

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-255]

**Consumers Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Consumers Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its August 28, 2000, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 for the Palisades Plant, located in Covert, Michigan.

The proposed amendment would have revised the date for implementing the Palisades Plant Improved Technical Specifications as established by Amendment No. 189, dated November 30, 1999. The implementation date would have been changed from "on or before October 31, 2000," to "on or before December 31, 2000." In its letter dated October 24, 2000, the licensee stated that Amendment No. 189 was implemented on October 24, 2000, and that the requested delay of implementing Amendment No. 189 was no longer needed. Therefore, the licensee requested that the amendment application be withdrawn.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2000 (65 FR 56949). However, by letter dated October 24, 2000, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 28, 2000, and the licensee's letter dated October 24, 2000, which withdrew the application for license amendment. 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, 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 6th day of November 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-440-CivP; ASLBP No. 01-784-01-CivP; EA 99-012]

**Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; Notice of Hearing**

November 7, 2000.

Before Administrative Judges: Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman, Dr. Richard F. Cole, Ann Marshall Young.

In the Matter of First Energy Operating Company (FENOC) (Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1; Operating License No. NPF-58).

This proceeding involves a proposed civil penalty of \$110,000, sought to be imposed by the NRC Staff on First Energy Operating Company (FENOC or Licensee) for an alleged violation of NRC's employee protection regulations, based upon the asserted discrimination by a FENOC management official against an employee for engaging in protected activities (*i.e.*, testifying in a whistleblowing case before the Department of Labor). In response to an Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty, published at 65 FR 49,610 (August 14, 2000), FENOC on October 18, 2000 filed a timely request for an enforcement hearing. On October 27, 2000, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, consisting of Dr. Richard F. Cole, Ann Marshall Young, and Charles Bechhoefer, who serves as Chairman, was established to preside over this proceeding. 65 FR 65,336 (November 1, 2000).

Notice is hereby given that, by Memorandum and Order dated November 7, 2000, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has granted the request for a hearing submitted by FENOC. This proceeding will be conducted under the Commission's hearing procedures set forth in 10 CFR Part 2, Subparts B and G. Parties to this proceeding are FENOC and the NRC Staff. The issues to be considered, as set forth in the Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty, are (a) whether the Licensee was in violation of the Commission's requirements as set forth in the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty, dated May 20, 1999; and (b) whether, on the basis of such violation, the Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty should be sustained.

Documents related to this proceeding, issued prior to December 1, 1999, are available in microfiche form (with print form available on one-day recall) for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), Room—O-1 F21, NRC One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville,

Maryland 20852-2738. Documents issued subsequent to November 1, 1999 are available electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), with access to the public through NRC's Internet Web site (Public Electronic Reading Room Link, <<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>>). The PDR and many public libraries have terminals for public access to the Internet.

At the joint request of FENOC and the NRC Staff, further proceedings in this case have been suspended until December 18, 2000, to afford the parties an opportunity to pursue settlement negotiations. Except to the extent an early settlement or other circumstance renders them unnecessary, the Licensing Board may, during the course of this proceeding, conduct one or more prehearing conferences and evidentiary hearing sessions. The time and place of these sessions will be announced in Licensing Board Orders. Except as limited by the parameters of telephone conferences (which are in any event to be transcribed), members of the public are invited to attend any such sessions.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Dated: November 7, 2000; Rockville, Maryland.

**Charles Bechhoefer,**

*Chairman, Administrative Judge.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting**

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 123rd meeting on November 27-29, 2000, at the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA), 6220 Culebra Road, Building 189, San Antonio, Texas.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

**Monday, November 27, 2000**

A. 9:00-11:00 A.M.: *Opening Statement/Planning and Procedures (Open)*—The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks. The Committee will then review items under consideration at this meeting and consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee.

B. 11:15-12:00 Noon: *Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open)*—The Committee will discuss planned reports on the