

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 amendment 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 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, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Since the Commission has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, if a hearing is requested, it will not stay the effectiveness of the amendment. Any hearing held would take place while the amendment is in effect.

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 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for a hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the 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).

*Commonwealth Edison Company,
Docket No. STN 50-456, Braidwood
Station, Unit No. 1, Will County,
Illinois*

Date of application for amendment:

Two submittals dated May 23, 1997

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises Technical Specification (TS) 4.5.2.b.1 to include the use of ultrasonic testing (UT) to

verify that the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) is completely filled with water. For the ECCS subsystems with high point vent valves in direct communication with the operating systems, UT is acceptable in lieu of physically opening the vents.

Date of Issuance: May 23, 1997.

Effective date: Immediately, to be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment No.: 83.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-72: The amendment revised the TSs.

Public comments requested as to proposed no significant hazards consideration: No.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment, finding of emergency circumstances, and final determination of no significant hazards consideration are contained in a Safety Evaluation dated May 23, 1997.

Attorney for licensee: Michael I. Miller, Esquire; Sidley and Austin, One First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

*Local Public Document Room
location:* Wilmington Public Library,
201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington,
Illinois 60481.

NRC Project Director: Robert A. Capra.

*Commonwealth Edison Company,
Docket No. STN 50-454, Byron
Station, Unit No. 1, Ogle County,
Illinois*

Date of application for amendment:

May 24, 1997, as supplemented on
May 31, 1997

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises Technical Specification 4.5.2.b.1 to include the use of ultrasonic testing (UT) to verify that the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) is completely filled with water. For the ECCS subsystems with high point vent valves in direct communication with the operating systems, UT is acceptable in lieu of physically opening the vents. This amendment supersedes NOED No. 97-6-010 for Byron, Unit 1, which was granted on May 23, 1997.

Date of Issuance: June 1, 1997.

Effective date: Immediately, to be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment No.: 90.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-37: The amendment revised the TS.

Public comments requested as to proposed no significant hazards consideration: No.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment, finding of emergency circumstances, and final determination of no significant hazards consideration are contained in a Safety Evaluation dated June 1, 1997.

Attorney for licensee: Michael I. Miller, Esquire; Sidley and Austin, One

First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

*Local Public Document Room
location:* Byron Public Library District,
109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron,
Illinois 61010.

NRC Project Director: Robert A. Capra.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of June, 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,

*Director, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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POSTAL SERVICE

Changes in Domestic Mail Rates and Classifications

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of implementation of changes in domestic mail rates for Classroom Periodicals.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the changes in permanent rates for Classroom Periodicals to be implemented as a result of a decision of the Governors of the Postal Service in Docket No. MC96-2, and the resulting changes in temporary rates for Classroom Periodicals to be implemented concurrent with the movement to the next step of phasing. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Koetting, (202) 268-2992.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 4, 1996, pursuant to its authority under 39 U.S.C. 3621 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed with the Postal Rate Commission (PRC) a request for a recommended decision on a number of mail classification reform proposals regarding certain types of preferred rate mail ("Classification Reform II (Nonprofit Mail)", PRC Docket No. MC96-2). The PRC published a notice in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 1996 (61 FR 16129-16146) describing the Postal Service's request and offering interested parties an opportunity to intervene.

On July 19, 1996, the PRC issued its first Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. MC96-2. The PRC's recommendations very closely tracked the Postal Service's proposals, with the exception that the Commission deferred action on the changes proposed regarding the Classroom subclass of Periodicals mail. On August 5, 1996, the Governors of the Postal Service, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3625, approved the permanent

rate and classification changes recommended by the PRC at that time. 61 FR 42464-42476 (August 15, 1996). Following subsequent proceedings, the PRC on May 14, 1997, issued its Further Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. MC96-2, which pertained exclusively to Classroom Periodicals. On June 2, 1997, the Governors of the Postal Service approved the permanent rates for Classroom Periodicals recommended by the PRC. A copy of the attachment to that Decision, presenting the permanent rate changes approved by the Governors, is set forth below.

Also on June 2, 1997, the Board of Governors of the Postal Service, pursuant to its authority under 39

U.S.C. 3625(f), determined to implement the permanent rate changes approved by the Governors effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 5, 1997 (Resolution No. 97-9). The Board also determined in Resolution No. 97-9 to exercise its authority under 39 U.S.C. 3642 to establish temporary phased rates for Classroom Periodicals for FY 1998 at Step 5 of the phasing schedule attached to the Resolution, a copy of which is also set forth below. The Step 5 rates for Classroom Periodicals will be implemented on October 5, 1997.

Under both the new permanent and temporary rate schedules for Classroom Periodicals, no discount will be available for ZIP+4 Letter mail. In this

respect, Classroom will join the other preferred subclasses of Periodicals, for which the ZIP+4 letter discount category was eliminated in the earlier portion of Docket No. MC96-2. Over the years, only a minute portion of Classroom mail has qualified for the ZIP+4 Letter discount.

In accordance with the Decision of the Governors and Resolution No. 97-9, the Postal Service hereby gives notice that the rate changes set forth below will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 5, 1997.

Stanley F. Mires,
Chief Counsel, Legislative.

Attachment to the Decision of the Governors, Docket No. MC96-2

Attachment to Resolution No. 97-9

PERIODICALS; RATE SCHEDULE 423.4; CLASSROOM PUBLICATION¹⁰

[Full Rates]¹

	Postage rate unit	(cents)
Per Pound:		
Nonadvertising position	Pound	14.2
Advertising portion: ⁹		
Delivery Office ²	Pound	16.9
SCF ³	Pound	19.0
1&2	Pound	21.4
3	Pound	22.4
4	Pound	25.1
5	Pound	29.2
6	Pound	33.6
7	Pound	38.8
8	Pound	43.2
Per Piece:		
Less Nonadvertising Factor of ⁴		4.2
Required Preparation ⁵	Piece	21.9
Presorted to 3-digit city/5-digit	Piece	17.4
Presorted to Carrier Route	Piece	10.7
Discounts:		
Prepared to Delivery Office ²	Piece	1.2
Prepared to SCF ³	Piece	0.6
High Density ⁶	Piece	0.7
Saturation ⁷	Piece	2.1
Automation Discounts for Automation Compatible Mail: ⁸		
From Required:		
Prebarcoded Letter Size	Piece	3.0
Prebarcoded Flats	Piece	2.4
From 3/5 Digit:		
3-Digit Prebarcoded Letter Size	Piece	2.3
5-Digit Prebarcoded Letter Size	Piece	2.3
Prebarcoded Flats	Piece	2.4

Schedule 423.4 Notes

¹ Charges are computed by adding the appropriate per-piece charge to the sum of the nonadvertising portion and the advertising portion, as applicable.

² Applies to carrier route (including high density and saturation) mail delivered within the delivery area of the originating post office.

³ Applies to mail delivered within the SCF area of the originating SCF office.

⁴ For postage calculation, multiply the proportion of nonadvertising content by this factor and subtract from the applicable piece rate.

⁵ Mail presorted to 3-digit (other than 3-digit city), SCF, states, or mixed states.

⁶ Applicable to high density mail, deducted from carrier route presort rate.

⁷ Applicable to saturation mail, deducted from carrier route presort rate.

⁸ For automation compatible mail meeting applicable Postal Service regulations.

⁹ Not applicable to publications containing 10 percent or less advertising content.

¹⁰ If qualified, Classroom Mail may use Within-County rates for applicable portions of a mailing.

PHASING SCHEDULE; PERIODICALS; RATE SCHEDULE 423.4; CLASSROOM PUBLICATIONS

	Postage rate unit	Step 5 (cents)	Step 6 (cents)
Per Pound:			
Nonadvertising portion	Pound	14.3	14.2
Advertising portion:			
Delivery Office	Pound	16.9	16.9
SCF	Pound	19.0	19.0
1&2	Pound	21.4	21.4
3	Pound	22.4	22.4
4	Pound	25.1	25.1
5	Pound	29.2	29.2
6	Pound	33.6	33.6
7	Pound	38.8	38.8
8	Pound	43.2	43.2
Per Piece:			
Less Nonadvertising Factor of		4.2	4.2
Required Preparation	Piece	21.1	21.9
Presorted to 3-digit city/5-digit	Piece	16.0	17.4
Presorted to Carrier Route	Piece	11.5	10.7
Discounts:			
Prepared to Delivery Office	Piece	0.6	1.2
Prepared to SCF	Piece	0.4	0.6
High Density	Piece	0.2	0.7
Saturation	Piece	0.8	2.1
Automation Discounts for Automation Compatible Mail			
From Required:			
Prebarcoded Letter Size	Piece	2.0	3.0
Prebarcoded Flats	Piece	2.7	2.4
From 3/5 Digit:			
3-Digit Prebarcoded Letter Size	Piece	1.2	2.3
5-Digit Prebarcoded Letter Size	Piece	2.0	2.3
Prebarcoded Flats	Piece	1.8	2.4

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

Extension: Rule 17Ad-15; SEC File No. 270-360; OMB Control No. 3235-0409.

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 soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-15, Signature Guarantees, requires transfer agents to establish written standards for the acceptance or rejection of guarantees of securities transfers from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents are also

required to establish procedures to ensure that those standards are used by the transfer agent to determine whether to accept or reject guarantees from eligible guarantor institutions. Also transfer agents must maintain, for a period of three years following the date of a rejection of transfer, a record of all transfers rejected, along with the reason for the rejection, identification of the guarantor, and whether the guarantor failed to meet the transfer agent's guarantee standard. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

It is estimated that there are 1,431 registered transfer agents. Of the 1,431 registered transfer agents, approximately 795 will receive fewer than 100 items for transfer. It is expected that most small transfer agents will have few, if any, rejections. The estimated number of hours for each transfer agent to comply with the Rule 17Ad-15 is forty hours annually. The total annual burden is 31,800 hours for transfer agents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$30. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for transfer agents is \$954,000.

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 estimates 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.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: June 11, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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