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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 15th day of January 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert Clark,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8964]

### Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment Concerning the License Amendment Request for the Operation of the Gas Hills Project Satellite In Situ Leach Uranium Recovery Facility

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Weller, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T8-A33, Washington DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-7287 and e-mail [rmw2@nrc.gov](mailto:rmw2@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received, by letter dated June 24, 1998, a request from Power Resources Inc. (PRI) to amend Source Materials License SUA-1511 for the Highland Uranium Project to allow the operation of a satellite in situ leach uranium recovery facility at the Gas Hills Project site located in Fremont and Natrona Counties, Wyoming. PRI subsequently acquired the operating Smith Ranch in situ leach uranium recovery facility located adjacent to the Highland Uranium Project and, in August 2003, the Highland license (SUA-1511) was integrated into the

Smith Ranch Source Materials License SUA-1548. As such, PRI's request to amend the Highland license for the Gas Hills Project became a request to amend the Smith Ranch license (SUA-1548) upon the combination of the two licenses for these contiguous facilities.

Pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51 (Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions), the NRC has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the proposed operation of the Gas Hills Project satellite in situ leach uranium recovery facility. Based on this evaluation, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for the proposed licensing action.

##### II. Summary of the Environmental Assessment

The EA was prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the proposed operation of the Gas Hills Project satellite in situ leach uranium recovery facility. In the conduct of its evaluation, the NRC considered the following: (1) PRI's license amendment application, as supplemented and revised, (2) information contained in prior environmental evaluations of uranium recovery activities in the Gas Hills Uranium District of Wyoming, and (3) information derived from NRC site visits to the Gas Hills Project site and from communications with PRI, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Wyoming State Geological Survey, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. In preparing the EA, the NRC evaluated the environmental impacts associated with the construction, operation, reclamation, and decommissioning of the Gas Hills Project, including the impacts to air quality, local soils, surface water, groundwater, cultural resources, and threatened and endangered species. Additionally, the NRC evaluated the potential impacts to members of the public from transportation activities and from releases of radioactive materials to the environment and disposal of radioactive wastes. The results of the staff's evaluation are documented in an EA which is available electronically for public inspection or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). The safety aspects of the Gas Hills Project are discussed separately in a Safety Evaluation Report that will accompany

the agency's final licensing action on PRI's request to amend Source Materials License SUA-1548.

##### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC has prepared the EA, summarized above, concerning the proposed operation of the Gas Hills Project satellite in situ leach uranium recovery facility. On the basis of the EA, the NRC has concluded that this licensing action would not have any significant effect on the quality of the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. The NRC has concluded that the approval of the Gas Hills Project will not cause any significant impacts on the environment and is protective of human health. The basis for this conclusion is supported by the following findings. The NRC has determined that the Gas Hills Project will not result in any adverse impacts to regional surface water or groundwater. A groundwater monitoring program will be established to detect both horizontal and vertical excursions of the circulating groundwater used to leach uranium from the subsurface ore bodies. Any groundwater impacted by these uranium recovery operations will be restored to baseline water quality conditions or, as a minimum, to the pre-mining Wyoming class-of-use water quality standards. All radioactive wastes generated by facility operations will be disposed offsite at a licensed disposal site. Evaporation ponds constructed for the temporary storage of process waste streams will be provided with both primary and secondary liners and leakage detection and collection capability. Standard operating procedures will be established for all operational process activities involving radioactive materials that are handled, processed, or stored. Radiological effluents from the operation of the well-field, ion exchange, and water treatment facilities will be a small fraction of regulatory limits, and an environmental and effluent monitoring program will monitor all releases. A radiation protection program will be established to ensure that exposures will be kept as low as is reasonably achievable.

##### IV. Further Information

The EA for this proposed action as well as the licensee's request, as supplemented and revised, are available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

The ADAMS Accession Numbers for the licensee's request, as supplemented and revised, are: ML030300468, ML030300472, ML030300495, ML030300504, ML030300524, ML030300553, ML030300554, ML030300612, ML030300622, ML030300672, ML030300719, ML030310080, ML030310108, ML030310133, ML030310195, ML030310304, ML030310343, ML030310345, ML030310352, ML030310413, ML030310415, ML030310499, ML030310503, ML030310519, ML030310529, ML030310540, (June 24, 1998); ML023640335, ML023640343, (September 24, 1999); ML993300211 (November 11, 1999); and ML021340187 (May 3, 2002). The ADAMS Accession Numbers for the EA are: ML040070538 and ML040070311. Documents can also be examined and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Rick Weller, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T8-A33, Washington DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-7287.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of January, 2004.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act; OPIC Annual Public Hearing

January 22, 2004.

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its annual public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 69, Number 4, Page 948) on January 7, 2004. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's annual public hearing scheduled for 2 pm on January 22, 2004 has been cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202)

218-0136, or via e-mail at [cdown@opic.gov](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

Dated: January 20, 2004.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Hearing

January 22, 2004.

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 69, Number 4, Page 948) on January 7, 2004. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing in conjunction with OPIC's January 29, 2004 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. on January 22, 2004 has been canceled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at [cdown@opic.gov](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

Dated: January 20, 2004.

**Connie M. Downs,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application of Saga Communications, Inc. To Withdraw Its Class A Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC File No. 1-11588

January 15, 2004.

Saga Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved resolutions on December 12, 2003 to withdraw the

Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex and to list the Security on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"). The Board states that it is taking such action in order to avoid the direct and indirect costs and the division of the market resulting from dual listing on the Amex and NYSE. In addition, the Board determined that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to list its Security on the NYSE. The Issuer states that it currently expects its Security to be approved for listing on the NYSE on or about January 20, 2004.

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Delaware, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

Any interested person may, on or before February 9, 2004, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 781(g).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 781(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).