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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1999.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Acting Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its April 20, 1999, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, located in Windham County Vermont.

The proposed amendment would have revised the reactor core spiral reloading pattern such that it begins around a source range monitor.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1999 (64 FR 27328). However, by letter dated August 18, 1999, the licensee superseded, in its entirety, the April 20, 1999, request, thereby withdrawing the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 20, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated August 18, 1999, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Dated at Rockville, MD., this 27th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. C99-4]

Technical and Settlement Conference; Meeting

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of technical and settlement conference.

SUMMARY: An initial technical and settlement conference has been scheduled in docket no. C99-4. The conference will address a cost study, physical operation of Bulk Parcel Return Service (BPRS), potential settlement proposals, and other issues in the docket. The conference will assist in clarifying issues and allowing the settlement coordinator to respond to the Commission's request that a report on the potential for settlement be filed by September 17, 1999.

DATES: The technical and settlement conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 1999. For time and other dates, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held in the Commission's hearing room at 1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted P. Gerarden, OCA director, at 202-789-6838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission's OCA hereby gives notice of a technical and settlement conference to discuss resolution of the complaint filed on June 9, 1999, by the Continuity Shippers Association (CSA). On September 3, 1999, the Commission issued a notice of formal proceedings to consider the complaint and provided until September 17, 1999, for the parties to explore settlement.¹

The CSA complaint alleges that the rate for BPRS is excessive. The complaint raises issues concerning the BPRS cost study performed by the Postal Service in October 1998, in compliance with the Commission's recommended decision in docket no. MC97-4. The complaint also alleges similarities between BPRS and Special Standard (B) mail. The Commission noted the Postal Service's responses to CSA's allegations, but determined that there was inadequate justification for dismissal of the complaint.

¹ Order No. 1260, Order Denying Motion of United States Postal Service to Dismiss Complaint and Notice of Formal Proceeding. Ordering paragraph 4 designated OCA to represent the interests of the general public and to act as settlement coordinator pursuant to rule 85 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure [39 CFR § 3001.85].

Under the circumstances presented, it is imperative that the parties utilize "appropriate informal inquiry methods to define the issues, further the exchange of information and explanations between the Postal Service and the complainant, and facilitate settlement." 39 CFR 3001.85(a). Because the October 1998 study and the physical operation of BPRS in comparison to other mail services are central to addressing the rate for BPRS, an informal technical conference is needed as well as an informal settlement conference. Complainant CSA, the Postal Service, and other interested parties are hereby placed on notice that they are expected to have individuals present at the conference who are thoroughly familiar with the BPRS cost study and with the operational characteristics of BPRS. CSA and the Postal Service are encouraged to discuss the issues raised by the complaint and to share information or proposals in advance of the informal technical and settlement conference.

The informal technical and settlement conference will be held September 14, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room at 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC. All interested persons are welcome to attend the conference, but all such persons are placed on notice that attendance at the conference will not confer party status. Any interested person must file pursuant to rule 20 or 20a of the Commission's rules (39 CFR §§ 20 or 20a) in order to intervene or to obtain limited participation status in this proceeding.

The Secretary of the Commission is requested to arrange for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3662.

Dated: September 8, 1999.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 23995; 812-11656]

LSA Variable Series Trust and LSA Asset Management LLC, Notice of Application

September 7, 1999.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company