

property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the

Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to General Counsel, Tennessee Valley Authority, ET 11A, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

Further details with respect to this action may be found in the application for amendment dated August 20, 2001, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room, or electronically on the Internet at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/CFR/index.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by E-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of December 2001.

L. Mark Padovan,

Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of December 17, 24, 31, 2001, January 7, 14, 21, 2002.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 17, 2001

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 17, 2001.

Week of December 24, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 24, 2001.

Week of December 31, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 31, 2001.

Week of January 7, 2002—Tentative

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of January 14, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 14, 2002.

Week of January 21, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 21, 2002.

* 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: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: www.nrc.gov

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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 the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). 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 dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: December 12, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,
Technical Coordinator, Office of the
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notification of Item Added to Meeting Agenda

DATE OF MEETING: December 3, 2001.

STATUS: Closed.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 66 FR 59035, November 26, 2001.

ADDITION: Rate Case R2001-1.

At its meeting on December 3, 2001, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to add this item to the agenda of its closed meeting and that no earlier announcement was possible. The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service certified that in her opinion discussion of this item could be properly closed to public observation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: David G. Hunter, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC.

David G. Hunter,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25316; 812-12696]

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Inc.; Notice of Application

December 11, 2001.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under sections 6(c) and 6(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") exempting an escrow account established by the applicant from all provisions of the Act, except section 9 and sections 36 through 53 of the Act,

and the rules and regulations under those sections.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order on behalf of an escrow account (the "Escrow Account") to be established in connection with applicant's conversion to a stock life insurance company and its subsequent acquisition by Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. ("Anthem"). The Escrow Account will hold a portion of the cash consideration from the sale pending the resolution of a specified litigation matter involving applicant. The order would exempt the Escrow Account from certain provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations under those provisions.

Applicant: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Inc. (the "Company").

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 23, 2001 and amended on December 10, 2001.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on January 7, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicant: Kenneth J. Berman, Debevoise & Plimpton, 555 13th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaea F. Hahn, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0614, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090).

Applicant's Representations

1. The Company is a Kansas mutual life insurance company that proposes to convert to a stock life insurance

company (the "Conversion") pursuant to a plan of conversion (the "Plan") in accordance with Kansas law. As a mutual life insurance company, the Company has no authorized, issued or outstanding capital stock. The policyholders of the Company, through the purchase of insurance policies and contracts, acquire insurance coverage and "Membership Interests" which consist principally of the right to vote in the election of directors of the Company and the right to share in any residual value of the Company if the Company were to undergo liquidation in the future.

2. Pursuant to an Alliance Agreement between the Company and Anthem, an Indiana stock insurance company (the "Alliance Agreement"), Anthem or an affiliate of Anthem will acquire the Company upon the Company's Conversion (the "Acquisition"). On the date of effectiveness of the Conversion and the closing of the Acquisition (the "Conversion Date"), the Membership Interests of the Company policyholders will be extinguished, the Company's policyholders eligible to vote and receive consideration in the Conversion ("Eligible Policyholders") will be entitled to receive consideration as provided in the Alliance Agreement and the Plan, and the Company will become a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Anthem.

3. The Company's board of directors has adopted the Plan. The Plan has been submitted to the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Kansas (the "Commissioner") for approval. Article 40 of Chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated (the "Kansas Conversion Law") requires the Commissioner to hold a public hearing at which the Company's policyholders would have the right to appear and be heard. The Commissioner must approve the Plan if the Commissioner finds that (a) the Plan is fair and equitable to policyholders, (b) the Plan complies with the provisions of the Kansas Conversion Law, (c) the Plan does not unjustly enrich any director, officer, agent or employee of the Company and (d) the Company would meet minimum requirements to be issued a certificate of authority by the Commissioner to transact business in Kansas and the continued operations of the Company would not be hazardous to existing or future policyholders or the public.

4. Eligible Policyholders also must approve the Plan, including the establishment of the Escrow Account. As required by the Kansas Conversion Law, Eligible Policyholders will have received from the Company a comprehensive information booklet