

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems (1200).

Date/Time: May 15-16, 2001, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 1150, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Ephraim Glinert, Deputy Division Director, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems, Room 1115, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292-8930.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Human and Computer Interaction proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-412]

Pennsylvania Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 2 (BVPS-2); Exemption**1.0 Background**

The FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC, *et al.*, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-73 which authorizes operation of BVPS-2. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized water reactor located in Shippingport, Pennsylvania.

2.0 Purpose

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 50, Section 50.71, "Maintenance of Records, Making of Reports," paragraph (e)(4) states, in part, "Subsequent revisions must be filed annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. The revisions must reflect all changes up to a maximum of 6 months prior to the date of filing." The most recent outage for BVPS-2 was completed on October 25, 2000, and the latest revision to the BVPS-2 Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) was filed on April 30, 1999. The licensee would be required to submit the next revision to the BVPS-2 FSAR by April 25, 2001, and that revision would be required to reflect all changes up to a maximum of 6 months prior to the date of filing. The need for the proposed exemption is based on taking advantage of the efficiencies of the NRC's recently commissioned electronic information exchange (EIE) process which allows licensees to voluntarily submit documents to the NRC over the internet or on a CD-ROM. The NRC issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-05, "Guidance on Submitting Documents to the NRC by Electronic Information Exchange or on CD-ROM," on January 25, 2001 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML003768343).

3.0 Discussion

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)(v) of 10 CFR states that special circumstances are present when "The exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee or applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation. * * *" The NRC staff finds that the exemption provides temporary relief from the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) by extending the filing deadline from April 25, 2001, to August 23, 2001 (the requirement to reflect all changes up to a maximum of 6 months

prior to the date of filing is revised to reflect all changes through, at least, October 25, 2000). In addition, prior to the issuance of RIS 2001-05 on January 25, 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003768343), the licensee was preparing to issue the numerous hard copies of the FSAR revision in accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) and 50.4, "Written Communications." An additional 120 days reflects the estimated time required for production of an electronic version in lieu of a hardcopy. With the issuance of RIS 2001-05 on January 25, 2001, the NRC informed licensees that they may submit documents to the NRC over the internet by the EIE process or on a CD-ROM if they follow certain procedures. The guidance is applicable to the submission of FSAR revisions. It also waives requirements that multiple copies of documents be submitted to the NRC. The licensee requested this exemption to take advantage of the efficiencies of this new process. Due to the efforts the licensee has indicated it has undertaken with regard to the preparation of the FSAR revision and to the participation in the recently commissioned EIE process, the NRC staff finds that the licensee has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation.

Therefore, the staff concludes that granting an exemption under the special circumstances of 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v) is appropriate and that the requirement for filing the next revision to the BVPS-2 FSAR may be extended to no later than August 23, 2001. This revision should include all changes through, at least, October 25, 2000.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is, otherwise, in the public interest. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants FENOC an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) for BVPS-2.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (66 FR 20489).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John Zwolinski,

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

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 10 a.m., Monday, May 7, 2001; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2001; and 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2001.

PLACE: Washington, DC., at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: May 7 (Closed); May 8-8:30 a.m. (Open) 9:30 a.m. (Closed).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, May 7-10:00 a.m. (Closed).

1. Financial Performance.
2. Fiscal Year 2001 EVA Variable Pay Program.
3. FedEx Alliance.
4. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision on Further Reconsideration in Docket No. R2000-1, Omnibus Rate Case.
5. Rate Case Briefing.
6. Personnel Matters.
7. Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, May 8-8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings, April 2-3, and April 13, 2001.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Audit and Finance Committee Charter.
4. Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation Request.
5. Borrowing Resolution.
6. Capital Investment.
 - a. Letter Recognition Enhancement Program.
7. Tentative Agenda for the June 4-5, 2001, meeting in Washington, DC.

Tuesday, May 8-9:30 a.m. (Closed)

1. Continuation of Monday's Closed Agenda.
2. Strategic Planning/Postal Reform.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3332] (Amendment # 1)]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In accordance with notices received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated April 16, 2001 and April 19, 2001, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Bristol, Plymouth, Suffolk and Worcester Counties in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as disaster areas caused by severe storms beginning on March 5, 2001. In addition, the Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on March 5, 2001 and continuing through April 16, 2001.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in Barnstable, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire Counties in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Windham and Tolland Counties in the State of Connecticut; Cheshire County in the State of New Hampshire; and Bristol and Newport Counties in the State of Rhode Island may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. Any counties contiguous to the above named primary counties and not listed here have been previously declared.

The number assigned for economic injury in the State of Connecticut is 9L5000.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is June 9, 2001 and for economic injury the deadline is January 9, 2002.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: April 20, 2001.

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Addition of Electric Generation Peaking Capacity at Greenfield Sites, Mississippi

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Issuance of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and TVA's procedures implementing the National

Environmental Policy Act. TVA has decided to adopt the preferred alternative identified in its *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Addition of Electric Generation Peaking Capacity at Greenfield Sites, Mississippi.*

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was made available to the public in March 2001. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final EIS was published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 2001. Under the preferred alternative, TVA has decided to construct a natural gas-fired simple cycle combustion turbine (CT) plant with up to 340 Megawatts (MW) of new peaking capacity at a site in Kemper County Mississippi as early as May 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Background

In December 1995, TVA completed and published *Energy Vision 2020—Integrated Resource Plan/ Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.* *Energy Vision 2020* projected demands for electricity in the TVA power service area through 2020 and evaluated and recommended ways of meeting the projected increases. *Energy Vision 2020* evaluated an array of power supply technologies, both supply-side and demand-side. A portfolio of options drawn from several effective strategies was chosen as TVA's preferred alternative. In this preferred alternative, three supply-side options were selected to meet peak capacity needs:

- Addition of CTs to TVA's generation system,
- Purchase of market peaking capacity, and
- Call alternatives on peaking capacity.

The short-term action plan of *Energy Vision 2020* identified a need for 3,000 MWs of baseload and peaking additions through the year 2002. Since *Energy Vision 2020* was completed in 1995, TVA has continued to evaluate and select the best resource alternatives based on the latest proposals and TVA's forecast of power needs. TVA's projections show expected peak demands growing at 2.4% from 2000 to 2005 and beyond. The net capacity