

upcoming (Cycle 16) refueling outages for each unit. The temporary exemption would allow the LFAs to be used for up to three operating cycles (Cycles 16, 17, and 18). Currently, eight AREVA NP LFAs are scheduled for installation in SONGS Unit 2 for Cycle 16.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's request for exemption dated January 30, 2009, as supplemented by letter dated March 16, 2009.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed temporary exemption is needed by SCE to allow the use of M5 alloy clad LFAs to evaluate cladding material for use in future fuel assemblies and to provide a more robust design to eliminate grid to rod fretting fuel failures. The regulations specify standards and acceptance criteria only for fuel rods clad with Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Consistent with 10 CFR 50.46, a temporary exemption is required to use fuel rods clad with an advanced alloy that is not Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Therefore, the licensee needs a temporary exemption to insert up to 16 LFAs containing new cladding material into the SONGS Unit 2 or Unit 3 reactor cores.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemption will not present any undue risk to the public health and safety. The safety evaluation performed by Framatome ANP, Inc., "BAW-10227P-A, Evaluation of Advanced Cladding and Structural Material (M5) in PWR Reactor Fuel, Framatome Cogema Fuels, February 2000," demonstrates that the predicted chemical, mechanical, and material performance characteristics of the M5 cladding are within those approved for Zircaloy under anticipated operational occurrences and postulated accidents. Furthermore, the LFAs will be placed in non-limiting locations. In the unlikely event that cladding failures occur in the LFAs, the environmental impact would be minimal and is bounded by previous accident analyses.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released offsite. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released offsite. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents, does not affect any environmental resources, and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for SONGS Units 2 and 3, dated May 12, 1981.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 8, 2009, the NRC staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steve Hsu of the Radiologic Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated January 30, 2009, as supplemented by letter dated March 16, 2009, Agency Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML090360738 and ML090780251, respectively. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document

Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of September 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meetings

DATES: Weeks of October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2009.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of October 5, 2009

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 5, 2009.

Week of October 12, 2009—Tentative

Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

9:30 a.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 3)

Week of October 19, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 19, 2009.

Week of October 26, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 26, 2009.

Week of November 2, 2009—Tentative

Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Fire Protection Lessons Learned from Shearon Harris (Public Meeting) (Contact: Alex Klein, 301-415-2822)

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

Week of November 9, 2009—Tentative

Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on NRC

International Activities (Public

Meeting), (Contact: Karen Henderson, 301 415-0202)

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

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* 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: Rochelle Baval, (301) 415-1651.

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Additional Information

The Briefing on Fire Protection Closure Plan previously scheduled on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. has been cancelled. A more focused briefing has been scheduled in its place: The Briefing on Fire Protection Lessons Learned from Shearon Harris currently scheduled on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: October 1, 2009.

Rochelle C. Baval,

Office of the Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-66; Order No. 310]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service recently filed a notice with the Commission announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services Contract 2 contract. This document provides public notice of the Postal Service's filing and announces establishment of a formal docket to consider the Postal Service's action. It also invites public comment and addresses other procedural matters.

DATES: Comments are due October 7, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 or stephen.sharfman@prc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Introduction
- II. Notice of Filing
- III. Ordering Paragraphs

I. Introduction

On September 25, 2009, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 2 (GEPS 2) contract.¹ GEPS 2 provides volume-based incentives for mailers that send large volumes of Express Mail International (EMI) and/or Priority Mail International (PMI). The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the previously submitted GEPS 2 contracts and is supported by the Governors' Decision filed in Docket No. CP2008-4.² *Id.* at 1.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the contract is in accordance with Order No. 290.³ The term of the instant contract is one year beginning October 1, 2009.⁴ Notice at 2.

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 2 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, September 25, 2009 (Notice).

² See Docket No. CP2008-4, Notice of United States Postal Service of Governors' Decision Establishing Prices and Classifications for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts, May 20, 2008.

³ See Docket No. CP2009-50, Order Granting Clarification and Adding Global Expedited Package Services 2 to the Competitive Product List, August 28, 2009 (Order No. 290).

⁴ See Docket Nos. CP2008-21 and CP2008-24, United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief, September 25, 2009 (Motion). The Postal Service requests an extension of the expiration date for the original contract for this customer-based on

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

1. *Attachment 1*—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain the contract and supporting documents under seal;
2. *Attachment 2*—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7 which establishes prices and classifications for GEPS contracts, a description of applicable GEPS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis and certification of the formulas and certification of the Governors' vote;
3. *Attachment 3*—a redacted copy of the contract, applicable annexes, and a provision to modify the mailer's tender requirements; and
4. *Attachment 4*—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2).

Functional equivalency. The Postal Service asserts that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the contract in Docket No. CP2009-50 and prior GEPS 2 contracts. *Id.* at 3-4. It also contends that the instant contract meets the requirements of Governors' Decision No. 08-7 for rates for GEPS contracts. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service states that the basic difference between the contract in Docket No. CP2009-50 and the instant contract is customer-specific information including the customer's name, address, representative to receive notices, identity of the signatory, and provisions clarifying tender locations, minimum revenue and/or volume requirements, and liquidated damages. *Id.* at 3-4. The Postal Service contends that the instant contract satisfies the pricing formula and classification system established in Governors' Decision No. 08-7. *Id.* at 3. It asserts that the instant contract and all GEPS 2 contracts have similar cost and market characteristics and is functionally equivalent in all relevant aspects. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service concludes that this contract is in compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633, and requests that this contract be included within the GEPS 2 product. *Id.*

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-66 for consideration of matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633 or 3642. Comments are due no later than October 7, 2009. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the

extenuating circumstances. This motion was filed contemporaneously with the filing of this notice.