

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NARA Electronic Records Archives (ERA) User Conference

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: NARA is in the planning stages to build a digital archives that will preserve U.S. Government records of continuing value and make them available electronically to anyone, at any time, in any place, for as long as needed. NARA invites those who are interested to participate in a user conference to provide feedback concerning our strategic response to the challenge of preserving, managing, and accessing electronic records.

DATES: Registrations must be received by October 11, 2002.

The conference is scheduled to be held on November 8, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James McAlpin at (301) 837-0443.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Registration is limited. The registration form and additional information is on the NARA Web site at www.archives.gov/electronic_records_archives/.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

Kimberly Richardson,

Federal Register Liaison Official.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 72-44]

Arizona Public Service Company; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding a Proposed Exemption

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, from the provisions of 10 CFR 72.72(d) to Arizona Public Service Company (APS or applicant). The requested exemption would allow APS to maintain a single set of spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and reactor-related GTCC waste records in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(d)(1), for the Independent Spent Fuel Storage

Installation (ISFSI) at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Identification of Proposed Action: By letter dated September 4, 2001, APS requested an exemption from the requirement in 10 CFR 72.72(d) which states in part that, "Records of spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and reactor-related GTCC waste containing special nuclear material meeting the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section must be kept in duplicate. The duplicate set of records must be kept at a separate location sufficiently remote from the original records that a single event would not destroy both sets of records."

The proposed action before the Commission is whether to grant this exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7.

Need for the Proposed Action: The applicant stated that ISFSI spent-fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and reactor-related GTCC waste records will be maintained in a manner consistent with the records of the PVNGS, which are stored in compliance with the requirements established in 10 CFR 50.71(d)(1). No exemption is requested from the 10 CFR 72.72(d) requirements for the records retention period requirements. The applicant seeks to provide consistency in recordkeeping maintenance for the PVNGS ISFSI spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and reactor-related GTCC waste records. The exemption request will also preclude the need to construct and operate a separate, second records storage facility to store a duplicate set of spent-fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and reactor-related GTCC waste records.

10 CFR 50.71(d)(1) provides requirements for the maintenance of nuclear power plant records. The regulation states:

Records which must be maintained pursuant to this part may be the original or a reproduced copy or microform if such reproduced copy or microform is duly authenticated by authorized personnel and the microform is capable of producing a clear and legible copy after storage for the period specified by the Commission regulations. The record may also be stored in electronic media with the capability of producing legible, accurate, and complete records during the required retention period. Records such as letters, drawings, specifications, must include all pertinent information such as stamps, initials, and signatures. The licensee shall maintain adequate safeguards against tampering with and loss of records.

Regulatory Guide 1.88, "Collection, Storage, and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plant Quality Assurance Records," establishes guidance for the

storage of nuclear plant quality assurance records. APS plans to implement Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.88, with minor exceptions described in the PVNGS Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 1.8.

The requirements in ANSI N45.2.9-1974 have been endorsed by the NRC in Regulatory Guide 1.88 as adequate for satisfying the recordkeeping requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, which states in part that "records shall be identifiable and retrievable." Additionally, conditions in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B establish that "[c]onsistent with applicable regulatory requirements [including 10 CFR 50.71(d)(1)], the applicant shall establish requirements concerning record retention, such as duration, location, and assigned responsibility." ANSI N.45.2.9-1974 also satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR 72.72 by providing for adequate maintenance of records regarding the identity and history of the spent fuel in storage. Such records would be subject to and need to be protected from the same types of degradation mechanisms as nuclear power plant Quality Assurance records.

Environmental Impacts of the

Proposed Action: An exemption from the requirement to store a duplicate set of ISFSI records at a separate location has no impact on the environment. Storage of records does not change the methods by which spent fuel will be handled and stored at the PVNGS ISFSI and does not change the amount of effluents, radiological or non-radiological, associated with the ISFSI.

Alternative to the Proposed Action: Since there is no environmental impact associated with the proposed action, alternatives are not evaluated other than the no action alternative. The alternative to the proposed action would be to deny approval of the exemption and, therefore, not allow storage of ISFSI spent fuel records at a single qualified record storage facility. The no action alternative would require the applicant to construct or identify a separate storage facility; therefore, the environmental impacts of the proposed action would be less than, or the same as, the no action alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted: On July 18, 2002, Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright, Program Manager of Radioactive Materials of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, was contacted regarding the environmental assessment for the proposed action and had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in

accordance with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 51. Based upon the foregoing EA, the Commission finds that the proposed action of granting the exemption from 10 CFR 72.72(d), so that APS may store spent fuel records for the ISFSI in a single records storage facility which meets the requirements of ANSI N.45.2.9-1974, with the given exception listed in the PVNGS Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Section 1.8, will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption is not necessary.

For further details with respect to this exemption request, see the APS letter dated September 4, 2001. The request for exemption was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72, Docket 72-44. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdrr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of September 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

E. William Brach,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration (Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation, 5.75% Notes (Due 2008)) From the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. File No. 1-6661

September 23, 2002.

Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its 5.75% Notes (Due 2008) ("Security"), from listing and registration on the New York

Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with all applicable laws in effect in the state of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the NYSE's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration. The Issuer's application relates solely to the Security's withdrawal from listing on the NYSE and from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act³ and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under Section 12(g) of the Act.⁴

The Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on August 30, 2002 to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the NYSE. In making the decision to withdraw its Security from the NYSE, the Issuer noted that: (i) There are a limited number of registered holders of the Security; and (ii) delisting and deregistration of the Security will result in significant cost savings for the Issuer.

Any interested person may, on or before October 15, 2002, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the NYSE and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-25740; 812-11618]

Fidelity Concord Street Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

September 23, 2002.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under sections 6(c), 12(d)(1)(J) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of

1940 (the "Act") for exemptions from sections 12(d)(1), 15(a) and 17(a) of the Act and rule 17f-2 under the Act and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order to permit (a) certain registered open-end investment companies to hire subadvisers and materially amend subadvisory agreements without shareholder approval; (b) the registered investment companies to invest cash collateral ("Cash Collateral") received in connection with a securities lending program ("Lending Program") in shares of affiliated registered and private investment companies ("Investment Funds"); and (c) an affiliated entity, acting as securities lending agent ("Agent") for the registered investment companies to receive fees based on a share of the revenue generated from the securities lending activities.

APPLICANTS: Fidelity Concord Street Trust, Fidelity Commonwealth Trust, Variable Insurance Products Fund II (collectively, the "Companies") and Fidelity Management & Research Company ("FMR").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on May 19, 1999, and an amendment was filed on September 23, 2002.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on October 15, 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 SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John L. Sullivan, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0681, or Janet M. Grossnickle, Branch Chief, 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(D).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78j(g).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(l).