

include approval by the shareholders of the companies and obtaining appropriate governmental approvals which do not impose terms or conditions that would be reasonably likely to have an adverse effect on PGE or Enron. Under an Agreement and Plan of Merger, Enron will become an Oregon corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Merger Company"), and PGC will merge with and into the Merger Company. Shares of stock held in Enron and in PGC would be converted into shares of the Merger Company on a one-for-one basis. The proposed action is in accordance with PGE's application dated August 20 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 16, 1996, and October 30, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is required to facilitate the merger between PGC and Enron.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed merger and concludes that there will be no physical or operational change to the decommissioning activities now in progress at the Trojan Nuclear Plant as a result of the merger. The merger will not affect the qualifications or organizational affiliations of the personnel responsible for the decommissioning activities at the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

The merger will not affect PGE's status as a regulated public utility in the State of Oregon. PGE will continue to be headquartered in Portland, Oregon and senior management will remain in place. According to the licensee, the planned merger of PGE's parent company, PGC, with the Merger Company should improve the overall financial strength and stability of PGE's parent after the merger. After the merger, PGE will continue to be the NRC licensee for Trojan Nuclear Plant and no direct transfer of the operating license or interests in the unit will result from the merger.

The Commission has evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed action and has determined that the probability and consequences of accidents would not be increased by the merger, and that radiological releases, both normal releases and accidental releases, would not be greater than previously evaluated. Further, the Commission has determined that the merger would not increase occupational radiological exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental

impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the merger would not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Having concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, the Commission has no need to evaluate any alternative with equal or greater environmental impacts.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the application would not change the environmental impact. The environmental impact of the proposed action and the alternative action are the same.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Trojan Nuclear Plant dated August 1973 or the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities, dated August 1988.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on Feb. 10, 1997, the staff consulted with Mr. Adam Bless, of the Oregon Department of Energy, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. Mr. Bless had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 20 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 16, 1996, and October 30, 1996, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the local public document room for the Trojan Nuclear Plant located at the Branford Price Millar Library, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Seymour H. Weiss,

*Director, Non-Power Reactors and
Decommissioning Project Directorate,
Division of Reactor Program Management,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Revised Notice

The agenda of the 90th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) scheduled for March 20 and 21, 1997, in Room T-2B3, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland is being revised to include a session to discuss:

- **10 CFR Part 960**—The ACNW will review an options paper prepared by the NRC staff for commenting on DOE's recently revised Siting Guidelines in 10 CFR Part 960. These guidelines are now Yucca Mountain specific.

All other items pertaining to this meeting remain the same as published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 (62 FR 7280).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its

last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on February 7, 1997 (62 FR 5863). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between January 1, 1997, and January 31, 1997, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

The following Schedule A authorities were established:

Department of Commerce

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective January 24, 1997.

Department of Justice

National Drug Intelligence Center. All positions. Effective January 30, 1997.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked:

Export-Import Bank of the United States

One position of Food Service Worker, WG-7804-3/4/5, in the Office of the President and Chairman. Effective January 23, 1997.

General Services Administration

One position of Deputy Director of Network Services. Effective January 23, 1997.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during January 1997.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during 1997:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective January 23, 1997.

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective January 8, 1997.

Director, Intergovernmental Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective January 8, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective January 8, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community. Effective January 16, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Effective January 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Chief, Forest Service. Effective January 23, 1997.

Department of the Army (DOD)

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Effective January 27, 1997.

Department of Commerce

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective January 2, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective January 2, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs, International Trade Administration. Effective January 2, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of White House Liaison. Effective January 3, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective January 8, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs and Press Secretary. Effective January 14, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective January 17, 1997.

Department of Defense

Staff Specialist to the Assistant to the President/Director, White House Office for Women's Initiative and Outreach, Office of the Secretary. Effective January 17, 1997.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary, Office of the Under Secretary. Effective January 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Deputy Secretary. Effective January 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary. Effective January 16, 1997.

Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative to the Secretary's Regional Representative, Region I, Boston, MA. Effective January 17, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Advisor to the Secretary (Director, America Reads Challenge). Effective January 31, 1997.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs. Effective January 6, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office for Worker and Community Transition. Effective January 10, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Energy. Effective January 28, 1997.

Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Effective January 2, 1997.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective January 2, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Effective January 17, 1997.

Department of Labor

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training. Effective January 17, 1997.

Environmental Protection Agency

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Policy Planning and Evaluation. Effective January 23, 1997.

General Services Administration

Special Assistant to the Director for Workplace Initiatives. Effective January 10, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, Region 7. Effective January 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Enterprise Development. Effective January 29, 1997.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Events Manager to the Director, Strategic Planning. Effective January 2, 1997.

Research Assistant to the Director, Strategic Planning. Effective January 2, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 23, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of the National Drug Control Policy. Effective January 23, 1997.

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Writer (Speechwriter) to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 2, 1997.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective January 17, 1997.

United States Information Agency

Confidential Assistant to the Voice of America Director. Effective January 16, 1997.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958. Comp., P. 218.

Office of Personnel Management.
James B. King,
Director.
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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket Number A97-11; Order No. 1158]

Cardiff, Maryland 21024 (Mary A. Smith, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)

Issued February 28, 1997.

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; H. Edward Quick, Jr., Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III.

Docket Number: A97-11.

Name of Affected Post Office: Cardiff, Maryland 21024.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Mary A. Smith.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: February 24, 1997.

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(A)].
2. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(C)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. § 404 (b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission orders:

- (a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by March 11, 1997.
- (b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice

and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.
Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

Appendix

February 24, 1997

Filing of Appeal letter

February 28, 1997

Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

March 21, 1997

Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.111(b)]

March 31, 1997

Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(a) and (b)]

April 21, 1997

Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(c)]

May 6, 1997

Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(d)]

May 13, 1997

Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.116]

June 24, 1997

Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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[Docket No. A97-12 Order No. 1159]

Jackson Junction, Iowa 52150 (Gary L. Holst, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)

Issued February 28, 1997.

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; H. Edward Quick, Jr., Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III.

Docket Number: A97-12.

Name of Affected Post Office: Jackson Junction, Iowa 52150.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Gary L. Holst.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers:

February 25, 1997.

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(A)].
2. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(C)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues

than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. § 404 (b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission orders:

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by March 12, 1997.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

Appendix

February 25, 1997

Filing of Appeal letter

February 28, 1997

Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

March 21, 1997

Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.111(b)]

April 1, 1997

Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(a) and (b)]

April 21, 1997

Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(c)]

May 6, 1997

Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(d)]

May 13, 1997

Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.116]

June 25, 1997

Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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