

the issues evaluated in FES-2013, with the exception of aquatic ecology, would be small. The staff concluded that the overall cumulative impact to the aquatic ecology from all past, present and future activities is large; however, the incremental impact from the operation of WBN Unit 2 would be minor and would not be noticeable in comparison.

The permittee has no plans to construct additional transmission lines or disturb any land not discussed in previous environmental reviews. Completed construction of WBN Unit 2 includes major structures such as the containment, turbine building, control building, and equipment such as the reactor pressure vessel, reactor coolant system piping, and steam generators. Installation of equipment shared with WBN Unit 1, such as diesel generators, was completed prior to issuance of the Unit 1 operating license in 1996. Therefore, most of the construction impacts discussed in the previous versions of environmental documents have already occurred. The remaining construction activities will take place within structures already completed. Therefore extending these types of construction activities an additional three and half years out from March 31, 2012, to September 31, 2016, as previously approved by order dated July 7, 2008, does not involve any different impacts or a significant change to those impacts described and analyzed in any of the previous environmental documents (FES-CP, FES-OL, FES-95, FES-2013).

Based on the foregoing, the NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action would have no significant environmental impact. Since this action would only extend the period of construction activities described in the FES, it does not involve any different impacts or a significant change to those impacts described and analyzed in any of the previous environmental documents (FES-CP, FES-OL, FES-95, FES-2013).

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

A possible alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the request, or the no-action alternative. This alternative would result in expiration of the construction permit for Watts Bar, Unit 2. This option would require submittal of another application for construction in order to allow the permittee to complete construction of the facility with no significant environmental benefit. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

Since the permittee has no plans to construct additional transmission lines or disturb any land not discussed in previous environmental reviews, the construction of major structures such as the containment, turbine building, control building, intake pumping station, and equipment such as the reactor pressure vessel, reactor coolant system piping, and steam generators and diesel generators were already completed prior to issuance of the Unit 1 operating license in 1996, the remaining construction activities will take place within structures already completed. Spreading these activities across three and half more years does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the environmental documents already discussed for Watts Bar, Units 1 and 2 (FES-CP, FES-OL, FES-95, FES-2013).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 14, 2013, the staff consulted with officials from the State of Tennessee, including Anthony Hogan, Deputy Director of Radiological Health, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State officials had no comments.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the details provided in the environmental assessment, which is incorporated by reference, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action of extending the latest construction completion date of Construction Permit No. CPPR-92 from March 31, 2013, to September 30, 2016, does not involve any different impacts or a significant change to those impacts described and analyzed in the original environmental impact statement or its supplements. Therefore, the NRC staff has determined that extending the construction completion date will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment because the major construction activities have already occurred, and the work being extended out for three and half more years is within previously disturbed areas at the site within the existing structures. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

This finding and documents related to this action such as the permittee's request for extension dated May 17, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12143A346) and related environmental documents (FES-CP,

FES-OL, FES-95, and FES-2013 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML073470580, ML082540803, ML081430592, and ML13144A092—Vol. 1/ ML13144A039—Vol. 2, respectively)), are available electronically at the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of September 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2013-0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

DATES: Weeks of October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of October 21, 2013

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 21, 2013.

Week of October 28, 2013—Tentative

Thursday, October 31, 2013

10:00 a.m. NRC All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting); Marriott Bethesda North Hotel; 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852

Week of November 4, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 4, 2013.

Week of November 11, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 11, 2013.

Week of November 18, 2013—Tentative

Thursday, November 21, 2013

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Spent Fuel Pool Safety and Consideration of Expedited Transfer to Dry Casks (Public Meeting); (Contact: Kevin Witt, 301-415-2145).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of November 25, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 25, 2013.

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Additional Information

The Briefing on Flooding and Other Extreme Weather Events scheduled on October 16, 2013, was postponed. The Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes and the Briefing on Proposed Rulemaking Concerning the Medical Use of Byproduct Material scheduled on October 18, 2013, were postponed.

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Dated: October 17, 2013.

Rochelle C. Baval,

Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2013-11; Order No. 1847]

Rate Adjustment

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing seeking postal rate adjustments based on exigent circumstances. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 6, 2013. *Reply Comments are due:* November 20, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

On September 26, 2013, the Postal Service filed an exigent rate request with the Commission pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3622(d)(1)(E) and subpart E of 39 CFR 3010.60 *et seq.*¹ The Exigent Request seeks an “across the board” increase averaging 4.3 percent for market dominant postal products and services, effective January 26, 2014. Exigent Request at 2.

In a related case (a Type 1–A filing), also filed September 26, 2013, the Postal Service proposes an increase, on average, of 1.6 percent for the same set of products and services based on the annual adjustment allowed under 39 U.S.C. 3622(d)(1) and 39 CFR part 3010 subpart B.²

This Order provides public notice of the Exigent Request; establishes Docket No. R2013-11 for consideration of the Exigent Request; establishes an expedited procedural schedule consistent with the Commission's intention to issue a determination within 90 days of the Postal Service's filing; provides other information

¹ Renewed Exigent Request of the United States Postal Service in Response to Commission Order No. 1059, September 26, 2013 (Exigent Request). See also Docket Nos. R2010-4 and R2010-4(R). Subpart E, captioned Rules for Rate Adjustments in Extraordinary and Exceptional Circumstances (Type 3 Adjustments), consists of the set of provisions appearing at 39 CFR 3010.60 *et seq.*

² *Id.* at 7. See Docket No. R2013-10, United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, September 26, 2013 (Notice).

concerning the Exigent Request; and takes related administrative steps.

II. Postal Service Filing

Background. The Exigent Request is filed pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3622(d)(1)(E) and the Commission's rules implementing that section, 39 CFR Part 3010, subpart E.

The Postal Service provides a procedural history leading to the filing of the Exigent Request. Exigent Request at 3–7. It indicates that the Exigent Request, which it characterizes “as a complete update to its original request,” is “premised on the recent recession as an exigent event.” *Id.* at 1, 2.

In Order No. 1059, the Commission stated:³

If the Postal Service wishes to pursue its Exigent Request, it must complete the submission of its entire case to the Commission. A complete case would include all information, materials, and testimony on which the Postal Service would rely to demonstrate that its Exigent Request satisfies the causal nexus of “due to,” as interpreted by the Commission in Order No. 864, as well as the remaining requirements of section 3622(d)(1)(E).

The Postal Service represents that “[t]he instant filing is intended to constitute an ‘entire case,’ as contemplated by Order No. 1059.” Exigent Request at 7.

Although the Postal Service captioned the Exigent Request as Docket No. R2010-4R, it indicates that its filing constitutes an entire case as contemplated by Order No. 1059. Because the filing is complete and to avoid any ambiguity about the record concerning the instant Request, the Commission establishes Docket No. R2013-11 for consideration of the Postal Service's Exigent Request. The Commission concludes that such an approach is appropriate, given the 90-day statutory deadline for its decision, and its need not only to manage this proceeding on an expedited basis, but also in harmony with its need to manage its entire administrative calendar and other responsibilities.⁴

Proposed rates. The Postal Service proposes price increases to recover approximately \$1.78 billion in annual contribution. *Id.* at 2. It characterizes this as “a modest proportion” of the total contribution lost as a result of the recession. *Id.* at 2, 11.

The proposed prices increase, on average, by 4.3 percent and are spread

³ Docket No. R2010-4R, Order Addressing Motion to Supplement and Related Filing, December 20, 2011, at 6 (Order No. 1059).

⁴ The documents filed by the Postal Service as part of its Exigent Request, will be transferred to and be included in this docket.