

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Docket No. 50-482, Wolf Creek Generating Station, Coffey County, Kansas

Date of amendment request: August 25, 2006, as supplemented by letter dated October 25, 2006.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revised Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.2, "Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIVs)," and TS 3.7.3, "Main Feedwater Isolation Valves (MFIVs)," to add the associated actuator trains to (1) the limiting condition for operation (LCO), (2) the conditions, required actions, and completion times for the LCO, and (3) the surveillance requirements. The Table of Contents for the TSs is changed to account for the resulting renumbering of TS pages.

Date of issuance: November 7, 2006.

Effective date: As of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of the date of issuance.

Amendment No.: 171.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-42. The amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: September 1, 2006 (71 FR 52173).

The supplemental letter dated October 25, 2006, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the NRC staff's original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated November 7, 2006.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of November, 2006.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Catherine Haney,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1852]

Demonstrating the Feasibility and Reliability of Operator Manual Actions in Response to Fire, Draft Report for Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for NUREG-1852, "Demonstrating the Feasibility and Reliability of Operator Manual Actions in Response to Fire, Draft Report for Comment."

SUMMARY: On October 12, 2006 (71 FR 60200), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment NUREG 1852, "Demonstrating the Feasibility and Reliability of Operator Manual Actions in Response to Fire, Draft Report for Comment." Due to an error in the previous notice of comment period extension, a request has been made to extend the public comment period to allow the public 60 days to review the document. Currently, the **Federal Register** specifies that the public comment period ends on December 12, 2006.

DATES: The comment period has been extended and now expires on January 30, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit written comments to Michael Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments attention to Michael Lesar, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be sent electronically to NRCREP@nrc.gov.

This document, NUREG-1852, is available at the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under Accession No. ML062350292; on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/docs4comment.html>; and at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205; fax (301) 415-3548; e-mail PDR@NRC.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erasmia Lois, Human Factors and Reliability Branch, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: (301) 415-6560; e-mail: exl1@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jose Ibarra,

Chief, Human Factors and Reliability Branch, Probabilistic Risk and Applications, Division of Risk Assessment and Special Projects, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

General Schedule Locality Pay Areas

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the President's Pay Agent, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice about two changes in locality pay area boundaries in 2007 under the locality pay program for General Schedule and certain other employees. Grayson County, TX, will be added to the Dallas locality pay area, and Berks County, PA, will be added to the Philadelphia locality pay area. These changes will occur automatically under existing regulations. OPM also plans to issue a notice later about changes in the regulations needed to update the official descriptions of the Boston-Worcester-Manchester, MA-NH-ME-RI locality pay area and the Denver-Aurora-Boulder, CO locality pay area. As required by OPM regulations, the additions to locality pay areas are effective as of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2007. Both the additions and the planned description changes are the result of changes made by the Office of Management and Budget in Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Combined Statistical Areas.

DATES: The additions to locality pay areas are applicable on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Hearne, (202) 606-2838; FAX: (202) 606-4264; e-mail: pay-performance-policy@opm.gov.

Section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, authorizes locality pay for General Schedule (GS) employees with duty stations in the contiguous United States and the District of Columbia.

Section 5304(f) of title 5, United States Code, authorizes the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to determine locality pay areas. The boundaries of locality pay areas must be based on appropriate factors,

which may include local labor market patterns, commuting patterns, and the practices of other employers. The Pay Agent must give thorough consideration to the views and recommendations of the Federal Salary Council, a body composed of experts in the fields of labor relations and pay policy and representatives of Federal employee organizations. The President appoints the members of the Federal Salary Council, which submits annual recommendations to the President's Pay Agent about the locality pay program.

Based on recommendations of the Federal Salary Council, we use Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and Combined Statistical Area (CSA) definitions established by the Office of Management and Budget as the basis for locality pay area definitions. The definitions of the terms CSA and MSA in section 531.602 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, and section 531.609(d) provide that locality pay area definitions change automatically when OMB adds locations to a CSA or MSA. Under the regulations, the changes in locality pay areas resulting from OMB additions to a CSA or MSA go into effect the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, of the following year.

On April 25, 2006, and May 26, 2006, OMB issued bulletins announcing corrections to OMB Bulletin 06-01 updating MSAs and CSAs. The bulletins add the Sherman-Denison, TX MSA to the Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CSA, and the Reading, PA MSA to the Philadelphia-Camden-Vineland, PA-NJ-DE-MD CSA. OMB also added the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA MSA to the Boston-Worcester-Manchester, MA-NH CSA, and the Greeley, CO MSA to the Denver-Aurora-Boulder, CO CSA. The addition to the Dallas CSA will add Grayson County, TX, to the Dallas locality pay area and the addition to the Philadelphia CSA will add Berks County, PA to the Philadelphia locality pay area. These changes will occur automatically under existing regulations. The other changes require corresponding changes in the official designation of the Boston and Denver locality pay areas but do not change the geographic scope of those pay areas because the Providence area is already included in the Boston locality pay area and the Greeley area is already part of the Denver locality pay area under the Pay Agent's rules for areas of application.

Impact and Implementation

The changes in locality pay area boundaries will move an estimated 61 GS employees from the Rest of U.S. (RUS) locality pay area to the Dallas

locality pay area and about 187 GS employees from the RUS locality pay area to the Philadelphia locality pay area, at a total cost of about \$600,000 per year. The changes become applicable on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

Office of Personnel Management.

Linda M. Springer,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 27553; 812-13264]

HealthShares, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

November 16, 2006.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 24(d) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act, and under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order granting relief to permit (a) an open-end management investment company, the series of which consist of the component securities of certain equity securities indexes, to issue shares ("Shares") that can be redeemed only in large aggregations ("Creation Units"), (b) secondary market transactions in Shares to occur at negotiated prices on a national securities exchange, as defined in section 2(a)(26) of the Act ("Exchange"), (c) dealers to sell Shares to purchasers in the secondary market unaccompanied by a prospectus when prospectus delivery is not required by the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), and (d) certain affiliated persons of the series to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the series in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units.

Applicants: HealthShares, Inc. ("Corporation"), Ferghana-Wellspring LLC ("Index Creator"), and X-Shares Advisors, LLC ("Advisor").

DATES: *Filing Dates:* The application was filed on March 1, 2006, and amended on August 23, 2006 and November 15, 2006.

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 December 6, 2006, 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, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090; Applicants, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2550, New York, NY 10170.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Conaty, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6827, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (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 Public Reference Desk, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington DC 20549-0102 (telephone (202) 551-5850).

Applicants' Representations

1. The Corporation, a Maryland corporation, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. Applicants currently intend to introduce 20 series ("Initial Funds") of the Corporation and may establish additional series in the future ("Future Funds," and together with the Initial Funds, "Funds"). The Advisor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Index Creator, is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") and will serve as the investment adviser to each Fund.¹ The Advisor expects to enter into a sub-advisory agreement with BNY Investment Advisors to serve as sub-adviser ("Sub-Advisor") to the Funds. The Sub-Advisor is not otherwise an affiliated person of the Advisor or the Index Creator and is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. ALPS Distributors, Inc., a broker-

¹ Neither the Index Creator nor the Advisor nor any affiliated person of the Index Creator or the Advisor is or will be registered as a broker or dealer.