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[Docket No. 50-443]

North Altantic Energy Service Company, et al.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF– 86 issued to North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 located in Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

The proposed amendment would modify the Appendix A Technical Specifications (TSs) for the Turbine Cycle Safety Valves. Specifically, the proposed amendment would change Seabrook Station Appendix A Technical Specification Table 3.7–1 to reduce the maximum allowable Power Range Neutron Flux - High setpoints with inoperable Main Steam Safety Valves (MSSVs) and Table 3.7–2 to reduce the opening setpoints of the MSSVs.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis

against the standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c). The NRC staff's review is presented below.

A. The changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated (10 CFR 50.92(c)(1)) because the proposed setpoint reductions assure that the secondary system pressure will be limited to within 110% (1320 psia) of its design pressure of 1200 psia during the most severe anticipated system operational transient. The most severe anticipated transient remains a turbine trip from 100% rated thermal power coincident with an assumed loss of condenser heat sink. No other changes are made to the design or manner of operation of structures, systems or components.

B. The changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated (10 CFR 50.92(c)(2)) because the changes do not cause the associated structures, systems, or components to be operated outside their original design envelope. No other changes are made to the design or manner of operation of structures, systems, or components, and no new failure mechanisms are introduced.

C. The changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety (10 CFR 50.92(c)(3)) because the changes will assure that the associated structures, systems and components will continue to be operated within their original design envelope, and the proposed changes assure that the acceptance criteria for previously evaluated accidents will continue to be met. The proposed changes assure that the consequences of postulated overpressure events will remain in compliance with the Basis to Technical Specification 3.7.1.1. Specifically, the Secondary System pressure will be limited to within 110% (1320 psia) of its design pressure of 1200 psia during the most severe anticipated system operational transient. The most severe anticipated transient remains a Turbine trip from 100% Rated Thermal Power coincident with an assumed loss of condenser heat sink.

Based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the Federal Register a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should cite the publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By November 1, 1995, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available 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 Exeter Public Library, Founders Park, Exeter, NH 03833. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an