

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors Operations and Regulations Committee**

TIME AND DATE: The Operations and Regulations Committee of the Legal Services Corporation's Board of Directors will meet on September 19, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until the committee concludes its agenda.

LOCATION: Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE.—10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:*Open Session*

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of the committee's meeting of July 13, 1997.
3. Consider and act on proposed rule, to be codified at 45 CFR Part 1643, restricting LSC grantees' involvement in assisted suicide, euthanasia, and mercy killing.
4. Consider and act on other business.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel and Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 336-8810.

Special Needs: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Jean Edwards at (202) 336-8811.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**Sunshine Act Meeting of the Board of Directors Finance Committee**

TIME AND DATE: The Finance Committee of the Legal Services Corporation's Board of Directors will meet on September 19, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until conclusion of the committee's agenda.

LOCATION: Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE.—10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the committee's meeting of July 13, 1997.
3. Review of Corporation's FY '97 budget and expenses through July 31, 1997.
4. Review projected expenses for the remainder of FY '97 and act on the Corporation President's and Inspector General's recommendations for:
 - a. Internal budgetary adjustments.
 - b. Consolidated Operating Budget ("COB") reallocations.
5. Consider and act on temporary COB for FY '98.
6. Consider and act on an LSC budget mark for FY '99.
7. Consider and act on other business.
8. Public comment.

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Dated: September 5, 1997.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**Sunshine Act Meeting**

TIME, DATE, AND PLACE: October 29, 1997, 10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. The Westin, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: NCLIS Business Meeting.

Portion Closed to the Public:

October 28, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—4:45 p.m.

October 29, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

To discuss staff support.

To request further information or to make special arrangements for physically challenged persons, contact Barbara Whiteleather (202-606-9200) no later than one week in advance of the meeting.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

Jane Williams,

Acting Executive Director.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**Sunshine Act Meeting**

TIME: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 16, 1997.

PLACE: The Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

6743A—Marine Accident Report: Fire On Board the Panamanian Passenger Ship UNIVERSE EXPLORER, in Lynn Canal Near Juneau, Alaska, July 27, 1996.

6873—Aviation Briefs of Accidents; 1996 Files:

No. 749—Bethalto, Illinois, 06/19/96

No. 6001—Miami, Florida, 01/23/96

News Media Contact: Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Bea Hardesty, (202) 314-6065.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

Bea Hardesty,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Northern States Power Company; Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

[Docket No. 50-263]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering granting an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.c, to Northern States Power Company, (the licensee), in connection with the operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in Wright County, Minnesota, under Facility Operating License No. DPR-22.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

By letter dated August 18, 1997, the licensee requested an exemption to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.c. The proposed exemption would allow the licensee to exercise only the onsite portion of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's emergency preparedness plans during the scheduled 1997 biennial exercise. The licensee requested the exemption

because the State and local counties within the emergency planning zone have requested relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from participation in the offsite portion of the scheduled 1997 exercise due to hardships caused by recent natural disasters.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is deemed necessary since the requirement for the State and local counties to participate in the offsite portion of the exercise is beyond the licensee's control. The licensee requested this one-time exemption in support of the State of Minnesota's request for relief from FEMA requirements in 10 CFR Part 44 to biennially exercise offsite emergency plans. The State and local counties requested relief from FEMA requirements (in accordance with Section 350.9.c of 10 CFR Part 44) due to the hardships caused by recent natural disasters. In a letter dated August 12, 1997, to FEMA Region V, the State of Minnesota provided the specific justifications for its relief request.

Section 50.54(q) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires a licensee authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor to follow and maintain in effect emergency plans that meet the standards of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. Section IV.F.2.c of Appendix E requires that offsite plans for each site shall be exercised biennially with full participation by each offsite authority having a role under the plan. The NRC may, however, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations which, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), are (1) Authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security, and (2) present special circumstances.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The proposed action involves administrative activities unrelated to plant operation. The proposed action will not increase the types or amounts of effluents that may be released offsite, nor increase occupational or offsite radiation exposure. The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. The proposed action will not result in a change in nonradiological plant effluents and will have no other nonradiological environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes

that there are no nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. The Commission concludes that granting this one-time exemption would not result in any significant environmental impact.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant dated November 22, 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on September 3, 1997, the staff consulted with the Minnesota State official, Mr. Michael McCarthy of the Department of Public Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding Of No Significant Impact

Based upon 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 18, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Beth A. Wetzel,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate III-1, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-395]

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1); Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License No. NPF-12, issued to South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (the licensee), for operation of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, which requires a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs in each area in which special nuclear material (SNM) is handled, used, or stored. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements to maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed SNM is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated July 17, 1997, as supplemented August 6, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of 10 CFR 70.24 is to ensure that if a criticality were to occur during the handling of SNM, personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. At a commercial nuclear power plant, the