

under the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, for the Federal Standardization Program. On August 14, 1972, the Administrator of General Services designated the National Communications System (NCS) as the responsible agent for the development of Federal telecommunication standards for NCS interoperability and the computer communication interface.

2. Prior to the adoption of proposed Federal standards, it is important that proper consideration be given to the needs and views of Federal agencies, industry, the public, and State and local governments.

3. Interim Federal Standards are non-mandatory.

4. Project 25 is a joint effort of the Federal Government, state government (represented by the National Association of State Telecommunications Directors), and local government (represented by the Association of Public-safety Communications Officials, International) to develop common standards for public safety Land Mobile Radios (LMR). Industry (represented by the Telecommunications Industry Association) has also been heavily involved in the Project 25 effort.

5. Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001101A will adopt Telecommunication Industry Association (TIA) TSB 102. Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001102A will adopt TIA TSB 102BAAA, TSB 102BAAC, and TSB 102BAAD. Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001104A will adopt TIA TSB 102AAAB, Interim Std 102AAAA, and National Security Agency Specification V23-94-1 (classified document). Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001105 will adopt TIA TSB 102AACA, and National Security Agency Specification V23-94-1 (classified document). Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001106 will adopt TIA TSB 102BAEA, TSB 102BAEB, and TSB 102BAEC. Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001109 will adopt TIA TSB 102BAEE and TSB 102BAFA.

6. Requests for copies of the draft proposed Interim Federal Standards 001101A, 001102A, 001104A, 001105, 001106, and 001109 should be directed to the National Communications System, Technology and Standards Division, Attn: N6, 701 South Court House Road, Arlington, VA 22204-2199. They are also available on the Worldwide Web, <http://members.aol.com/project25/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Robert Fenichel, National Communications System, telephone (703) 607-6190.

Dennis Bodson,

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (#1756).

*Date & Time:* Monday, May 13-Thursday, May 16, 1996; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

*Place:* Rooms 310, 320, 330, 340, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1582.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Ocean Sciences Research Section (OSRS) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Research, Evaluation and Communication; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Research, Evaluation and Communication.

*Date & Time:* May 16, 1996; 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; May 17, 1996; 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; May 18, 1996; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 370, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Nora Sabelli, Senior Program Director, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 855, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1651.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals and provide advice and recommendations as part of the selection process for proposals submitted to the Applications of Advanced Technologies Program.

*Reason for Closing:* Because the proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with proposals, the meeting are closed to the public. These matters are within exemptions (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

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*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Scientific Computing (#1185).

*Date and Time:* May 8, 1996, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. John Van Rosendale, Program Director, New Technologies Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1962.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide recommendations and advice concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals in the Compiler Infrastructure Panel as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

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*Committee Management Officer.*

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# NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 72-17, 50-344]

## Portland General Electric Company, Eugene Water and Electric Board, PacifiCorp; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of a Materials License for the Storage of Spent Fuel and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an application dated March 26, 1996, as supplemented April 1, 1996, for a materials license, under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, from Portland General Electric Company, *et al.*, (the applicant or PGE) to possess spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) located in Columbia County, Oregon. If granted, the license will authorize the applicant to store spent fuel in a dry storage cask system at the applicant's Trojan Nuclear Plant site. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, the term of the license for the ISFSI would be twenty (20) years.

Prior to issuance of the requested license, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's rules and regulations. The issuance of the materials license will not be approved until the NRC has reviewed the application and has concluded that approval of the license will not be inimical to the common defense and security and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of the public. The NRC will complete an environmental evaluation, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, to determine if the preparation of an environmental impact statement is warranted or if an environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact are appropriate. This action will be the subject of a subsequent notice in the Federal Register. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.105 and 2.1107, by May 28, 1996, the applicant may file a request for a hearing; and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the subject materials license in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.714. If a request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the NRC or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel will rule on

the request and/or petition, and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order. In the event that no request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the NRC may, upon satisfactory completion of all required evaluations, issue the materials license without further prior notice.

A petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order that 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 a petition, without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the holding of the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of 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 action 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 satisfied 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.

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, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the NRC by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Dr. William D. Travers, Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Alvin Alexanderson, Esq., Portland General Electric Company, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97204, General Counsel for the applicant.

Non-timely 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).

The Commission hereby provides notice that this proceeding concerns an application for a license falling within the scope of Section 134 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (NWPAA), 42 U.S.C. 10154. Under Section 134 of NWPAA, the NRC, at the request of any petitioner or any party to the proceeding, must use hybrid hearing procedures with respect to "any matter

which the Commission determines to be in controversy among the parties." The hybrid procedures in Section 134 provide for oral argument on matters in controversy, preceded by discovery under the Commission's rules, and the designation, following argument, of only those factual issues that involve a genuine and substantial dispute, together with any remaining questions of law, to be resolved in an adjudicatory hearing. Actual adjudicatory hearings are to be held on only those issues found to meet the criteria of Section 134 and set for hearing after oral argument.

The Commission's rules implementing Section 134 of the NHPA are found in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart K, "Hybrid Hearing Procedures for Expansion of Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Capacity at Civilian Nuclear Power Reactors," (published at 50 FR 41662, October 15, 1985). Under those rules, any party to the proceeding may invoke the hybrid hearing procedures by filing with the presiding Officer a written request for oral argument under 10 CFR 2.1109. To be timely, the request must be filed within ten (10) days of an order granting a request for hearing or petition to intervene. (As outlined above, the Commission's rules in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart G, continue to govern the filing of requests for a hearing or petitions to intervene, as well as the admission of contentions.) The presiding Officer may grant an untimely request for oral argument only upon a showing of good cause by the requesting party for the failure to file on time and after providing the other parties an opportunity to respond to the untimely request. If the presiding Officer grants a request for oral argument, any hearing held on the application shall be conducted in accordance with the hybrid hearing procedures. In essence, those procedures limit the time available for discovery and require that an oral argument be held to determine whether any contentions must be resolved in an adjudicatory hearing. If no party to the proceeding requests oral argument or if all untimely requests for oral argument are denied, then the usual procedures in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart G, apply.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated May 9, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room at the Portland State University, Branford Price Millar Library, 934 SW Harrison Street, Portland, Oregon 97207. The Commission's license and Safety

Evaluation Report, when issued, may be inspected at the above locations.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19 day of April 1996.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William D. Travers,

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

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### [Docket Nos. 50-373, 50-374]

#### **Commonwealth Edison Company (LaSalle County Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2);**

##### **Exemption**

##### **I**

The Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18, which authorize operation of the LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2 (the facilities). The licenses provide, among other things, that the facilities are subject to all the rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facilities are boiling water reactors located at the licensee's site in LaSalle County, Illinois.

##### **II**

In 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage," paragraph (a), in part, states that "the licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization which will have as its objective to provide high assurance that activities involving special nuclear material are not inimical to the common defense and security and do not constitute an unreasonable risk to the public health and safety."

In 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," paragraph (1), it specifies that "the licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." Also, 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) requires that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It further states that individuals not employed by the licensee (e.g., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without escort provided that the individual, "receives a picture badge upon entrance into a protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area \* \* \*

By letter dated February 20, 1996, the licensee requested an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55. The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit location to the protected area and would allow all individuals, including contractors, to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing LaSalle County Station.

##### **III**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific exemptions," the Commission may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest. According to 10 CFR 73.55, the Commission may authorize a licensee to provide alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage provided the licensee demonstrates that the alternative measures have the same "high assurance" objective, that the proposed measures meet the general performance requirements of the regulation, and that the overall level of system performance provides protection against radiological sabotage equivalent to that which would be provided by the regulation.

Currently, unescorted access into the protected area for both employee and contractor personnel into LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, 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 off site. In addition, in accordance with the plant's physical security plan, the licensee's employees are also not allowed to take their picture badges off site.

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, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed. All individuals, including contractors, who