

## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

### Opportunity to File Amicus Brief in *Forrest v. Department of Agriculture*, Docket Number SF-531D-95-0446-I-1

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** The Merit Systems Protection Board is providing an opportunity for interested parties to submit amicus briefs concerning the issue of whether appellants in Board appeals can receive an award of reimbursement for "reasonable" leave time expended to pursue an appeal of an appealable action that is ultimately determined to be unwarranted, or is rescinded or reversed.

**SUMMARY:** The Merit Systems Protection Board currently has an appeal pending in which it is considering the extent of the relief it can award following the reversal or rescission of a personnel action. The appellant in the appeal *Forrest v. Department of Agriculture*, Docket No. SF-532D-95-0446-I-1, has argued that he is entitled to an award of reimbursement for "reasonable" leave time he expended in pursuing his appeal of a personnel action that was ultimately rescinded by the agency. The appellant argues that his agency should be required to restore eight hours of annual leave he used to consult with his attorney about his case. The Board is inviting interested parties to submit amicus briefs addressing the question of whether the Board has the authority to award such relief.

**DATES:** All briefs in response to this notice shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board on or before July 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All briefs shall include the case name and docket number noted above (*Forrest v. Department of Agriculture*, Docket No. SF-531D-95-0446-I-1) and be entitled "Amicus Brief." Briefs should be filed with the Office of the Clerk, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20419.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannon McCarthy, Deputy Clerk of the Board, or Matthew Shannon, Counsel to the Clerk, (202) 653-7200.

Dated: June 21, 1996.

Robert E. Taylor,  
Clerk of the Board.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

### Notice of Meeting

**SUMMARY:** NASA will conduct an open forum to solicit questions, views, and options of interested persons/firms concerning NASA's procurement policies and practices. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open discussion between NASA's Associate Administrator for Procurement, industry and the public.

**DATES:** August 22, 1996, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Teague Auditorium, Building 2, located at the NASA Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Road 1, Houston, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Kirkland, NASA Johnson Space Center, Industry Assistance Office, Code BD35, 2101 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058, (713) 483-4512, e-mail: bkirklan@bal.jsc.nasa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
Format

There will be a presentation by the Associate Administrator for Procurement, followed by a question and answer period. Procurement issues will be discussed including NASA policies used in the award and administration of contracts.

#### Admittance

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will NOT be accepted. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

#### Initiatives

In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its ongoing procurement initiatives, some of which include the following:

**Cost Control.** NASA is developing this initiative to increase the emphasis on cost control with its contractors and within the Agency.

**Source Selection.** NASA is working to reduce the time and effort that contractors and source selection personnel spend on a contract.

**Performance-Based Contracting:** NASA's newest procurement initiative is focused on structuring an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed instead of how the work is to be performed, on broad and imprecise statements of work.

**Change Order Reduction and Process Change.** NASA is attempting to improve overall change order management through the use of better technical direction, realistic cost estimates and more effective and timely negotiations.

**MidRange Procurement Procedures:** A test program for a third category of procurements (between the simplified acquisition threshold and \$1,000,000 annually) has been implemented at all NASA centers.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-443]

### North Atlantic Energy Service Company, et al., Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Considering Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-86 issued to North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1 located in Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

The proposed amendment would modify the Appendix A Technical Specifications (TSs) for the Electrical Power Systems, Onsite Power Distribution. Specifically, the proposed amendment would change Seabrook Station Appendix A Technical Specification 3.8.3.1, Action a. to increase from 8 hours to 7 days the allowable time that 480-volt Emergency Bus #E64 may be less than fully energized.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that 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