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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 7, 1996, Power Resources, Inc. (PRI) submitted an application for a license to construct and operate a new in situ uranium mine. The proposed facility will be located at PRI's Gas Hills properties in Fremont and Natrona Counties, Wyoming, about 85 miles west of Casper, and will include an ion exchange facility and associated wellfields.

At the proposed Gas Hills facility, PRI intends to leach uranium directly underground from ore bearing sands by injecting mining solutions into the ore rich formations and processing them to remove the uranium. The uranium will be loaded onto ion exchange resins, which will be transported to PRI's Highland in situ leach mine and processing plant approximately 60 miles east of Casper, for processing into yellowcake. Because the proposed Gas Hills facility is to be operated as a satellite to PRI's Highland facility, PRI has requested that the Gas Hills facility be authorized to operate by amending the existing Highland license.

Citing the recent upturn in the uranium market and the increased demand for yellowcake, PRI indicated it desires to have the proposed Gas Hills satellite facility in production during calendar year 1998. NRC staff expects to begin work on the application in the September/October 1996 time frame, and depending on the completeness of the application, anticipates having the review complete and the license issued in late 1997.

The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing. In accordance with § 2.1205(c), a request for hearing must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

(1) The applicant, Power Resources, Inc., Suite 230, 800 Werner Court, Casper, Wyoming, 82601; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

The request must also set forth the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes a hearing.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of August 1996.

Charlotte Abrams,

*Acting Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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**[Docket No. 150-00032-EA; General License EA 95-101; ASLBP No. 96-719-04-EA]**

**Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; Testco, Inc.; Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty; Notice of Hearing**

August 15, 1996.

Notice is hereby given that, by Prehearing Conference Order dated August 15, 1996, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for this proceeding has granted the July 20, 1996 request of TESTCO, Inc., submitted by its president Mr. James L. Shelton, for a hearing in the above-entitled proceeding. The Licensing Board also consolidated this proceeding with the James L. Shelton proceeding, Docket No. IA 95-055.

The TESTCO proceeding concerns the Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty

of \$5000, issued by the NRC Staff on March 14, 1996 (61 Fed. Reg. 14583, April 2, 1996). The parties to the proceeding are TESTCO, Inc. and the NRC Staff. The issues to be considered at the hearing are (a) whether the Licensee was in violation of the Commission's requirements as set forth in the Notice of Violation dated October 31, 1995; and (b) whether, on the basis of such violation, the Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty should be sustained.

For further information, see the Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty, cited above. Other materials concerning this proceeding (as well as the consolidated James L. Shelton proceeding) are on file at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L St. NW., Washington DC 20555, and at the Commission's Region II office, 101 Marietta Street, NW., Suite 2900, Atlanta, Georgia 30323-0199.

During the course of this proceeding, the Licensing Board will conduct one or more prehearing conferences and, as necessary, evidentiary hearing sessions (all consolidated with those in the James L. Shelton proceeding). The time and place of these sessions will be announced in later Licensing Board Orders. Except to the extent that prehearing conferences may be held through telephone conference calls, members of the public will be invited to attend these sessions.

Dated: Rockville, Maryland August 15, 1996.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,

*Chairman, Administrative Judge.*

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**[Docket No. 50-390]**

**Tennessee Valley Authority, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1; Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206**

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has taken action with regard to a Petition for action under 10 CFR 2.206 received from Ms. Jane A. Fleming (Petitioner), dated January 25, 1996, with regard to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1 (Watts Bar).

The Petitioner requested the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) implement a full and impartial review