaching any conclusions regarding any facts or circumstances as discussed in the NRC’s letter to Mr. Fernandez of May 30, 2007.

As the result of the ADR session, Mr. Fernandez and the NRC reached a settlement agreement. The elements of the Agreement in Principle consisted of the following:

1. Mr. Fernandez elaborated on the circumstances concerning his involvement in the drafting of Condition Reports, in support of his view that his actions did not represent deliberate misconduct. Mr. Fernandez acknowledges that CR 2004–13573 was inartfully worded and subject to misinterpretation. However, Mr. Fernandez also stated that he had no intent to deceive the NRC or FPL with respect to CR 2004–13573. Furthermore, Mr. Fernandez expressed a clear understanding of the importance of preparing documentation at NRC-regulated facilities that is complete and accurate.

2. Mr. Fernandez indicated that since approximately February 2006, he has

not been involved in any activities at any facility that is subject to NRC regulations. Mr. Fernandez also indicated that, as of the date of the ADR meeting, he has no intention of working or seeking employment in any activities or at any facility subject to NRC regulations, and that he will not seek employment requiring his participation in NRC-regulated activities before June 30, 2008.

3. Mr. Fernandez agreed that, should he seek employment with an entity involved in NRC-regulated activities and requiring unescorted access authorization prior to June 30, 2010, he will provide the NRC with a letter discussing the steps he has taken to assure his understanding of the importance of completeness and accuracy of information at facilities subject to NRC regulation. In addition, Mr. Fernandez agreed to provide any such future employer with a copy of this Confirmatory Order. Mr. Fernandez further agreed he will make himself available to participate in training to discuss lessons learned from this matter and the importance of completeness and accuracy of condition reports and other internal documents.

4. The NRC concluded that Mr. Fernandez's agreement not to seek employment with an entity involved in NRC-regulated activities and requiring unescorted access authorization until after June 30, 2008, and his agreement, should he seek employment with such an entity prior to June 30, 2010, to provide to the NRC a letter discussing the steps he has taken to assure his understanding of NRC requirements in effect at the time, is sufficient to address all Agency concerns regarding his involvement in the matter discussed in the NRC's letter of May 30, 2007.

5. In consideration of the above, the NRC agreed to forego issuance of a Notice of Violation or other enforcement action in this matter.

6. The NRC and Mr. Fernandez agreed that the above elements will be incorporated into a Confirmatory Order.

7. Mr. Fernandez agreed to waive the right to request a hearing regarding all or any part of the Confirmatory Order.

IV

Because Mr. Fernandez has agreed to take actions to address NRC concerns, as set forth in Section III above, the NRC has concluded that its concerns can be resolved through issuance of this Order.

I find that Mr. Fernandez's commitments set forth in section V below are acceptable and necessary, and I conclude that with these commitments the public health and safety are reasonably assured. In view of the

foregoing, I have determined that public health and safety require that Mr. Fernandez's commitments be confirmed by this Order. Based on the above and Mr. Fernandez's consent, this Order is immediately effective upon issuance.

V

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 104, 161b, 161i, 161o, and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202 and 10 CFR part 50, *It is hereby ordered*, effective immediately, that:

1. Mr. Fernandez will not seek employment requiring his participation in NRC-regulated activities before June 30, 2008.

2. Should Mr. Fernandez seek employment with an entity involved in NRC-regulated activities and requiring unescorted access authorization before June 30, 2010, he will provide the NRC with a letter discussing the steps he has taken to assure he understands the importance of providing complete and accurate information at facilities subject to NRC regulation.

3. Mr. Fernandez will provide any future employer engaged in NRC-regulated activities with a copy of this Confirmatory Order.

4. Should Mr. Fernandez resume employment in NRC-regulated activities, he will make himself available to participate in training to discuss lessons learned from this matter and the importance of preparing complete and accurate condition reports and other internal documents.

The Regional Administrator, NRC Region II, may relax or rescind, in writing, any of the above conditions upon a showing by Mr. Fernandez of good cause.

VI

Any person adversely affected by this Confirmatory Order, other than Mr. Luis Fernandez, may request a hearing within 20 days of its issuance. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Chief, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Copies of the hearing request shall also be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; to the Assistant General Counsel

for Materials Litigation and Enforcement, at the same address; to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region II, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Suite 23T85, Atlanta, GA 30303-8931; and to Mr. Luis Fernandez. Because of the possible disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that answers and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and also to the Office of the General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. If a person other than Mr. Fernandez requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.309(d) and (f).

If a hearing is requested by a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Confirmatory Order should be sustained.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in section V above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in section V shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received.

An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this order.

Dated this 22nd day of January 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Victor M. McCree,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA-07-028]

In the Matter of Mr. William Johns; Confirmatory Order (Effective Immediately)

I

Mr. William Johns is the former Security Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant (Turkey Point) operated by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL