

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathy Dakon, Code Z, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0732.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Remarks on Performance Metrics
- NASA Performance Plan Evaluation
- International Space Station Probability Risk Analysis Update
- Mars Climate Orbiter Update
- Aeronautics Revitalization
- Integrated Space Transportation Plan
- Committee/TaskForce/Working Group Reports
- Discussion of Findings and Recommendations

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Matthew M. Crouch,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-344]

PacifiCorp (Trojan Nuclear Plant); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Merger

I

Portland General Electric is authorized to act as agent for the joint owners of the Trojan Nuclear Plant and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the facility as reflected in Facility Operating License No. NPF-1. PacifiCorp, one of the joint owners, holds a 2.5 percent interest in Trojan. The other two owners of Trojan are Portland General Electric with a 67.5 percent interest and the Eugene Water and Electric Board with a 30 percent interest. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued Facility Operating License No. NPF-1 on November 21, 1975. The facility is located on the west bank of the Columbia River in Columbia County, Oregon, and is permanently shutdown and being decommissioned.

II

By an application dated May 24, 1999, PacifiCorp requested approval of an

indirect transfer of the license for the Trojan Nuclear Plant, to the extent held by PacifiCorp, in connection with a proposed change in ownership of PacifiCorp. The application was supplemented September 20 and September 23, 1999 (collectively herein referred to as "the application").

PacifiCorp is a diversified energy company headquartered in Portland, Oregon. The requested approval of the indirect transfer relates to a proposed merger under which PacifiCorp would remain a domestic corporation but become an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ScottishPower plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of Scotland which owns and operates electric generation, transmission, and distribution facilities in Scotland, England, and Wales. ScottishPower plc will become a subsidiary of New ScottishPower plc, a public limited company also incorporated in Scotland, which will register as a public utility holding company. No direct transfer of the license will occur as a result of the proposed merger, as PacificCorp would continue to hold the license to the same extent it now holds the license. The other co-owners of Trojan are not involved in the proposed merger. No changes to decommissioning activities or to the license are being proposed in the application.

Approval of the indirect transfer was requested pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of the application for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 1999 (64 FR 41972). No hearing requests were filed.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed merger will not affect the qualifications of PacifiCorp as a holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-1, and that the indirect transfer of the license, to the extent affected by the proposed merger, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a safety evaluation dated November 10, 1999.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic

Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* That the application regarding the indirect license transfer referenced above is approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. No later than the time the proposed merger with ScottishPower is consummated, PacifiCorp shall establish and make operational a Special Nuclear Committee, as described in the application, having the composition, authority, responsibilities, and obligations specified in the application. No material changes with respect to the Special Nuclear Committee may be made without the prior written consent of the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The foregoing provisions may be modified by the Commission upon application and for good cause shown.

2. The Special Nuclear Committee shall have the responsibility and exclusive authority to ensure, and shall ensure, that the business and activities of PacifiCorp with respect to the Trojan license are at all times conducted in a manner consistent with the protection of the public health and safety and common defense and security of the United States.

3. PacifiCorp shall provide the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, with a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from PacificCorp to its direct or indirect parent, or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding 10 percent of PacifiCorp's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on PacifiCorp's books of account.

4. Should the proposed merger not be completed by October 30, 2000, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

IV

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated May 24, 1999, supplemental submissions dated September 20 and September 23, 1999, and the safety evaluation dated November 10, 1999, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading

Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of November 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Power Reactor Decommissioning; Entombment; Workshop;

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of workshop on power reactor entombment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a workshop from 9:00 am-4:00 pm December 14-15, 1999, to discuss the feasibility of entombment as a reactor decommissioning option. The workshop will be held in the TWFN Auditorium of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An information paper discussing the technical feasibility of entombment as a decommissioning option for power reactors was given to the Commission (SECY-99-187) on July 19, 1999. The information paper is available on the NRC public website and can be viewed at www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html. The information paper provides the staff's assessment of the viability of the entombment option for decommissioning power reactors. The staff informed the Commission that, as a next step in considering entombment as a decommissioning option, they intend to conduct a workshop in the near future. The purpose of this workshop is to obtain public comment on the issues associated with considering entombment on an equal basis with other decommissioning alternatives. Issues that the NRC proposes to discuss include:

1. How meaningful are the assumptions in the PNNL report that institutional controls will be effective?

2. Does the PNNL analysis rely too much on long term engineering features that would be needed for entombment? What criteria would be used for approving a licensee's request for using the entombment option, and what quantitative values could be examined for establishing the high degree of

contaminant isolation confidence that would be considered acceptable?

3. What financial provisions would be required to pay for the future expenses that could be expected during the time when restrictions for the entombment must be maintained?

4. How significant would the entombment option be on State resources if it were implemented?

5. If new legislation were required for disposing of the GTCC waste through the entombment option, is it worth pursuing? Is the current legislation consistent with what has been implemented by the NRC for LLW disposal of GTCC waste for case-specific circumstances, including considerations of eventual license termination? What is the role of DOE with respect to the GTCC waste considerations?

6. Is entombment consistent with the LLW Policy Act, which encourages centralized disposal and the encouragement of regional compacts, as well as economic incentives through exclusivity by only permitting disposal of LLW in a 10 CFR Part 61 licensed facility?

7. What is the opinion of the States on the entombment option? Is the possibility of ultimate or long term management by the State a concern?

8. Is there any indication of the number of licensees intending to use the entombment option?

The workshop agenda will be posted on the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.html by November 19, 1999. Interested persons are invited to attend the meeting. Anyone interested in making a presentation at the workshop should contact the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carl Feldman, Radiation Protection, Environmental Risk and Waste Management Branch, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6194.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of November 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cheryl A. Trotter,

Chief, Radiation Protection, Environmental Risk and Waste Management Branch, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

National State Liaison Officers' Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will sponsor a national meeting on December 1 and 2, 1999 with the State Liaison Officers to discuss items of mutual regulatory interest. The State Liaison Officers are appointed by the Governors of the fifty States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to provide a communication channel between the States and the NRC.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, December 2, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is to be held at the NRC's Two White Flint North Building Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Spiros C. Droggitis, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-2367, FAX (301) 415-3502; Internet (SCD@NRC.GOV).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Potential topics of discussion will include: the effect of the electric utility industry restructuring on nuclear power plant regulation; the new NRC reactor inspection and oversight program and the status of the pilot program; continued State involvement at nuclear power plants undergoing decommissioning and other nuclear power plant decommissioning issues; nuclear materials issues; external regulation of the U.S. Department of Energy; spent fuel storage and transportation issues, and other nuclear waste issues.

The meeting will be conducted in a manner that will expedite the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public attendance at the meeting:

1. Questions or statements from attendees other than State and NRC staff participants will be entertained as time permits; and

2. Seating for the public will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11th day of November, 1999.