

common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest.

Currently, unescorted access into the protected area of DBNPS for both employee and contractor personnel is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel who are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making a visual comparison of the individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. In accordance with 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), contractor personnel are not allowed to take their picture badges offsite. In accordance with the plant's physical security plan, the licensees' employees are also not allowed to take their picture badges offsite.

The proposed system will require that all individuals with authorized unescorted access have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badge to gain access to the protected area, they must also have their hand geometry confirmed. All individuals, including contractors, who have authorized unescorted access into the protected area will be allowed to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing DBNPS.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a bullet-resistant structure. It should also be noted that the proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for those individuals requiring escorts.

Sandia National Laboratories conducted testing which demonstrated that the hand geometry equipment possesses strong performance characteristics. Details of the testing performed are in the Sandia report, "A Performance Evaluation of Biometric Identification Devices," SAND91-0276 UC-906, Unlimited Release, June 1991. On the basis of the Sandia report and the licensees' experience using the current photo picture identification system, the false acceptance rate for the proposed hand geometry system would be at least equivalent to that of the current system. To ensure that the proposed system will continue to meet the general performance requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, the licensees will implement a process for testing the system. The site security plans will also be revised to allow implementation of

the hand geometry system and to allow employees and contractors with unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when leaving DBNPS.

#### IV

For the foregoing reasons, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage meet the high assurance objective and the general performance requirements of 10 CFR 73.55. In addition, the staff has determined that the overall level of the proposed system's performance will provide protection against radiological sabotage equivalent to that which is provided by the current system in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, this exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the following exemption:

The requirement of 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) that individuals who have been granted unescorted access and are not employed by the licensees are to return their picture badges upon exit from the protected area is no longer necessary. Thus, these individuals may keep their picture badges in their possession upon leaving Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. This exemption is granted on the condition that the licensee implements a system testing process and revises the site security plan as discussed in Section III above.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact (62 FR 30627).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of July 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Samuel J. Collins,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-397]

#### Washington Public Power Supply System; Notice of Partial Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Washington Public Power Supply System (the

licensee) to partially withdraw its May 20, 1997, application, as supplemented by letters dated June 6, 1997, and July 3, 1997, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License NPF-21 for the Washington Nuclear Project No. 2, located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed change modifies the Technical Specifications (TS) for the minimum critical power ratio (MCPR) safety limit in TS 2.1.1.2 for ATRIUM 9X9 fuel. In addition, a new reference would have been added to TS Section 5.6.5, "Core Operating Limits Report." The licensee's June 6, 1997, letter, in addition to specifying that the proposed license amendment change would only be in effect for Cycle 13, withdrew the addition of this new reference.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1997 (62 FR 29160). However, by letter dated June 6, 1997, the licensee partially withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 20, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated June 6, 1997, which partially withdrew the application for license amendment, and July 3, 1997. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of July 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Timothy G. Colburn,**

*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-2, Division of Reactor Projects-III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on July 29-30, 1997, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Most of the meeting will be closed to public attendance to discuss Westinghouse Electric Corporation proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, July 29, 1997—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

Wednesday, July 30, 1997—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the results of the Westinghouse Test and Analysis Program being conducted in support of the AP600 design certification. Specifically, the Subcommittee will review the Final Validation Report for use of the NOTRUMP small-break LOCA code for AP600 accident analyses. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, the NRC staff, their consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Acting Meeting

**TIMES AND DATES:** 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 1997; 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 4, 1997; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, 1997.

**PLACE:** Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel, 1001 Marquette Avenue South, in Ballroom C.

**STATUS:** August 3 (Closed); August 4 (Closed); August 5 (Open).

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Sunday, August 3—4:00 p.m. (Closed)*

1. The Five-Year Strategic Plan.
2. Status Report on Legislative Reform.

*Monday, August 4—10:00 a.m. Closed*

1. Officer Compensation.
2. Status Report on the Tray Management System.
3. Development Real Estate.
4. Inspector General and Inspection Service Budgets.

*Tuesday, August 5—8:30 a.m. (Open)*

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, July 30–July 1, 1997.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Amendments to BOG Bylaws.
4. Capital Investments.
  - a. 46 Small Parcel and Bundle Sorters.
  - b. International/Military Service Centers.
5. Quarterly Report on Service Performance.
6. Quarterly Report on Financial Results.
7. Report on the Midwest Area. (Mr. McComb).
8. Tentative Agenda for the September 8–9, meeting in Washington, DC.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260–1000. Telephone (202) 268–4800.

**Thomas J. Koerber,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extension:

Rule 206(4)–2—SEC File No. 270–217, OMB Control No. 3235–0241  
Rule 02 and Forms 4–R, 5–R, 6–R, and 7–R—SEC File No. 270–214, OMB Control No. 3235–0240  
Rule 203–2, and Form ADV–W—SEC File No. 270–40, OMB Control No. 3235–0313.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 206(4)–2 governs the custody or possession of funds or securities by Commission-registered investment advisers. Rule 206(4)–2 makes it a fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative act, practice or course of business for any investment adviser who has custody or possession of funds or securities of its clients to do any act or take any action with respect to any such funds or securities unless (1) The securities are properly segregated and safely kept; (2) the funds are held in one or more specially designated client accounts with the adviser named as trustee; (3) the advisor promptly notifies the client as to the place and manner of safekeeping; (4) the adviser sends a detailed written statement to each client at least once every three months; and (5) at least once each year, on an unannounced basis, an independent public accountant verifies by actual examination the clients' funds and securities and files a certificate with the Commission describing the examination. The rule does not apply to an investment adviser that is also registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), provided the adviser is in compliance with Rule 15c3–1 under the Exchange Act, or, if a member of an exchange, in compliance with exchange requirements with respect to financial responsibility and the segregation of funds or securities carried for the account of the customer.