

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 97-166]

**Notice of Prospective Patent License****AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Patent License.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Power Efficiency Corporation of Hackensack, New Jersey, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions described and claimed in the following patents: 4,266,177, entitled "POWER FACTOR CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A.C. INDUCTION MOTORS"; 4,404,411 entitled "MOTOR POWER FACTOR CONTROLLER WITH A REDUCED VOLTAGE STARTER"; 4,417,190 entitled "CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AN INDUCTION MOTOR ENERGY RECOVERY"; 4,426,614 ENTITLED "PULSED THYRISTER TRIGGER CONTROL CIRCUIT"; 4,433,276 entitled "MOTOR POWER CONTROL CIRCUIT FOR A.C. INDUCTION MOTORS"; 4,459,528 entitled "PHASE DETECTOR FOR THREE-PHASE POWER FACTOR CONTROLLER", and 4,469,998 entitled "THREE-PHASE POWER FACTOR CONTROLLER WITH INDIVIDUAL EMP SENSING"; each of which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Marshall Space Flight Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by February 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Broad, Jr., Patent Counsel, Marshall Space Flight Center, Mail Code CC01, Huntsville, Alabama 35812, telephone (205) 544-0021, fax (205) 544-0258.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

**Edward A. Frankle,**  
*General Counsel.*

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**NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM****Telecommunications Service Priority System Oversight Committee****AGENCY:** National Communications System (NCS).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

A meeting of the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System Oversight

Committee will convene Tuesday, January 27, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Citadel in Charleston, SC.

—Opening/Administrative Remarks  
—Status of the TSP Program  
—Working Group Reports  
—CPAS Program Update

Anyone interested in attending or presenting additional information to the Committee, please contact LCDR Angela Abrahamson, Manager, TSP Program Office, (703) 607-4930, or Betty Hoskin (703) 607-4932 by January 15, 1998.

**Dennis Bodson,***Federal Register Liaison Officer, National Communications System.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978****AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 30, 1997, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on December 3, 1997 to the following applicant:

Charles R. Stearns, Permit No. 98-017

**Nadene G. Kennedy,***Permit Officer.*

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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD****Sunshine Act Meeting**

Agenda—National Transportation Safety Board

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 16, 1997.**PLACE:** The Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.**STATUS:** Open.**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

6789C Pipeline Accident Report: Propane Gas Explosion, San Juan Gas Company, Inc./Enron Corp., San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 21, 1996.

6931 Safety Study: Protecting Public Safety Through Excavation Damage Prevention.

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:** Telephone: (202) 314-6100.**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ray Smith, (202) 314-6065.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

**Ray Smith,***Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-245]

**Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1); Exemption****I**

The Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO or licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-21, which authorizes operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1 (MNPS1), at a rated power level not in excess of 2011 megawatts (thermal). MNPS1 is a boiling water reactor located at the licensee's site in New London County, Connecticut. The license provides among other things, that it is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect.

**II**

Sections III.D.2.(a) and III.D.3 of Option A of Appendix J to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 50 require the performance of local leak rate (Type B) and containment isolation valve (Type C) tests (hereafter collectively referred to as local leak rate tests (LLRT)) at intervals no greater than 2 years. By letter dated October 16, 1997, NNECO requested a one-time scheduler exemption from the requirement to perform these tests at intervals no greater than 2 years. The requested exemption would permit NNECO to delay performing the Type B and Type C tests until startup from the current Cycle 15 refueling outage (RF015). RF015 is currently scheduled to end in June 1998.

The licensee requested the exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12. This regulation allows the Commission to grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50 which are "[a]uthorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security." However, the "Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present." Section 50.12(a)(2) lists the criteria for qualifying as a special circumstance. On the basis of the information submitted by the licensee, the NRC staff evaluated the licensee's request against 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), which states "[a]pplication of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule."

### III

The underlying purpose of the requirement to perform Type B and Type C testing at intervals not to exceed 2 years is to protect the public by assuring that leakage through the primary reactor containment does not exceed allowable values. The licensee's facility is currently in an extended outage. During this outage, primary containment integrity is not required to be maintained. The primary containment, along with the emergency core cooling system, was designed to limit the offsite doses to values less than those specified in 10 CFR Part 100 in the event of a break in the primary system piping. Thus, containment integrity is required whenever the potential for loss of the primary reactor system integrity could result in significant offsite doses. Concern about such a condition exists whenever the reactor is critical and above atmospheric pressure. In this case, MNPS1 has been shut down for an extended period of time and primary containment integrity is not required. Primary containment integrity will not be required until MNPS1 restarts (currently scheduled for June 1998). As long as MNPS1 remains shut down, containment integrity is not required and, therefore, testing for containment integrity is not required to adequately protect the public. The public will continue to be adequately protected as long as the Type B and Type C testing is satisfactorily completed prior to restarting from RF015.

### IV

On the basis of the above discussion, the staff finds that the licensee's request

for exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security as specified in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(1). Additionally, the staff finds that application of the regulations in this particular circumstance would not serve, nor is it necessary to achieve, the underlying purpose of the rule. Therefore, the licensee's requested scheduler exemption from the 2-year testing requirements of Sections III.D.2.(a) and III.D.3 of Option A of Appendix J to 10 CFR part 50 is granted.

### V

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting this exemption will not have a significant impact on the environment (62 FR 63736).

This exemption is effective upon issuance and shall expire when containment integrity is required for startup from the current refueling outage.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Roy P. Zimmerman,**

*Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of December 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1997.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Week of December 8*

Thursday, December 11

2:00 p.m.—Affirmation Session (public meeting)

- Final Rule—Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons
- Order Denying a Motion to Quash Six Subpoenas Issued by the Office of Investigations (Contact: Bob McOsler, 301-415-1651)

2:05 p.m.—Briefing on Investigative Matters (Closed—Ex. 5 & 7)

Friday, December 12

9:00 a.m.—Meeting with Northeast Nuclear on Millstone (Public meeting) (Contact: Bill Travers, 301-415-1200)

*Week of December 15—Tentative*

Wednesday, December 17

2:00 p.m.—Briefing on Integration and Evaluation of Results from Recent Lessons-Learned Reviews (including 50.09 Process Improvements) (public meeting) (Contact: Eileen McKenna, 301-415-2189)

3:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (public meeting) (if needed)

Thursday, December 18

10:00 a.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (public meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

*Week of December 22—Tentative*

There are no meetings the week of December 22.

*Week of December 29—Tentative*

There are no meetings the week of December 29.

\* The schedule for commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: December 4, 1997.

**William M. Hill, Jr.,**  
*SECY, Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*

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