

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated this 19th day of December 2005 at Rockville, Maryland.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-266 AND 50-301]

Nuclear Management Company, LLC Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Issuance of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27 for an Additional 20-Year Period

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27 to Nuclear Management Company, LLC (licensee), the operator of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), Units 1 and 2. Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-24 authorizes operation of PBNP, Unit 1, by the licensee at reactor core power levels not in excess of 1540 megawatts thermal (516 megawatts electric), in accordance with the provisions of the PBNP renewed license and its technical specifications. Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-27 authorizes operation of PBNP, Unit 2, by the licensee at reactor core power levels not in excess of 1540 megawatts thermal (516 megawatts electric), in accordance with the provisions of the PBNP renewed license and its Technical Specifications.

PBNP Units 1 and 2 are pressurized water reactors located in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. The licensee's application for the renewed licenses complied with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations. As required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1, the Commission has made appropriate findings, which are set forth in each license. Prior public notice of the action involving the proposed issuance of the renewed licenses and of an opportunity for a hearing regarding the proposed issuance of the renewed licenses was published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19559).

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) Nuclear Management Company, LLC's license renewal application for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, dated February 25,

2004, as supplemented by letters dated through August 23, 2005; (2) the Commission's safety evaluation report (NUREG-1839), published in December 2005; and (3) the Commission's final environmental impact statement (NUREG-1437, Supplement 23), published in August 2005. These documents are available at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, and can be viewed from the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Copies of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27 may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Director, Division of License Renewal. Copies of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 safety evaluation report (NUREG-1839) and the final environmental impact statement (NUREG-1437, Supplement 23) may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22161 (<http://www.ntis.gov>), 703-605-6000, or Attention: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15250-7954 (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov>), 202-512-1800. All orders should clearly identify the NRC publication number and the requestors Government Printing Office deposit account number or a VISA or MasterCard number and expiration date.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of December 2005.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Pao-Tsin Kuo,

Deputy Director, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-1151]

Notice of License Renewal Request of Westinghouse Electric Company, Columbia, SC, and Opportunity To Request a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of license renewal application, and opportunity to request a hearing.

DATES: A request for a hearing must be filed by February 27, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received, by letter dated September 29, 2005, a license renewal application from Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), requesting renewal of License No. SNM-1107 at its Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility site located in Columbia, South Carolina. License No. SNM-1107 authorizes the licensee to possess and use special nuclear material for the manufacture of fuel for nuclear power plants.

The Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility has been licensed by the Atomic Energy Commission and its successor, the NRC, to manufacture low-enriched uranium fuel for nuclear power plants. The license was renewed in 1995 for a period of 10 years, expiring on November 30, 2005. By applications dated September 29 and October 5, 2005, WEC requested renewal of their license for a period of 20 years. The NRC will review the license renewal application for compliance with applicable sections of regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR)—Energy, Chapter I—Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The license renewal application included an Environmental Report (Enclosure 4 to the license renewal application), which the NRC will review and use to prepare an environmental assessment to assist in the NRC's determination on the license renewal application, as required by 10 CFR part 51, Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to WEC dated November 2, 2005 (ML052980594), found the application acceptable to begin a technical review. Because WEC filed the application for renewal not less than 30 days before the expiration of the date stated in the existing license, the existing license will not expire until the Commission makes a final determination on the renewal application, in accordance with the timely renewal provision of 10 CFR 70.38(a)(1). If the NRC approves the renewal application, the approval will be documented in NRC License No. SNM-1107. However, before approving

the proposed renewal, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement.

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a license renewal. In accordance with the general requirements in Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 2, as amended on January 14, 2004 (69 FR 2182), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who desires to participate as a party must file a written request for a hearing and a specification of the contentions which the person seeks to have litigated in the hearing.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.302 (a), a request for a hearing must be filed with the Commission either by:

1. First class mail addressed to: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff;

2. Courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays;

3. E-mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, hearingdocket@nrc.gov; or

4. By facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, at (301) 415-1101; verification number is (301) 415-1966.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b), all documents offered for filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys of record as required by law or by rule or order of the Commission, including:

1. The applicant, Westinghouse Electric Company, P.O. Drawer R, Columbia, South Carolina, 29250, Attention: Nancy Parr; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Office of the General Counsel, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail addressed to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hearing requests should also be transmitted to the Office of the General Counsel, either by means of facsimile

transmission to (301) 415-3725, or via e-mail to ogcmailcenter@nrc.gov.

The formal requirements for documents contained in 10 CFR 2.304(b), (c), (d), and (e), must be met. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.304 (f), a document filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission need not comply with the formal requirements of 10 CFR 2.304(b), (c), and (d), as long as an original and two (2) copies otherwise complying with all of the requirements of 10 CFR 2.304(b), (c), and (d) are mailed within two (2) days thereafter to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(b), a request for a hearing must be filed by February 27, 2006.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR 2.309, the general requirements involving a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must state:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the requester;

2. The nature of the requester's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding;

3. The nature and extent of the requester's property, financial or other interest in the proceeding;

4. The possible effect of any decision or order that may be issued in the proceeding on the requester's interest; and

5. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(b).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(f)(1), a request for hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must set forth with particularity the contentions sought to be raised. For each contention, the request or petition must:

1. Provide a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted;

2. Provide a brief explanation of the basis for the contention;

3. Demonstrate that the issue raised in the contention is within the scope of the proceeding;

4. Demonstrate that the issue raised in the contention is material to the findings that the NRC must make to support the action that is involved in the proceeding;

5. Provide a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinions which support the requester's/petitioner's position on the issue and on which the requester/petitioner intends to rely to support its position on the issue; and

6. Provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with

the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. This information must include references to specific portions of the application (including the applicant's environmental report and safety report) that the requester/petitioner disputes and the supporting reasons for each dispute, or, if the requester/petitioner believes the application fails to contain information on a relevant matter as required by law, the identification of each failure and the supporting reasons for the requester's/petitioner's belief.

In addition, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(f)(2), contentions must be based on documents or other information available at the time the petition is to be filed, such as the application, supporting safety analysis report, environmental report or other supporting documents filed by an applicant or licensee, or otherwise available to the petitioner. On issues arising under the National Environmental Policy Act, the requester/petitioner shall file contentions based on the applicant's environmental report. The requester/petitioner may amend those contentions or file new contentions if there are data or conclusions in the NRC draft, or final environmental impact statement, environmental assessment, or any supplements relating thereto, that differ significantly from the data or conclusions in the applicant's documents. Otherwise, contentions may be amended or new contentions filed after the initial filing only with leave of the presiding officer.

Each contention shall be given a separate numeric or alpha designation within one of the following groups:

1. Technical—primarily concerns issues relating to matters discussed or referenced in the Safety Evaluation Report for the proposed action.

2. Environmental—primarily concerns issues relating to matters discussed or referenced in the Environmental Report for the proposed action.

3. Emergency Planning—primarily concerns issues relating to matters discussed or referenced in the Emergency Plan as it relates to the proposed action.

4. Physical Security—primarily concerns issues relating to matters discussed or referenced in the Physical Security Plan as it relates to the proposed action.

5. Miscellaneous—does not fall into one of the categories outlined above.

If the requester/petitioner believes a contention raises issues that cannot be classified as primarily falling into one of these categories, the requester/petitioner must set forth the contention and supporting bases, in full, separately for

each category into which the requester/petitioner asserts the contention belongs with a separate designation for that category.

Requesters/petitioners should, when possible, consult with each other in preparing contentions and combine similar subject matter concerns into a joint contention, for which one of the co-sponsoring requesters/petitioners is designated the lead representative. Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(f)(3), any requester/petitioner that wishes to adopt a contention proposed by another requester/petitioner must do

so in writing within ten days of the date the contention is filed, and designate a representative who shall have the authority to act for the requester/petitioner.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309(g), a request for hearing and/or petition for leave to intervene may also address the selection of the hearing procedures, taking into account the provisions of 10 CFR 2.310.

III. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for

amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are:

Document	ADAMS Accession No.	Date
Transmittal letter	ML052790078	09/29/2005
License renewal application public version	ML052990073	09/29/2005
Renewal application references	ML053250289	10/05/2005
NRC acceptance letter	ML052980594	11/02/2005
Environmental Report	ML052790081	12/2004

If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdrr@nrc.gov.

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O-1-F-21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of December, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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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 167th meeting on January 10-12, 2006, Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: *Opening Statement (Open)*—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: *Status of Risk-Informed Decisionmaking for Nuclear Materials and Waste Application (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding draft staff guidance on the application of risk insights in the waste and materials areas.

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: *Fabrication of Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Uncanistered Fuel Waste Package (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding fabrication of a pressurized water reactor uncanistered fuel waste package prototype for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

1 p.m.-2 p.m.: *Spent Fuel Transportation Package Response to the Baltimore Tunnel Fire Scenario (NUREG/CR-6886) (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a study involving the 2001 Baltimore tunnel fire. The study involves the 3-dimensional modeling of the behavior of three different transportation cask types under thermal conditions similar to those that existed in the Baltimore tunnel fire event. The staff will also summarize comments received from the public on NUREG/CR-6886.

2 p.m.-3 p.m.: *White Paper on Transportation (Open)*—The Committee will discuss a proposed white paper on transportation of nuclear waste.

3:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: *Preparation of ACNW Reports/Letters (Open)*—The Committee will discuss proposed

ACNW reports on matters considered during this and/or previous meetings.

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

9:30 a.m.-9:35 a.m.: *Opening Statement (Open)*—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

9:35 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: *Source Characterization (Spatial Analysis and Decision Assistance Code) (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the capabilities of Version 4.1 of the Spatial Analysis and Decision Assistance (SADA) Bayesian subsurface analysis code.

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: *Use of Dedicated Trains for Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with a representative of the Federal Railroad Administration regarding their study on the use of dedicated trains for transportation of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel to the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

1 p.m.-2 p.m.: *Preparation for Commission Briefing (Open)*—The Committee will review the final presentations in preparation for the Commission briefing on January 11, 2006.

2 p.m.-4 p.m.: *Meeting with the NRC Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North, Rockville, MD (Open)*—The Committee will meet with the NRC