

As discussed above, the projected dose due to power uprate is about 2 percent of the applicable NRC limits in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix I for offsite exposures, and will remain within the acceptable limits of 10 CFR 20 for occupational exposures. The actual releases at the BFN units will also remain within the FES estimates. Thus, the amendment does not significantly effect the amount or type of radiological plant effluents, and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the staff concludes that continued compliance with applicable Federal, State, and Local agency requirements relating to environmental protection will preclude any significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed uprate. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (no action alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts and would reduce operational flexibility.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the FES dated September 1, 1972 for BFN Units 2 and 3.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 26, 1998, the NRC staff consulted with the Alabama State official, Mr. Kirk Whatley of the State Office of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of no Significant Impact**

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

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 1, 1997, as supplemented October 14, 1997; and

March 16 and 20, April 1 and 28, May 1, 20 and 22, June 12, 17 and 26, and July 17, 24, and 31, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public Library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

#### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 2, 1998.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Wednesday, September 2*

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on PRA Implementation Plan (Public Meeting) (Contact: Tom King, 301-415-5828)

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)

\* (Please Note: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a. Final Rule on Financial Assurance Requirements for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Reactors (Contact: Ken Hart, 301-415-1659)

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### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

#### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of August 31, September 7, 14, and 21, 1998.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

*Week of August 31*

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on PRA Implementation Plan (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Tom King, 301-415-5828)

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation session (PUBLIC MEETING)

\* (PLEASE NOTE: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a: Final Rule on Financial Assurance Requirements for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Reactors (Contact: Ken Hart, 301-415-1659)

Thursday, September 3

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.—All Employees Meetings (PUBLIC MEETINGS) on "The Green" Plaza Area between buildings at White Flint (Contact: Cynthia Marcy—301-415-3133)

*Week of September 7—Tentative*

Thursday, September 10

3:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

*Week of September 14—Tentative*

Tuesday, September 15

2:00 p.m.—Briefing by Reactor Vendors Owners Groups (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Bryan Sheron, 301-415-1274)

3:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

Thursday, September 17

9:00 a.m.—Briefing on Investigative Matters (Closed—Ex. 5 and 7)