

regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of two pressurized-water reactors at the licensee's site located in San Luis Obispo County, California.

## II

Section 50.71 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), "Maintenance of records, making of reports," paragraph (e)(4) states, in part, that "Subsequent revisions must be filed annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates to the FSAR does not exceed 24 months." The two DCNPP units share a common Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR); therefore, this rule requires the licensee to update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit.

## III

Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR, "Specific exemption," states that \* \* \*

The Commission may, upon application by any interested person, or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part, which are (1) Authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. (2) The Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present.

Section 50.12(a)(2)(ii) of the 10 CFR states that special circumstances are present when "Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule \* \* \*." The licensee's proposed schedule for FSAR updates will ensure that the DCNPP FSARs will be maintained current within 24 months of the last revision and the interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report will not exceed 24 months. The proposed schedule fits within the 24-month duration specified by 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). Literal application of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) would require the licensee to update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit, a more burdensome requirement than intended. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that special circumstances are present as defined in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii).

## IV

The Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and is consistent with the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Pacific Gas and Electric Company an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) to submit updates to the DCNPP FSAR within 6 months of each outage. The licensee will be required to submit updates to the DCNPP FSAR within six months after each Unit 2 refueling outage. With the current length of fuel cycles, FSAR updates would be submitted every 24 months, but not to exceed 24 months from the last submittal.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting of this exemption will have no significant effect on the environment (63 FR 10654).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE:** Weeks of March 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 1998.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Week of March 16*

Thursday, March 19

2:30 p.m. Affirmative Session (PUBLIC MEETING)

- A. Petition for Commission Review of Director's Decision on Paducah Seismic Upgrades Certificate Amendment Request

*Week of March 23—Tentative*

Monday, March 23

2:30 p.m. Briefing on MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility Licensing (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Ted Sherr, 301-415-7218)

Thursday, March 26

11:00 a.m. Briefing by Executive Branch (Closed—Ex. 1)

2:00 p.m. Briefing on Recent Research Program Results (PUBLIC MEETING)

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

*Week of March 30—Tentative*

Monday, March 30

2:00 p.m. Briefing by Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) (PUBLIC MEETING)

Tuesday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Fire Protection (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Tad Marsh, 301-415-2873)

3:00 p.m. Briefing by Organization of Agreement States on Status of IMPEP Program (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Richard Bangart, 301-415-3340)

Thursday, April 2

1:00 p.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

2:30 p.m. Briefing on Improvements to the Senior Management Meeting Process (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Bill Borchard, 301-415-1257)

Friday, April 3

10:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING)

*Week of April 6*

There are no meetings the week of March 6.

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Dated: March 13, 1998.

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