

Addenda (the latest Edition and Addenda of the ASME Code which had been incorporated into 10 CFR 50.55a at the time of the staff's review of CE NPSD-683-A, Revision 6). Therefore, in conjunction with the licensee's October 8, 2002, license amendment request, the licensee also submitted an exemption request, consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.60, to apply the  $K_{It}$  calculational methodology of CE NPSD-683-A, Revision 6 as part of the FCS pressure temperature limit report (PTLR) methodology.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption described above would provide an adequate margin of safety against brittle failure of the reactor pressure vessel at FCS. The details of the staff's evaluation will be provided in the exemption to Appendix G, which will allow the use of the methodology in Topical Report NPSD-683-A, Revision 6, to calculate the flaw stress intensity factors due to thermal stress loadings ( $K_{It}$ ), that will be issued in a future letter to the licensee.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the 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.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the FCS dated August 1972.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

On July 18, 2003, the staff consulted with the Nebraska State official, Howard Shuman of the Nebraska Consumer Health Services Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **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 licensee's letter dated October 8, 2002. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of July, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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### **Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")**

July 21, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by August 15, 2003, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After August 15, 2003, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### **Progress Energy, Inc. (70-10132)**

Progress Energy, Inc. ("Progress Energy"), a registered holding company, 410 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, has filed an application under sections 9(a)(1), 10, and 12(f) of the Act and rule 54 under the Act.

Progress Energy directly or indirectly owns all of the outstanding common stock of Carolina Power & Light Company, Florida Power Corporation, and North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation (collectively, the "Utility Subsidiaries"). Together, the Utility Subsidiaries provide electric service and natural gas or gas transportation service to approximately 2.9 million wholesale and retail customers in parts of three states. The Utility Subsidiaries and non-regulated generating subsidiaries of Progress Energy own all or portions of thirty-six electric generating plants in