

hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

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: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, 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 Douglas K. Porter, Esquire, Southern California Edison Company, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, California 91770, attorney for the licensee.

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

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 12, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated October 29, 1998, 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 Main Library, University of California, Irvine, California 92713.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James W. Clifford,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-2, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

STP Nuclear Operating Company (South Texas Project Electric Generating Stations Units 1 and 2); Exemption

I

STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80, for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (STP). The licenses provide, among other things, that the

licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of two pressurized water reactors located in Matagorda County, Texas.

II

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.71 "Maintenance of records, making of reports," paragraph (e)(4) states, in part, that "Subsequent revisions [to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR)] must be filed annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates to the FSAR does not exceed 24 months." The STP two-unit site shares a common UFSAR; therefore, this rule requires the licensee to update the same document annually or within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit.

III

Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR, "Specific exemptions," states that

The Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part, which 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.
- (2) The Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present.

Section 50.12(a)(2)(ii) of 10 CFR states that special circumstances are present when "Application 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. . . ." The underlying purpose of the rule was to relieve licensees of the burden of filing annual FSAR revisions while assuring that such revisions are made at least every 24 months. The Commission reduced the burden, in part, by permitting a licensee to submit its FSAR revisions 6 months after refueling outages for its facility, but did not provide for multiple unit facilities sharing a common FSAR in the rule. Rather, the Commission stated that "With respect to . . . multiple facilities sharing a common FSAR, licensees will have maximum flexibility for scheduling updates on a case-by-case basis" (57 FR 39355 (1992)).

As noted in the staff's Safety Evaluation, the licensee's proposed schedule for UFSAR updates will ensure that the STP UFSAR and Operations Quality Assurance Plan will

be maintained current within 24 months of the last revision and the interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report will not exceed 24 months. The proposed schedule fits within the 24-month duration specified by 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). Revising the FSAR annually or 6 months after refueling outages for each unit, therefore, is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that special circumstances are present as defined in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii). The Commission has further determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the 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, and is otherwise in the public interest. The Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) to submit updates to the STP UFSARs within 6 months of each unit's refueling outage. The licensee will be required to submit updates to the STP UFSAR, the Operations Quality Assurance Plan, and the 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluation summary reports to the NRC no later than 24 calendar months from the previous revision.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting of this exemption will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 57144).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has submitted the information collections listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), OMB for review under

provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). These forms are required by OMB Circulars A-102, "Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Government," and A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institution of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations." In response to OMB's earlier **Federal Register** notice on July 30, 1998 (63 FR 40745), four responses were received. At this time, OMB proposes no changes to the existing forms.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Ed Springer, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), OMB, 725 17th Street NW, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. E-mail comments may be submitted to springer_e@a1.eop.gov. Please include the full body of the comments in the text of the message and not as an attachment. Please include the name, title, organization, postal address, and E-mail address in the text of the message. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Federal Financial Management at the address listed below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. James Charney, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, (202) 395-3993 (e-mail charney_f@a1.eop.gov). The standard forms can be obtained via fax by calling OMB's FAX Information Line (202-395-9068). The forms can also be downloaded from the OMB Grants Management home page (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/Grants>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 0348-0039.

Title: Financial Status Report (Long Form).

Form No: SF-269.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 200,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 90 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-269 is used to monitor grantee expenditures in circumstances where grantees earn program income or contribute matching funds. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0038.

Title: Financial Status Report (Short Form).

Form No: SF-269A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 200,000

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-269A is used to monitor grantee expenditures in circumstances where grantees earn program income or contribute matching funds. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0004.

Title: Request for Advance or Reimbursement.

Form No: SF-270.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 100,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 60 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-270 is used to request funds for all nonconstruction grant programs when letters of credit or predetermined advance methods are not used. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0002.

Title: Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs.

Form No: SF-271.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 40,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 60 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-271 is used to request reimbursement for all construction programs. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0003.

Title: Federal Cash Transactions Report.

Form No: SF-272 and SF-272A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 100,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 120 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-272 & 272A are used to report disbursement

information for each financial assistance agreement when funds are advanced to them through letters of credit or with direct Treasury check. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0043.

Title: Application for Federal Assistance.

Form No: SF-424.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 400,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-424 is used to apply for Federal grants. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0044.

Title: Budget Information—Nonconstruction Programs.

Form No: SF-424A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 360,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 180 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-424A is used to budget and request grant funds for nonconstruction programs. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0040.

Title: Assurances—Nonconstruction Programs.

Form No: SF-424B.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 360,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-424B is used to assure compliance with statutory requirements for nonconstruction grant programs. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0041.

Title: Budget Information—Construction Programs.

Form No: SF-424C.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.
Number of Responses: 40,000.
Estimated Time Per Response: 180 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-424C is used to budget and request grant funds for construction grant programs. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

OMB Control No.: 0348-0042.

Title: Assurances—Construction Programs.

Form No: SF-424D.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: States, Local Governments, Non-Profit organizations.

Number of Responses: 40,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The SF-424D is used to assure compliance with statutory requirements for construction grant programs. The Federal awarding agencies and OMB use information reported on this form for general management of Federal assistance awards programs.

Issued in Washington, DC, October 19, 1998.

G. Edward DeSeve,

Controller.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Changes in Domestic Rates, Fees, and Mail Classifications

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of implementation of changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule, domestic rates, and fees and of corrections to the notice published at 63 FR 39124.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the rate and fee changes and the accompanying Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS) changes to be implemented as a result of the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Further Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Postal Rate and Fee Changes, Docket No. R97-1 (October 5, 1998). This notice also contains minor corrections to the notice published at 63 FR 39124.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr., (202) 268-2989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 10, 1997, 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 Proposed Changes in Rates of Postage and Fees for Postal Services (Request). The PRC designated the filing as Docket No. R97-1. The PRC published a notice of the filing, with a description of the Postal Service's proposals, on July 23, 1997, in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 39660).

On May 11, 1998, pursuant to its authority under 39 U.S.C. 3624, the PRC issued its Recommended Decision on the Postal Service's Request to the Governors of the Postal Service.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3625, the Governors of the United States Postal Service acted on the PRC's recommendations on June 29, 1998. In one decision, the Governors rejected the PRC's recommendations regarding Prepaid Reply Mail and Courtesy Envelope Mail. Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Recommended Decisions of the Postal Rate Commission on Prepaid Reply Mail and Courtesy Envelope Mail, Docket No. R97-1 (June 29, 1998). In the second decision, the Governors acted on the remainder of the PRC's recommendations. Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Postal Rate and Fee Changes, Docket No. R97-1 (June 29, 1998). The Governors approved all of the remaining classification, fee, and rate changes (see 63 FR 39124), except that the Governors allowed under protest and returned for reconsideration recommendations related to three categories of mail. In particular, the Governors requested further action or clarification on the PRC's recommendations concerning Within County, Library Mail, and destination delivery unit Parcel Post.

In response, the PRC solicited comments on those matters from all interested parties, and thereafter issued a Further Recommended Decision upon reconsideration on September 24, 1998. On October 5, 1998, the Governors approved the relatively minor recommended changes in the rate and fee schedules for those three subclasses, along with associated classification changes, recommended by the PRC in

its further Recommended Decision. Also on October 5, 1998, the Board of Governors of the Postal Service, pursuant to its authority under 39 U.S.C. 3625(f), determined to implement the rate, fee and classification changes approved by the Governors effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 10, 1999 (Resolution No. 98-12).

In accordance with the Decision of the Governors and Resolution No. 98-12, the Postal Service hereby gives notice that the classification, fee, and rate changes set forth below will become effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 10, 1999. For the affected subclasses and rate categories, the rate and fee schedules published below supersede those rate and fee schedules accepted or allowed under protest by the Governors in their Decision on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission on Postal Rate and Fee Changes, Docket No. R97-1 (June 29, 1998) and published at 63 FR 39124.

Changes in implementation regulations published in the Domestic Mail Manual also become effective on January 10, 1999, as noted in a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

A copy of the attachments to the Governors' Decision, setting forth the classification, fee, and rate changes ordered into effect by the Governors on the PRC's Further Recommended Decision, is set forth below.

A correction to Fee Schedule 943, which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 1998 (63 FR 39143), is also published below. No substantive change is made to Fee Schedule 943; rather, the second heading entitled "Express Mail Insurance" is moved from the center to the left to clarify its applicability to the first two fee groupings for Express Mail Insurance. In addition, the Postal Service hereby gives notice that, due to complications apparently arising from word processing software conversions, the term "correction" surrounded by quotation marks in Domestic Mail Classification Schedule sections 221.24(b), 222.34(b), 321.231(c), 321.33, 321.431(c), 423.81, and 423.82 appears as "Acorrection@" in the version of Attachment B to the Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission in Docket No. R97-1 (June 29, 1998) published at 63 FR 39124.