

Place: NSF, Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

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Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to SBE programs and activities.

Agenda: Discussions on issues, role and future direction of the NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

Agency Holding Meeting: National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

Date and Time: October 19, 2000: 11:45 a.m.–12:00 Noon, Closed Session; October 19, 2000: 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Closed Session; October 19, 2000: 3:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m., Open Session.

Place: The National Science Foundation, Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Status: Part of this meeting will be closed to the public; Part of this meeting will be open to the public.

Matters to be Considered

Thursday, October 19

Closed Session (11:45 a.m.–12:00 Noon)

—Closed Session Minutes, August 2000

—Personnel

Closed Session (1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.)

—Awards and Agreements

—FY 2002 Budget

Open Session (3:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.)

—Swearing-in, NSB Nominees

—Open Session Minutes, August 2000

—Closed Session Items for December 2000

—Chairman's Report

—Director's Report

—NSF Planning Issues

Mathematics Initiative

Workforce Initiative

NSF Stipends

—NSB 50th Anniversary

Commemorative Booklet

—Committee Reports

Marta Cehelsky,

Executive Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN 50-529, and STN 50-530]

Public Service Company of New Mexico (Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 1, 2, and 3); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring and Approving Conforming Amendments

I

Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) holds minority ownership interests (both owned and leased) in Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde) Units 1, 2, and 3, and in connection therewith is a holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74 for Palo Verde. The facility is located in Maricopa County, Arizona. Other co-licensees for Palo Verde are Arizona Public Service Company (APS) (owner or lessee of a 29.1 percent share of each of the three units), Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (owner of a 17.49 percent share), El Paso Electric Company (owner of a 15.8 percent share), Southern California Edison Company (owner of a 15.8 percent share), Southern California Public Power Authority (owner of a 5.91 percent share), and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (owner of a 5.70 percent share). APS is the licensed operator of the Palo Verde units. The remaining licensees hold possession-only licenses.

II

Pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.80, PNM filed an application dated March 3, 2000, requesting approval of the indirect transfer of the Palo Verde licenses, to the extent held by PNM, to a new holding company, Manzano Corporation (Manzano). Supplemental information on this application was forwarded to the NRC by PNM's outside counsel, Shaw Pittman, in letters dated August 14, August 17, and September 7, 2000. Manzano, presently a subsidiary of PNM, was formed to implement the public utility restructuring requirements of the New Mexico Electric Utility Industry Restructuring Act of 1999. The

proposed restructuring encompasses the formation of Manzano and Manzano becoming the holding company for PNM, the transfer by PNM of its electric and gas transmission and distribution businesses to an affiliated company to be named "Public Service Company of New Mexico" (with PNM and such affiliated company being under common control by Manzano), and a change in PNM's name to Manzano Energy Corporation (Manzano Energy). By application dated April 26, 2000, APS requested approval, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, of proposed conforming amendments to reflect in the Palo Verde licenses the name change of PNM to Manzano Energy Corporation that will occur in connection with the restructuring. APS will retain its existing ownership interest in, and remain the licensed operator of Palo Verde after the restructuring of PNM, and is not otherwise involved in the restructuring. Similarly, none of the other co-licensees are involved in the restructuring of PNM. No physical changes to the facility or operational changes are being proposed in the applications filed by PNM and APS. Notice of the applications and an opportunity for hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on May 26, 2000 (65 FR 34370). No written comments or hearing requests were filed.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted by PNM in its application, the supplements thereto, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed restructuring will not affect the qualifications of PNM to hold the licenses referenced above to the same extent now held by PNM, and that the indirect transfer of the licenses, to the extent effected by the restructuring, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. The NRC staff has further found that the application for the proposed license amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the proposed license amendments