

Trojan

NRC to consider re-starting plant

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has decided that a public hearing will be held on planned modifications to the control building at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant.

The control building was examined after Trojan's annual shutdown and refueling in March, and structural defects in the walls affecting their ability to withstand earthquakes were discovered.

The plant has not been re-started and hearings could keep it closed down until next June when the modifications are scheduled to be completed.

The NRC Board met Monday and Tuesday in Portland at a pre-hearing conference to identify the parties that will be allowed to intervene in the hearing and to

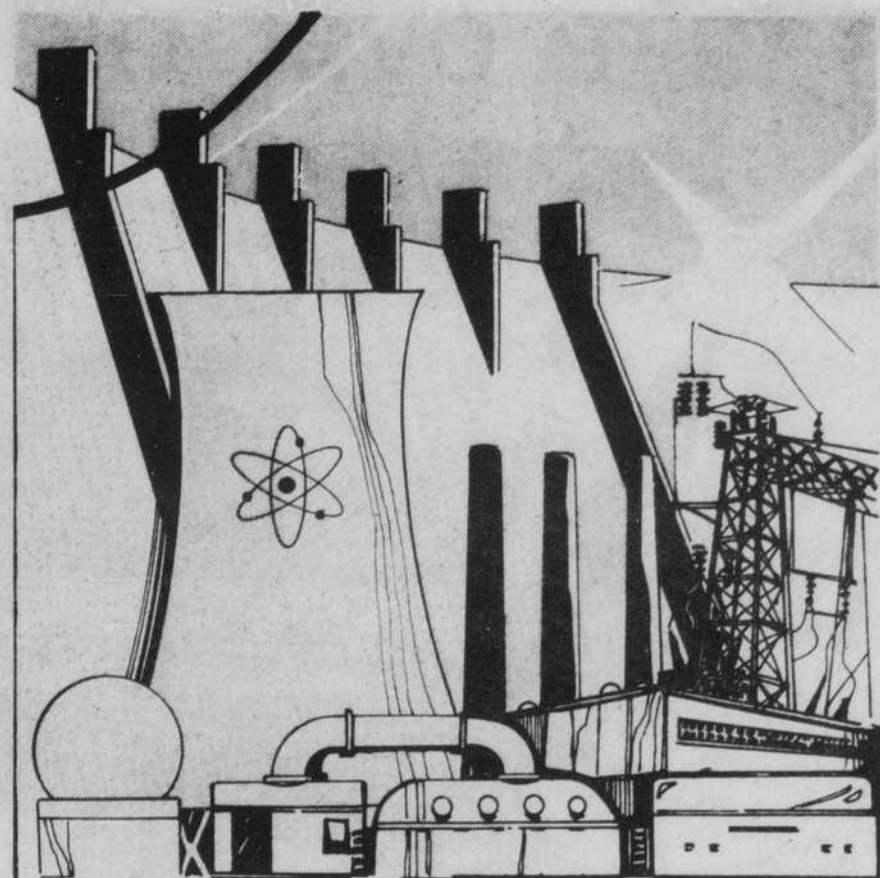
schedule the proceedings.

The only certain party so far is Portland General Electric Co. (PGE), which is a 67 percent owner of the plant.

NRC Board Chair Marshall Miller had admitted as parties Monday Eugene Rosolie, representing the Coalition for Safe Power; Greg Kafoury, representing the Columbia County Environmental Council; Nina Bell, Gail Parson and Steve Willingham of Portland, and David McCoy of Grants Pass.

Miller later suspended his oral ruling and decided to reconsider the petitions to intervene when the participants asked repeated questions about the proceedings and threatened to disrupt what Miller called "an expeditious hearing."

Miller favored representation of the intervening parties by one or two spokespersons, but the interveners resisted consolidation at-



tempts.

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) submitted a request to intervene at the conference, but Miller suggested its concerns about loss of Trojan power while the plant is shut down were identical to those of PGE, and suggested BPA and PGE consolidate.

The Board must determine who the parties will be before proceeding with the hearing, and has promised a final decision on the intervention petitions by Friday.

Miller went on to consider several motions by PGE after he had revoked the interveners' status as parties, including a request to re-start Trojan while hearings on the modifications are being conducted.

He stated that the board has no authority to act on such motions until a written order is issued, but indicated he would hear evidence on the motion.

Earlier this year, the NRC staff had determined that interim operation of the plant would be safe while the modifications are being made, but a petition asking to re-start Trojan from PGE, Pacific Power & Light Co., and the Eugene Water & Electric Board — all part owners of the plant — was denied by the NRC July 6.

In presenting evidence on its motion, PGE said a unique structural system was used in the con-

control building at Trojan, and plans to install a window for security reasons revealed the defects in the walls.

PGE indicated it would not have designs for the modifications until Sept. 1, and that it would like either a decision from the NRC on interim operation by Sept. 5, or a preliminary hearing scheduled on restarting the plant.

Several of the interveners objected at this point to what they considered a "bifurcation" of the issue into two parts — the interim operation and the modifications — and to what they called a "de facto" gag order from the chairer preventing their participation in the conference.

Miller then threatened to order a federal marshal to escort them from the room if they persisted in interrupting the conference.

The interveners were allowed to speak the next day, and they, as well as PGE and NRC staff, submitted schedule suggestions for the hearing.

The board decided on a special pre-hearing conference to be held August 14 in Portland where interveners will present preliminary questions and requests for documents.

Chairer Miller advised the interveners to begin the process although he did not indicate which individuals or representatives of organizations will be given status as parties to the proceedings.

Hearing on injunction postponed

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A hearing on Portland General Electric Co.'s (PGE) request for a preliminary injunction to stop demonstrations at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant has been delayed until Monday.

PGE subpoenaed 122 persons and three organizations to appear July 25, in Columbia County Circuit Court and show cause why they should not be prevented from entering the Trojan site.

Two of the defendants, Eugene Rosolie and Susan Garrett, were dropped from the injunction so they could participate in another hearing regarding planned modifications to Trojan's control building.

At the Tuesday hearing in St. Helens, eight of the named defendants appeared with a lawyer, Ed Jones, and asked that Columbia County Judge Donald Kalberer be bumped from the case. Jones said defendants in such cases have the right to remove two judges without citing a reason.

Normon Solomon, a member of the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance (TDA) and one of the named defendants, said the injunction request was a "PGE tactic to rip off our energy."

"We want to address the injunction but we're going to focus on the occupations," Solomon said. "This is their (PGE's) dream injunction and it's really repression. People wouldn't even be able to talk about this stuff (demonstrating against nuclear power) in a cafe if an injunction is granted."

PGE's injunction request would prohibit individuals from counseling others to occupy the Trojan site and claims that PGE suffers "irreparable harm" from the occupations.

"There's irony in that claim of 'irreparable harm,'" Solomon said. "We're talking about 'irreparable harm' in another sense — genetic damage from nuclear power. If the wording of the injunction request was slightly changed, it would spell out the reasons for the occupations."

Workers' director denies speculation

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Speculation that Roy Green, head of the Workers' Compensation Department in Salem, will resign Sept. 1 is untrue, says Fred Siegre of the department.

Green, who has been director of the compensation department since October, was charged with a conflict of interest three weeks ago because of stock he held in a state insurance company.

Those charges were dismissed by Gov. Bob Straub two weeks ago. Straub, who refused to ask Green to resign because of the charges, said there wasn't an apparent conflict of interest because the stock was in a blind trust.

The head of a newly formed injured worker's organization called for a continued investigation into the charges two weeks ago, despite Straub's ruling.

Carl Blair, 39, of Springfield, head of the Committee for Injured Workers of America, Inc., said Straub's dismissal of the conflict of interest charges against Green was premature. The charge should be investigated further to determine whether the stock Green holds in the Employee Benefits Insurance Company of Portland represents a conflict of interest, Blair said.

Blair, an injured worker who started the non-profit CIWA last

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