

February 12, 2001

Mr. Ronald DeGregorio
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SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - WITHDRAWAL OF AN
AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. MB0447)

Dear Mr. DeGregorio:

By letter dated July 5, 2000, GPU Nuclear, Inc. (GPUN) applied for an amendment to the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Operating License No. DPR-16. The proposed revisions would have changed the Technical Specifications associated with demonstrating operability of the core spray pumps and system components. Subsequently, by letter dated September 15, 2000, you withdrew the amendment request.

On the date of the July 5, 2000 application, GPUN was the licensed operator for Oyster Creek. On August 8, 2000, GPUN's ownership in Oyster Creek was transferred to AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen). By letter dated August 10, 2000, AmerGen requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission continue to review and act upon all requests before the Commission which had been submitted by GPUN.

The NRC staff discussed with AmerGen that during its preliminary review, it would need substantial, additional information to conduct its review. On December 20, 2000, the NRC held a meeting with representatives of AmerGen where we discussed the quality and timeliness of submittals. It was a very successful meeting in exchanging information to improve communications and working effectively on a variety of issues. We will continue our discussions in these areas and continue to exchange information for more effective communications.

R. DeGregorio

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above cited application is being treated as withdrawn. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the proposed amendment had not been published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

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