

"seek the active participation by regional, State, and local agencies and instrumentalities and the private sector through public hearings in cities and rural communities and other appropriate means to insure that the views and proposals of all segments of the economy are taken into account in the formulation and review of such proposed Plan."

The hearings are expected to facilitate public input on a broad range of energy issues with major regional, national and international impacts including:

- Reducing vulnerability of the U.S. economy to disruptions in energy supplies;
- Producing and using energy in efficient and environmentally responsible ways, including strategies for meeting U.S. greenhouse gas emission reductions proposed in December 1997 at Kyoto, Japan;
- Promoting international cooperation in energy use and supply to further U.S. economic, environmental, and security goals; and
- Maintaining a diverse set of energy options, particularly for the longer-term, to ensure adequate, clean energy at reasonable costs.

Participants wishing to speak at the hearings must register on-site. The speaker registry will open one-half hour before each hearing and will close one-half hour after the hearing begins. In addition, a website has been identified both to accept comments and to distribute information on the Strategy as it is developed.

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Robert W. Gee,

Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Policy

Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of

the United States of America and the Government of Switzerland Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy as amended and the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy Between the Government of the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM).

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following: RTD/EU(SD)-1 for the retransfer of irradiated graphite, fuel spheres, composed of 32,570.88 grams of enriched uranium, containing 5,459.10 grams of the isotope U-235 (enriched to 16.76 percent) from Switzerland to Germany. The fuel has been irradiated in research experiments at the PROTEUS critical experiment facility in Switzerland and will be returned to Forschungszentrum, Julich, Germany for storage. The material was transferred from Germany to Switzerland in 1990, under RTD/SD(EU)-59.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

For the Department of Energy.

Cherie P. Fitzgerald,

Director, International Policy and Analysis Division Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2612]

Central Maine Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 9, 1998.

On December 28, 1995, Central Maine Power Company, licensee for the Flagstaff Project No. 2612, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2612

is located on the Dead River in Franklin and Somerset Counties, Maine.

The license for Project No. 2612 was issued for a period ending December 31, 1997. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administration Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2612 is issued to Central Maine Power Company for a period effective January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before January 1, 1999, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Central Maine Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Flagstaff Project No. 2612 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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