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NRC ISSUES LIMITED OPERATING LICENSE FOR UNIT 1 OF BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT IN NORTH CAROLINA

A license authorizing limited operation of Unit 1 of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant near Southport, North Carolina, was issued on September 8 to Carolina Power & Light Company by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The license permits the company to load fuel into the reactor and to operate at one percent of full power for testing purposes. No electricity will be produced at that level. Unit 1 uses a boiling water reactor and at full power would have an electrical output of about 821 megawatts. The plant site is about two and a half miles north of Southport in Brunswick County, about 20 miles south of Wilmington.

Before the license was issued, the plant was inspected by NRC representatives to assure that the plant was satisfactorily completed to permit fuel loading.

Unit 2, of similar size and design, was completed first and it has been licensed for full power operation since December 1974.

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