

applications 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: March 3, 1997.

Linda Allen Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 72-9]

Notice of Consideration of Transfer of the Materials License SNM-2504 and Subsequent License Amendment for the Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation From the Public Service Company of Colorado to the U.S. Department of Energy and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the issuance of an order approving an application from the U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office (the applicant or DOE-ID) dated December 17, 1996, and supplemented February 4, February 5, and February 18, 1997, for the transfer of a materials license (SNM-2504), under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72. The applicant is seeking NRC approval to take possession of spent nuclear fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent nuclear fuel storage presently in the possession of the Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) at its Fort St. Vrain (FSV) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) located in Weld County, Colorado, and to own and operate the FSV ISFSI. The transfer of an ISFSI license is subject to NRC approval under 10 CFR 72.50, "Transfer of License." Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, the term of the license for the ISFSI would remain as is currently licensed, and the license would expire on November 30, 2011. If the application for transfer is approved, the Commission will issue an order consenting to the transfer. The NRC is also considering an amendment to the materials license to reflect DOE-ID as the new licensee for the FSV ISFSI and

the addition of revised Appendices A, B, and C to the license.

Prior to approval of the requested license transfer, and the license amendment reflecting the transfer, 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 transfer of the materials license and the license amendment will not be approved until the NRC has reviewed the application and concluded, *inter alia*, that approval of the license will not be inimical to the common defense and security and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to public health and safety. The NRC, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, will complete an environmental assessment. This action will be the subject of a subsequent notice in the Federal Register.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.105, by April 7, 1997, the applicant may file a request for a hearing on the license transfer application and on the proposed license amendment; 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, 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, and upon satisfactory completion of all required evaluations, the NRC may consent to the transfer of the materials license and issue the license amendment 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. 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 that satisfies 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 Mr. Charles J. Haughney, Acting Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; 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, as well as the applicant's legal counsel, Robin A. Henderson, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, GC-52, Washington, DC 20585; and Simon S. Martin, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS-1209, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

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).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated December 17, 1996, as supplemented February 4, February 5, and February 18, 1997, 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 Weld Library District, Lincoln Park Branch, 919 7th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631.

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

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Charles J. Haughney,
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and
Safeguards.*

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

NAME OF AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:30 a.m., April 2, 1997.

PLACE: Conference Room, 1333 H Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No. MC97-1, Experimental Fees for Nonletter-Size Business Reply Mail, 1996.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20268-0001, Telephone (202) 789-6840.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Request for Public Comment

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

Extension	SEC File No.	OMB Control No.
Rule 6a-1 and Form 1	270-18	3235-0017
Rule 6a-2 and Form 1-A	270-13	3235-0022
Rule 15Ba2-1 and Form MSD	270-88	3235-0083
Rule 17Ac2-2 and Form TA-2	270-298	3235-0337

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 publishing the following summary of collections for public comment.

Rule 6a-1 and Form 1 states that the Commission may not grant registration to an exchange as a national securities exchange unless it finds, among other things, that the exchange is organized so that it has the capacity to carry out the purposes and to comply with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"). Form 1 is necessary because it required the information needed by the Commission to determine whether granting registration to an exchange would be appropriate.

Because Form 1 is filed on a one-time basis by an exchange, it is estimated that approximately 1 respondent incurs an average of 45 burden hours annually to comply with the rule.

Rule 6a-2 requires that registered and exempted national securities exchanges file Form 1-A on an annual basis. Form 1-A is necessary because it informs the Commission of any changes to Form 1 during the exchange's preceding fiscal year.

Form 1-A is required to be filed annually by a registered or exempted exchange to update information required to be filed on Form 1 which has changed during the exchange's preceding fiscal year. Such information is elicited, pursuant to the requirements of Rule 6a-1 under the Exchange Act, on Form 1. It is estimated that approximately 9 respondents incur a total of 270 burden hours annually to comply with the rule.

Rule 15Ba2-1 provides that an application for registration by a bank municipal securities dealer must be filed on Form MSD. The information required to be disclosed on Form MSD is necessary for the Commission to determine whether or not registration as a municipal securities dealer should be granted.

It is estimated that approximately 40 respondents will utilize this application procedure annually, with a total burden of 60 hours, based upon past submissions.

Rule 17Ac2-2 requires transfer agents, who are not exempt, to file an annual report of their business activities on Form TA-2 with the Commission, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

It is estimated that approximately 1,000 respondents are exempt from providing certain information contained in the annual report. An additional 400 non-exempt respondents will file an annual report. The total annual burden is 1,000 hours for exempt respondents and 2,000 hours for non-exempt respondents, based upon past submissions.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Directive, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange