

It is further ordered that AmerGen and EGC shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, in writing, of the date of closing of the transfer of AmerGen's ownership and operating interests in CPS at least 1 business day before the closing. Should the transfer of the license not be completed within 1 year of this Order's date of issuance, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, that upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by order.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated June 20, 2008, and the safety evaluation with the same date as this Order, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21 (First Floor), Rockville, Maryland, and 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 at pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of December 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Eric J. Leeds,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-219 and 72-15; License No. DPR-16]

In the Matter of: Amergen Energy Company, LLC Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station); Order Approving Transfer of License and Conforming Amendment

I

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen or licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-16, which authorizes the possession, use, and operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (Oyster Creek, or the facility). AmerGen is also authorized to store spent fuel at the

Oyster Creek Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation pursuant to the general license provision in section 72.210 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). AmerGen is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (EGC). The facility is located at the licensee's site in Ocean County, New Jersey.

II

By letter dated June 20, 2008, as supplemented on July 17, 2008 (together, the application), AmerGen and EGC submitted an application requesting approval of the transfer of the operating license for Oyster Creek to the extent held by AmerGen, to EGC. There will be no physical changes to the facility, nor changes in officers, personnel, or day-to-day operations as a result of the transfer. There will be no changes in the ownership of EGC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon Ventures Company, LLC, which, in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon Corporation. The transfer to EGC will eliminate AmerGen as owner and operator of TMI-1. After the transfer, EGC will be the sole licensed owner and operator of Oyster Creek.

The applicants also requested approval of a conforming license amendment that would replace references to AmerGen in the license with references to EGC to reflect the transfer of ownership and operating authority, specifically, to possess, use and operate Oyster Creek and to receive, possess, or use related licensed materials under the applicable conditions and authorizations included in the Oyster Creek license.

Approval of the transfer of the license and the conforming license amendment is requested by the applicants pursuant to sections 50.80 and 50.90 of 10 CFR. Notice of the request for approval and opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 2008 (73 FR 50371). No hearing requests or petitions to intervene were received. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) received comments from a member of the public in Florham Park, New Jersey, in an e-mail dated August 27, 2008. The comments did not provide any information additional to that in the application, nor did they provide any information contradictory to that provided in the application.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application

and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations and agreements contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that EGC is qualified to acquire and hold the ownership interest and operating authority previously held by AmerGen, and that the transfer of the license to EGC described in the application is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth below. The NRC staff has further found that the application for the proposed license amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the proposed license amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of the proposed license amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and the issuance of the proposed amendments will be in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

The findings set forth above are supported by the NRC staff's safety evaluation dated the same day as this Order.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 72.50, it is hereby ordered that the transfer of the license from AmerGen to EGC, as described herein, is approved, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Before completion of the transfer of Oyster Creek, EGC shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation satisfactory documentary evidence that EGC has obtained the appropriate amount of insurance required of licensees under 10 CFR part 140 of the Commission's regulations.

(2) At the time of the closing of the transfer of Oyster Creek and the respective license from AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) to Exelon Generation Company, AmerGen shall transfer to Exelon Generation

Company ownership and control of AmerGen Oyster Creek NQF, LLC; and AmerGen Consolidation, LLC shall be merged into Exelon Generation Consolidation, LLC. Also at the time of the closing, decommissioning funding assurance provided by Exelon Generation Company, using an additional method allowed under 10 CFR 50.75 if necessary, must be equal to or greater than the minimum amount calculated on that date pursuant to, and required by 10 CFR 50.75 for Oyster Creek. Furthermore, funds dedicated for Oyster Creek prior to closing shall remain dedicated to Oyster Creek following the closing. The name of AmerGen Oyster Creek NQF, LLC shall be changed to Exelon Generation Oyster Creek NQF, LLC at the time of the closing.

It is further ordered that, consistent with 10 CFR 2.1315(b), the license amendment that makes changes, as indicated in Enclosure 2 to the cover letter forwarding this Order, to conform the license to reflect the subject direct license transfer is approved. The amendment shall be issued and made effective at the time the proposed direct license transfer is completed.

It is further ordered that AmerGen and EGC shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, in writing, of the date of closing of the transfer of AmerGen's ownership and operating interests in Oyster Creek at least 1 business day before the closing. Should the transfer of the license not be completed within 1 year of this Order's date of issuance, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, that upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by order.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Discount Rates for Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Federal Programs

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Revisions to Appendix C of OMB Circular A-94.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget revised Circular A-94 in 1992. The revised Circular specified certain discount rates to be updated annually when the interest rate and inflation assumptions used to prepare the Budget of the United States Government were changed. These discount rates are found in Appendix C of the revised Circular. The updated discount rates are shown below. The

discount rates in Appendix C are to be used for cost-effectiveness analysis, including lease-purchase analysis, as specified in the revised Circular. They do not apply to regulatory analysis.

DATES: The revised discount rates are effective immediately and will be in effect through December 2009.

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OMB Circular No. A-94.

Appendix C

(Revised December 2008)

Discount Rates for Cost-Effectiveness, Lease Purchase, and Related Analyses

Effective Dates. This appendix is updated annually. This version of the appendix is valid for calendar year 2009. A copy of the updated appendix can be obtained in electronic form through the OMB home page at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a094/a94_appx-c.html, the text of the main body of the Circular is found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a094/a094.html>, and a table of past years' rates is located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a094/DISCHIST-2009.pdf>. Updates of the appendix are also available upon request from OMB's Office of Economic Policy (202-395-3381).

Nominal Discount Rates. A forecast of nominal or market interest rates for 2009 based on the economic assumptions for the Fiscal Year 2010 December Budget Baseline are presented below. These nominal rates are to be used for discounting nominal flows, which are often encountered in lease-purchase analysis.

NOMINAL INTEREST RATES ON TREASURY NOTES AND BONDS OF SPECIFIED MATURITIES

[In percent]

3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
2.7	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.7	4.5

Real Discount Rates. A forecast of real interest rates from which the inflation premium has been removed and based

on the economic assumptions from the 2010 December Budget Baseline is presented below. These real rates are to

be used for discounting constant-dollar flows, as is often required in cost-effectiveness analysis.