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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-29
Change in Company Name from Mississippi Power and Light to Entergy
Mississippi, Inc.
Proposed Amendment to the Operating License (PCOL-96/06)

GNRO-96/00052

Gentlemen:

Entergy Operations, Inc. is submitting by this letter a proposed amendment to the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) Operating License. The proposed amendment would reflect that the name of Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) has been changed to Entergy Mississippi, Inc. This is only a name change. The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. There is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the company. Nor is there a change in the function of the Company or the way in which it does business. MP&L's financial responsibility for GGNS and its sources of funds to support the facility will remain the same. Further, this name change does not impact the existing ownership of GGNS or the existing entitlement to power and will not alter the existing antitrust license conditions applicable to MP&L or MP&L's ability to comply with these conditions or with any of its other obligations or responsibilities under the license.

This application is being filed simultaneously with a similar application by Arkansas Power & Light Company to change its name to Entergy Arkansas, Inc. in the Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, licenses, by Gulf States Utilities, Inc. to change its name to Entergy Gulf States, Inc. in the River Bend Station license, and by Louisiana Power & Light Company to change its name to Entergy Louisiana, Inc. in the Waterford 3 license.

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These name changes are being made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy", for our business in the region that we serve. The company name changes became effective April 22, 1996. We request NRC Staff complete its review and approval of this administrative change at its earliest convenience.

Attachment 2 provides a detailed description of the proposed changes, justification, and the No Significant Hazards Considerations. Attachment 3 is a copy of the marked-up Facility Operating License and Antitrust Condition pages. Numerous other Entergy Operations documents will require revision (for example, Updated Final Safety Analysis Report). Those document revisions are forthcoming.

Based on the guidelines in 10 CFR 50.92, Entergy Operations, Inc. has concluded that this proposed amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. Attachment 2 details the basis for this determination.

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.4, the signed original of the requested amendment is enclosed.

Yours truly,



CRH/MJL

attachments: 1. Affirmation per 10 CFR 50.30 (1 page)
 2. Discussion and Justification (4 pages)
 3. Mark-up of Affected Facility Operating License and Antitrust
 Conditions
cc: (See Next Page)

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BEFORE THE
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LICENSE NO. NPF-29

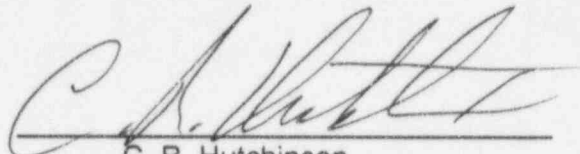
DOCKET NO. 50-416

IN THE MATTER OF

MISSISSIPPI POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
and
SYSTEM ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.
and
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION
and
ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.

AFFIRMATION

I, C. R. Hutchinson, being duly sworn, state that I am Vice President, Operations Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, of Entergy Operations, Inc.; that on behalf of Entergy Operations, Inc., System Energy Resources, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association I am authorized by Entergy Operations, Inc. to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this application; that I signed this application as the Vice President, Operations Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, of Entergy Operations, Inc.; and that the statements made and the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


C. R. Hutchinson

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Clairborne

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this 6th day of May, 1996.

(SEAL)


Notary Public

My commission expires:
MISSISSIPPI STATEWIDE NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 5, 1998
BONDED THRU STEGALL NOTARY SERVICE

**CHANGE IN COMPANY NAME FROM MISSISSIPPI POWER &
LIGHT TO ENTERGY MISSISSIPPI, INC.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING LICENSE
DISCUSSION AND JUSTIFICATION**

A. AFFECTED DOCUMENT(S)

The following document is affected by the proposed change.

Facility Operating License, License No. NPF-29
Antitrust Conditions, Appendix C to Operating License No. NPF-29

The proposed changes are detailed in Attachment 3.

B. BACKGROUND

The name of one of the license holders for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station has changed effective April 22, 1996. The change is:

Mississippi Power & Light Company is now Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

This is only a name change. The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. There is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the operating companies. These name changes are being made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy", for our business in the region that we serve.

To reflect the name change of Mississippi Power & Light Company is an administrative change to the license. It does not require a technical, financial qualification, or an antitrust review.

C. CURRENT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The current Facility Operating License and Antitrust Conditions use the wording Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) and MP&L. Due to a company name change, this name should be changed to reflect the new company name.

D. PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE

The proposed change replaces the words Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) or MP&L in the Facility Operating License and Antitrust Conditions with the new company name, Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

E. JUSTIFICATION

This is only a name change. The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. There is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the operating companies. These name changes are being made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy", for our business in the region that we serve.

Therefore, this change does not reduce the level of safety imposed by the current requirements.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

10 CFR 51.22 (c) identifies certain licensing and regulatory actions which are eligible for categorical exclusion from the requirement to perform an environmental assessment. Entergy Operations, Inc. has reviewed this request and determined that the proposed amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22 (c). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22 (b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

G. NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION

Entergy Operations, Inc. proposes to change the current Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Facility Operating License and Antitrust Conditions. The specific proposed change is to reflect that the name of one of the companies owning Grand Gulf Nuclear Station has legally changed from Mississippi Power & Light Company to Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

The Commission has provided standards for determining whether a no significant hazards consideration exists as stated in 10 CFR 50.92(c). A proposed amendment to an operating license involves no significant hazards consideration if 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.

Entergy Operations, Inc. has evaluated the no significant hazards consideration in its request for this license amendment and determined that no significant hazards consideration results from this change. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a), Entergy Operations, Inc. is providing the analysis of the proposed amendment against the three standards in 10 CFR 50.92(c). A description of the no significant hazards consideration determination follows:

I. The proposed change does not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change documents changing the legal name of the company. The proposed change will not affect any other obligations. The company will still own all of the same assets, serve the same customers, and all existing obligations and commitments will continue unaffected.

Therefore, the proposed change does not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

- II. **The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.**

The administrative changes in the Operating License requirements do not involve any change in the design or operation of the plant. The company will still own all of the same assets, serve the same customers, and all existing obligations and commitments will continue unaffected.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

- III. **The proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.**

The proposed change is administrative in nature, as described above; therefore, this change does not reduce the level of safety imposed by any current requirements. The company will still own all of the same assets, serve the same customers, and all existing obligations and commitments will continue unaffected.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not cause a significant reduction in the margin of safety.