the NRC staff concludes that no significant radiological environmental impacts are associated with the proposed action. Table 2 summarizes the radiological environmental impacts of the EPU.

TABLE 2.—SUMMARY OF RADIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF POWER UPRATE

Surface Water	No change in radiological impact to surface water.
Groundwater	No change in radiological impact to ground water.
Radiological Waste Stream Impacts	No changes in design or operation of waste streams.
Gaseous Radioactive Waste Impacts	An increase in release rate that is linearly proportional to the power increase will be expected.
Liquid Radioactive Waste Impacts	No change in ANO–2 liquid release policy.
Solid Radioactive Waste Impacts:	
Wet Waste	No appreciable change in radioactive secondary resins expected due to EPU.
Dry Waste	No significant changes in dry waste foreseen.
Irradiated Reactor Components	No significant changes in irradiated components foreseen.
Dose Impacts:	
In-plant Radiation	Even though some elevated RCS activity levels, in-plant exposures are controlled to mitigate worker exposures.
Offsite Doses	Slight increase in gaseous activity levels possible, but doses will remain ALARA and within 10 CFR Part 20 limits.
Accident Analysis Impacts	No increase in the probability of an accident. Some increase in consequences of an accident but still within NRC acceptance limits.
Fuel Cycle and Transportation Impacts	Increase in bundle average enrichment; impacts will remain within the conclusions of Table S–3 and Table S–4 of 10 CFR Part 51.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC 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.

The estimated cost of the increase in generating capacity is approximately half the cost projected for purchasing the power and one-third the cost of producing the power by constructing a new combined-cycle, natural-gas-fueled facility with the attendant environmental impacts of construction and operation. The licensee concluded that increasing ANO–2 capacity would be an economical and environmentally sound option for increasing power supply. Furthermore, unlike fossil fuel plants, ANO–2 does not routinely emit sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, particulate, matter carbon dioxide, or other atmospheric pollutants that contribute to greenhouse gases or acid rain.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources different than those previously considered in the FES for ANO–2, dated June 1977 (NUREG–0254).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 1, 2002, the NRC staff consulted with Division of Radiation Control and Emergency Management of the Arkansas Department of Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comment.

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 following: The environmental impacts of ANO–2 have been described in (1) the FES, dated June 1977 (NUREG–0254), (2) the PULR, which is Enclosure 5 to the EPU application dated December 19, 2000, and (3) the June 26 and December 10, 2001, and January 15, 2002, RAI responses. On January 31, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated June 26, July 31, and September 21, 2000, Entergy submitted its ER supporting the license renewal of ANO–1. The staff Environmental Impact Statement has been issued as NUREG–1437, Supplement 3. Supplement 3 addresses many balance-of-plant site features that are common to ANO–1 and ANO–2. Supplement 3 was cited in Enclosure 5 of the December 19, 2000, license application in instances where site characteristics common to both ANO–1 and ANO–2 are unchanged by the EPU. Documents may be examined and/or copied for a fee at the NRC's Public Document Room, at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov* (the Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209, or 301–415–2737, or by e-mail at *pdr@nrc.gov.*

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of March 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert A. Gramm,

Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Workshop on New Reactor Licensing Activities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has scheduled a public workshop to inform the public of preliminary staff positions presented in SECY–01–0207, ''Legal and Financial Issues Related to Exelon's Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR),'' dated November 20, 2001 (ML012850139), and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including members of the public, to provide feedback on these positions.

DATES: March 27, 2002, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held in the NRC's Auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852–2738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Amy Cubbage, Mail Stop O–11D17, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Members of the public may pre-register for this meeting by contacting Amy Cubbage at (800) 368–5642, ext. 2875, or by Internet at *aec@nrc.gov* by March 21, 2002.

The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at *http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/Index.html.* 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 *pdr@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated December 5, 2000, Exelon Generation Company expressed an interest in pre-application activities for the pebble bed modular reactor (PBMR). The staff began its pre-application review at a meeting with Exelon on April 30, 2001. As part of the meeting, Exelon discussed legal and financial issues that they believe merit special consideration due to the unique features of the modular facility, the gas-cooled reactor design and their intention to operate the PBMR as a merchant plant. By letter dated May 10, 2001 (ML011420393), Exelon submitted nine white papers on these legal and financial issues and requested an agency response. The nine white papers addressed requirements associated with operator staffing; fuel cycle impacts; financial qualifications; decommissioning funding; minimum decommissioning costs; antitrust review; number of licenses; annual fees; and financial protection.

In addition to issues discussed in the white paper proposals, the staff identified the following related issues to Exelon's proposals that may affect the PBMR application: License life for one combined license for multiple reactors; duration of design approval under a combined license (COL) for multiple reactors; commencement of annual fees; and testing of new design features for a COL.

SECY–01–0207, ''Legal and Financial Issues Related to Exelon's Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR),'' dated November 20, 2001 (ML012850139), presents preliminary positions related to the staff's assessment of Exelon's proposals on legal and financial issues and additional staff-identified licensing-related issues that may affect the Exelon application. The staff committed to hold a workshop to apprise Exelon and other stakeholders on the positions presented in the paper and receive their feedback. Based on this feedback, the staff will amend its positions, as necessary, and make recommendations on policy issues related to the legal and financial issues for Commission approval later this year.

For each of the issues discussed above, the NRC staff will provide a brief summary of the issue. This will be followed by an open discussion and opportunity for all stakeholders, including members of the public, to provide feedback on the preliminary staff positions presented in SECY–01–0207. Comments on SECY–01–0207 may also be submitted in writing by April 10, 2002. Comments should be addressed to Amy Cubbage, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O–11–D–17, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

A final agenda and schedule will be published on the NRC Web site when it is available: *http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/meeting-schedule.html.*

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of March 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James E. Lyons,

Director, New Reactor Licensing Project Office, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Agency Holding the Meeting: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Date: Weeks of March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2002.

Place: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Status: Public and closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Week of March 18, 2002

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: James Johnson, 301–415–6802).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*www.nrc.gov.*

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

9:25 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting), (If needed).

9:30 a.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301–415–7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*www.nrc.gov.*

Week of March 25, 2002—Tentative

Monday March 25, 2002

1:00 p.m.—Discussion of Intergovernmental Issues (Closed).

Week of April 1, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 1, 2002.

Week of April 8, 2002—Tentative

Friday, April 12, 2002

9:25 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting), (If needed).

Week of April 15, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 15, 2002.

Week of April 22, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 22, 2002.

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*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415–1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415–1651.

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Additional Information

By a vote of 5–0 on March 7, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that ''Affirmation of a) Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (Savannah River Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility); Georgians Against Nuclear Energy's Petition for Interlocutory Review and Request for Stay Pending Review and b) Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72–22–ISFSI; Review of LBP–02–08 (February 22, 2002)'' be held on March 7, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: *www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html.*

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