

concerning the treatment and disposal of mixed low-level radioactive waste at locations around the United States under the DOE Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and has agreed to continue negotiations with potentially affected States. After such negotiations are completed and DOE has announced appropriate programmatic decisions, DOE may issue an additional SRS ROD(s) on the treatment and disposal of mixed low-level radioactive waste.

Alternatives Considered

In the SRS WMEIS, DOE analyzed three alternatives, in addition to the no action alternative, for managing mixed low-level radioactive waste and transuranic waste in a manner that would protect human health and the environment, comply with regulatory requirements, and save money. The three treatment alternatives considered in the SRS WMEIS (limited, moderate, and extensive) addressed treatment, storage, or disposal facilities required for three forecasts of potential waste volumes (minimum, expected, and maximum).

The Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative previously selected by DOE consists of the siting, construction, and operation of facilities and the implementation of management techniques to provide a balanced mix of technologies that include extensive treatment of those waste types that have the greatest potential to adversely affect the public or the environment, because of their mobility or toxicity if left untreated, or that would remain highly radioactive far into the future. This alternative provides less rigorous treatment than the Extensive Treatment Configuration Alternative of wastes that do not pose high potential for harm to humans or the environment or that will not remain highly radioactive far into the future. For each mixed waste stream, the STP identified treatment options and a preferred treatment. The Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative includes the preferred treatments for mixed waste described in the approved STP and utilizes, to the maximum extent practicable, existing facilities.

Environmentally Preferable Alternative

In DOE's judgment, as identified in the October 1995 ROD, the Extensive Treatment Configuration Alternative is environmentally preferable because it would minimize potential long-term environmental impacts as a result of achieving more stable, migration-resistant waste forms. DOE recognizes, however, that this treatment alternative

would result in greater short-term impacts to workers.

Decision

Determination

To further implement the Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative for mixed low-level radioactive waste and transuranic waste, DOE selects the following actions, which are the preferred options in the SRS STP and were not addressed in the October 1995 ROD:

- Send elemental mercury and other mercury-contaminated low-level radioactive waste offsite for treatment. Residuals will be returned to SRS.
- Vitrify two additional wastes, uranium chromium solutions and waste site soils (spill soils), in the M-Area Vendor Treatment Facility.
- Construct and operate a containment building for the characterization, certification, decontamination, shredding, and macroencapsulation of mixed low-level radioactive waste, including glass, metal, organic, inorganic, and heterogeneous debris, bulk equipment, and lead wastes.
- Construct and operate a transuranic waste characterization/certification facility to characterize, repackage, and certify alpha-contaminated low-level wastes and transuranic wastes.

Reasons for Determination

DOE has reviewed the SRS WMEIS and has determined that the information is current and the analyses remain valid. DOE previously selected the Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative for SRS to provide adequate protection of human health and the environment, and to be consistent with expected budgetary limitations. These considerations also apply to the mixed waste characterization and treatment technologies under the Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative. These technologies are consistent with the preferred treatments identified in the approved STP.

Environmental Impacts

DOE has determined that these mixed and transuranic waste decisions would have small impacts within the eight resource categories addressed in the SRS WMEIS (socioeconomic, groundwater, surface water, air, traffic, transportation, occupational health, and public health). These activities constitute only a portion of the activities whose potential impacts were considered under the Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative, and the total impacts of the Alternative

as a whole are expected to be small. Potential impacts on land use and ecological resources are expected to be small because any additional acreage required would be included within the current boundary of the area at SRS designated for waste management activities.

Mitigation

DOE believes that all practicable means to avoid and minimize environmental harm from the Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative have already been adopted. If archaeological resources are found in the course of implementing the alternative, mitigation—including avoiding the resources if possible—will be conducted in consultation with the South Carolina State Historical Preservation Office.

Conclusion

DOE has selected certain actions for managing some mixed low-level radioactive waste and transuranic waste at SRS to further implement the Moderate Treatment Configuration Alternative. In making this decision, DOE considered beneficial and adverse environmental impacts, monetary costs, and regulatory commitments.

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Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2756-000]

Arizona Public Service Company; Notice of Filing

May 13, 1997.

Take notice that on April 23, 1997, Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") tendered for filing an amendment to its Open Access Transmission Tariff to reflect a Joint Trial Stipulation among the participants in the above-referenced proceedings.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 28, 1997. Protests will be

considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Canal Electric Company; Notice of Filing

May 13, 1997.

Take notice that on April 10, 1997, Canal Electric Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, Dockets Room, Room 1A, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 23, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1523-000 and Docket No. OA97-470-000]

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Long Island Lighting Company, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, Power Authority of the State of New York, and New York Power Pool; Notice of Filing

May 9, 1997.

Take notice that Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Long Island Lighting Company, New York Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, and Power Authority of the State of New York on May 2, 1997, tendered for filing a Supplemental Filing in the above Dockets. The Supplemental Filing provides additional information on the duties and responsibilities of the New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC). The NYSRC was proposed in the January 31, 1997, filing in the above Dockets to establish reliability rules and to monitor compliance with the rules by the Independent System Operator.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All motions or protests should be filed on or before May 23, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a petition to intervene. Copies of this application are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2741-000]

The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and PSI Energy, Inc.; Notice of Filing

May 13, 1997.

Take notice that on April 30, 1997, PSI Energy, Inc., in compliance with the Commission's orders in the above-captioned proceedings, tendered for filing its third Annual Informational Filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before May 28, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and PSI Energy, Inc.; Notice of Filing

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Take notice that on April 30, 1997, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, in compliance with the Commission's orders in the above-captioned proceedings, tendered for filing its third Annual Informational Filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions