

through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By January 8, 2001, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing, and, if not the applicants, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or

petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon Arunas T. Udry, Esquire, Consumers Energy Company, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201 (tel: 517-788-2513; fax: 517-788-0768; e-mail: atudrys@cmsenergy.com); and the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by January 18, 2001, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated November 21, 2000. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at one White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11th day of December 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
**Tae J. Kim,**  
*Acting Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
**DATES:** Weeks of December 18, 25, 2000, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2001  
**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland  
**STATUS:** Public and Closed  
**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Week of December 18

*Tuesday, December 19, 2000*

8:30 a.m.  
 Discussion of Management Issues  
 (Closed—Ex. 2 and 6)

*Wednesday, December 20, 2000*

9:30 a.m.  
 Briefing on the Status of the Fuel Cycle Facility Oversight Program Revision (Public Meeting) (Contact: Walt Schwink, 301-415-7253)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—

[www.nrc.gov/live.html](http://www.nrc.gov/live.html)

3:30 p.m.  
 Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

#### Week of December 25—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 25.

#### Week of January 1, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 1, 2001.

#### Week of January 8, 2001—Tentative

*Tuesday, January 9, 2001*

9:30 a.m.  
 Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting)  
 (Contact: Irene Little, 301-415-7380)

*Wednesday, January 10, 2001*

9:25 a.m.  
 Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9:30 a.m.  
 Briefing on Status of Nuclear Materials Safety (Public Meeting) (Contact: Claudia Seelig, 301-415-7243)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—

[www.nrc.gov/live.html](http://www.nrc.gov/live.html)

#### Week of January 15, 2001—Tentative

*Wednesday, January 17, 2001*

9:25 a.m.  
 Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9:30 a.m.  
 Briefing on Status of Nuclear Reactor Safety (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Case, 301-415-1134)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—

[www.nrc.gov/live.html](http://www.nrc.gov/live.html)

**Week of January 22—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 22.

\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: December 15, 2000.

**William M. Hill, Jr.,**

*SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary*  
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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT****OPM Criteria for IRS Broadbanding  
System**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This publicizes final criteria for broadbanding systems for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to establish one or more broadbanding systems covering all or any portion of the IRS workforce under the General Schedule (GS). Title 5, United States Code, directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to prescribe criteria for IRS broadbanding systems and specifies certain principles that such criteria must follow, at a minimum.

**DATES:** Effective December 19, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gregory Zygiel, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Strategic Compensation Policy Center, OPM, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7305, Washington, DC 20415-8320, 202-606-8047, [strategiccomp@opm.gov](mailto:strategiccomp@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-206) authorizes the

Secretary of the Treasury to establish one or more broadbanding systems covering all or any portion of the IRS workforce under the General Schedule (GS). Section 9509(b) of title 5, United States Code, directs OPM to prescribe criteria for IRS broadbanding systems and specifies certain principles that such criteria must follow, at a minimum. OPM publicized the interim criteria in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 1999, and requested comments.

**The Criteria**

OPM developed the criteria after conferring with the Department of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, and the National Treasury Employees Union. The criteria are broadly written to give IRS the flexibility to establish pay practices that support mission accomplishment, and to base pay decisions on performance. The criteria incorporate lessons learned from previous experience with broadbanding under personnel demonstration projects.

Before implementing any broadbanding system under this authority, IRS must develop written plans, policies, and implementing procedures that address each relevant criterion, including descriptions of broadbanding structure(s), classification criteria, positions covered, the method of pay progression within a band, pay-setting policies, policies for paying supervisors or management officials, and policies for converting positions into broadbanding systems.

Section 9509(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, requires that employees covered by IRS broadbanding systems remain subject to the laws and regulations covering General Schedule employees (e.g., locality payments, the aggregate limitation on pay, premium pay, and recruitment and relocation bonuses and retention allowances), except as otherwise provided in the criteria.

**Changes From the Interim Criteria**

OPM made one change. We gave particular consideration to the unusual situation where an employee is moved out of the broadbanding system shortly after entering it. In this situation, we found that the regular conversion rules could produce an undesirable pay result. Therefore, we have modified the rules for converting employees back to the General Schedule pay system. The change affects only employees who move back to the General Schedule before any pay adjustment event (e.g., any within-band increase, a promotion, or any systemwide pay adjustment) under the broadbanding system. The change ensures that these employees

will not experience an unwarranted gain or an unwarranted loss in pay.

To make this change, we added one paragraph to Appendix B—Conversion into Broadbanding System, and revised Appendix C—Procedures for Converting Employees Back to the General Schedule Pay System.

**Comments on the Interim Criteria**

OPM received comments from three individuals. The commenters were concerned that broadbanding could lead to fewer and/or smaller pay increases for employees, and that broadbanding created the potential for inequitable treatment of employees. The commenters suggested that broadbanding systems align with the IRS's employee retention strategies, and that OPM require IRS to collect and report data to permit demographic analysis of broadbanding's effects.

OPM believes that the final criteria and existing laws and requirements address the commenters' concerns and suggestions appropriately.

Dated: December 7, 2000.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**  
*Director.*

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**I. Authority**

Section 9509 of title 5, United States Code, as added by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-206), provides the Secretary of the Treasury with the authority to establish one or more broadbanding systems covering all or any portion of the IRS workforce under the General Schedule (GS). Section 9509(b) directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to prescribe criteria for IRS broadbanding systems and specifies certain principles that such criteria must follow, at a minimum.

**II. Applicability**

Section 9509(a) defines a "broad-banded system" as a system for grouping positions for pay, job evaluation, and other purposes that is different from the General Schedule pay and classification system established