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Dated at Atlanta, Georgia the 9th day of September, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Douglas M. Collins,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) §§ 50.44 and 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, for Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7, issued to Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, as these requirements only allow the use of either Zircaloy or ZIRLO as fuel rod cladding material. The design of the Framatome Advanced Mark-BW fuel planned for use at North Anna, Units 1 and 2, utilizes the advanced zirconium-based alloy M5 for the fuel assembly structural tubing and grids, and fuel rod cladding.

By letter dated March 28, 2002, as supplemented by letters dated May 13, June 19, and November 15, 2002, and

May 6, May 9, May 27, June 11 (2 letters), July 18, August 26, September 4, and September 5, 2003, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44 and 10 CFR 50.46. During the review of this exemption request, the NRC staff determined that an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, was also needed. As a result, the NRC staff has initiated the proposed exemption to 10 CFR part 50, appendix K on its own initiative.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, specifically refer to light-water reactors containing fuel consisting of uranium oxide pellets enclosed in Zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding. The proposed advanced zirconium-based cladding (designated as M5) is not the same chemical composition as Zircaloy or ZIRLO, and the licensee proposes to use Framatome Advanced Mark-BW fuel, which contains M5 cladding. Accordingly, the proposed exemption is needed for the licensee to use the Framatome Advanced Mark-BW fuel containing M5 material.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that with regard to radiological impacts to the general public, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20. The use of M5 fuel cladding will not result in a change in the operation or configuration of the facility. There will be no change in the level of controls or methodology used for processing radioactive effluents or handling solid radioactive waste. The NRC staff has also determined that the M5 fuel cladding will perform in service similarly to the current resident fuel. Accordingly, the proposed exemption will not impact the previously analyzed radiological consequences of design-basis accidents. In addition, the proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no

other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement (FES) related to the operation of North Anna, Units 1 and 2, issued by the Commission in April 1973, and the associated addenda to the FES issued in November 1976 and August 1980.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On June 20, 2003, the staff consulted with Mr. Les Foldesi of the Virginia Department of Radiological Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 28, 2002, and supplements dated May 13, June 19, and November 15, 2002, and May 6, May 9, May 27, June 11 (2 letters), July 18, August 26, September 4, and September 5, 2003. 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 pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of September 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) on November 12-13, 2003. The meeting will take place at the address provided below.

DATES: All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public with the exception of the first session, which will be closed to conduct administrative business related to internal personnel rules and/or practices of ACMUI members, and to provide safeguards training to ACMUI members. A sample of agenda items include: (1) The NRC method of dose reconstruction; (2) Update: Listing Sources by Model/Serial Number on Licenses; (3) Update: National Materials Program Pilot Project on Operating Experience Evaluation; and, (4) Update: Emerging Technologies.

ADDRESS FOR PUBLIC MEETING: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North Building, Conference Room T2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela R. Williamson, telephone (301) 415-5030; e-mail arw@nrc.gov of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

CONDUCT OF THE MEETING: Manuel D. Cerqueira, M.D., will chair the meeting. Dr. Cerqueira will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit a

reproducible copy to Angela Williamson, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, Mail Stop T8F5, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738. Submittals must be postmarked by October 17, 2003, and must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Questions from members of the public will be permitted during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection on NRC's Web site (www.nrc.gov) and at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, telephone (800) 397-4209, on or about December 1, 2003. Minutes of the meeting will be available on or about January 15, 2004.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily Section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7.

Dated: September 16, 2003.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T, SEC File No. 270-359, OMB Control No. 3235-0410

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below. The Code of Federal Regulation citations to this collection of information are the following rules: 17 CFR 240.17h-1T and 17 CFR 240.17h-2T.

Rule 17h-1T requires a broker-dealer to maintain and preserve records and other information concerning certain entities that are associated with the broker-dealer. This requirement extends to the financial and securities activities

of the holding company, affiliates and subsidiaries of the broker-dealer that are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial or operational condition of the broker-dealer. Rule 17h-2T requires a broker-dealer to file with the Commission quarterly reports and a cumulative year-end report concerning the information required to be maintained and preserved under Rule 17h-1T.

The collection of information required by Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T is necessary to enable the Commission to monitor the activities of a broker-dealer affiliate whose business activities is reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial and operational condition of the broker-dealer. Without this information, the Commission would be unable to assess the potentially damaging impact of the affiliate's activities on the broker-dealer.

There are currently 166 respondents that must comply with Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T. Each of these 166 respondents require approximately 10 hours per year, or 2.5 hours per quarter, to maintain the records required under Rule 17h-1T, for an aggregate annual burden of 1,660 hours (166 respondents x 10 hours). In addition, each of these 166 respondents must make five annual responses under Rule 17h-2T. These five responses require approximately 14 hours per respondent per year, or 3.5 hours per quarter, for an aggregate annual burden of 2,324 hours (166 respondents x 14 hours). In addition, there are approximately seven new respondents per year that must draft an organizational chart required under Rule 17h-1T and establish a system for complying with the Rules. The staff estimates that drafting the required organizational chart requires one hour and establishing a system for complying with the Rules requires three hours, thus requiring an aggregate of 28 hours (7 new respondents x 4 hours). Thus, the total compliance burden per year is approximately 4,012 burden hours (1,660 + 2,324 + 28).

Rule 17h-1T specifies that the records required to be maintained under the Rule must be preserved for a period of not less than three years. There is no specific retention period or record keeping requirement for Rule 17h-2T. The collection of information is mandatory and the information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to these Rules are deemed confidential, notwithstanding any other provision of law under section 17(h)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q(h)(5)) and section 552(b)(3)(B) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3)(B)).