

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-8022 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is a proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 8.15, "Acceptable Programs for Respiratory Protection." The guide is in Division 8, "Occupational Health." This proposed revision is being developed to provide updated guidance on the elements of a respiratory protection program that is acceptable to the NRC. This draft guide provides guidance that is in conformance with the proposed revision to 10 CFR part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," of Subpart H, "Respiratory Protection and Controls To Restrict Internal Exposure in Restricted Areas," which was published recently.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-8022. The related NUREG-0041, "Manual of Respiratory Protection Against Airborne Radioactive Material," is currently being revised to be consistent with the revision to part 20. Comments and suggestions are also solicited regarding the scope and content of this NUREG. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by September 30, 1998.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as

files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301)415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

Director, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1069 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Plants During Decommissioning and

Permanent Shutdown." The guide is intended for Division 1, "Power Reactors." This draft guide is being developed to describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC's regulations regarding fire protection programs during decommissioning for licensees who have permanently shut down their operations.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1069. Comments would be particularly welcome on whether there is a need for additional guidance on the content of fire hazard analyses.

Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by October 5, 1998.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 1:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 1998; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 4, 1998.

PLACE: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at the U.S. Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center, 1425 Crooked Hill Road, in the Second Floor Conference Room 219.

STATUS: August 3 (Closed); August 4 (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, August 3—1:00 p.m. (Closed)

1. Compensation issues.

Tuesday, August 4—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, June 29-30, 1998.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Consideration of Amendments to BOG Bylaws.
4. Quarterly Report on Service Performance.
5. Quarterly Report on Financial Results.
6. Report on the Allegheny Area and Harrisburg Performance Cluster.
7. Capital Investments.
 - a. 416 Truck Tractors.
 - b. Forwarding Control Systems for the Computerized Forwarding Systems
 - c. 54 Small Parcel and Bundle Sorters.
 - d. Identification Code Sort and Pilot Development Management-Integrated Operations Management.
 - e. Chicago, Illinois, Busse Surface Hub Modification.
 - f. Self Service Vending Equipment
8. Tentative Agenda for the August 31-September 1, 1998, meeting in Washington, D.C.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-480.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26897]

Filing Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act")

July 20, 1998.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by August 13, 1998, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declaration(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After August 13, 1998, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Sempra Energy, et al. (70-9333)

Sempra Energy ("Sempra"), located at 101 Ash Street, San Diego, California 92101, an exempt holding company under section 3(a)(1) of the Act, and an indirect subsidiary of Sempra, Frontier Pacific, Inc. ("Frontier Pacific"), located at 555 West Fifth Street, Suite 2900, Los Angeles, California 90013-1001, have filed an application under sections 3(a)(1), 9(a)(2), and 10 of the Act.

Applicants seek authority for Frontier Pacific to acquire up to 90.1% of the outstanding shares of Frontier Energy, LLC ("Frontier Energy"), a North Carolina partnership that will construct, own and operate a gas utility distribution system in North Carolina. The remaining membership interests in Frontier Energy would be acquired by a third party, Frontier Utilities of North

Carolina, Inc. ("Frontier Utilities").¹ In addition, applicants are seeking an order under section 3(a)(1) exempting Sempra, Frontier Pacific, and each of their subsidiary companies from all provisions of the Act, except section 9(a)(2).

Sempra has two principal subsidiaries, Pacific Enterprises ("Pacific") and Enova Corporation ("Enova"), each of which is an exempt holding company under section 3(a)(1) of the Act. Pacific's sole utility subsidiary is Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas"), which purchases, transports and distributes natural gas in southern California. As of December 31, 1997, Pacific reported consolidated total assets of \$4.977 billion, of which approximately \$3.154 billion consisted of net gas utility plant. For the year ended December 31, 1997, Pacific reported \$2.738 billion in operating revenues (including revenues from transportation-only customers) and \$184 million in net income.

Enova's sole utility subsidiary is San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E"), which provides electric and natural gas service in San Diego and surrounding areas. As of December 31, 1997, Enova reported consolidated total assets of \$5.2 billion, of which approximately \$2.49 billion consists of net electric plant and \$449 million consists of net gas utility plant. For the year ended December 31, 1997, Enova reported operating revenues of \$2.2 billion (81.6% from electricity sales and 18.4% from gas sales) (including revenues from transportation only customers), and \$252 million in net income. Both SoCalGas and SDG&E are subject to the jurisdiction of the California Public Utility Commission.

Frontier Pacific, which will directly acquire interests in Frontier Energy, currently is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sempra Energy Solutions, LLC ("Solutions"), itself an indirect subsidiary of Sempra.² However, applicants state that Solutions will transfer the common stock of Frontier Pacific to Sempra prior to the issuance of any order in this filing.

By orders dated January 27, 1996, August 16, 1996, and March 27, 1997, the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC") granted Frontier Utilities certificates of public convenience and necessity ("Certificates") to construct, test, market, own and operate a new

¹ Frontier Utilities is an indirect subsidiary of ARB, Inc., a closely held California corporation. ARB, Inc. is not now a "holding company" or an "affiliate" of any "holding company" or "public-utility company," as defined in section 2 of the Act.

² Solutions currently is jointly owned by Pacific and Enova.