

Signed at Washington, D.C. the 9th day of September 1996.

Katharine G. Abraham,
Commissioner.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 18, 1996.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

BOARD BRIEFING:

1. Insurance Fund Report.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Open Meeting.
2. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Merge and Convert Insurance.
3. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Community Charter.
4. Requests from Federal Credit Unions to Expand their Field of Membership.
5. Final Rule: Amendments to Part 705, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Community Development Revolving Loan Program for Credits Unions.
6. Final Rule: Amendments to Parts 701, 709, and 741, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Secondary Capital Accounts.
7. Final Rule: Amendments to Part 711, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Management Official Interlocks.

RECESS: 10:45 a.m.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 18, 1996.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Closed Meeting.
2. Personnel Action(s). Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

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Secretary of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-133]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a partial request by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, (licensee) for an amendment to Facility License No. DPR-7 issued to the licensee for Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3, located in Humboldt County, California. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 1996 (61 FR 18174).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to incorporate administrative and organizational changes.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request to replace the Final Hazard Summary Report with the SAFSTOR Decommissioning Plan cannot be granted.

By October 8, 1996, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, 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 any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Christopher J. Warner, Esq. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Post Office Box 7442, San Francisco, California 94120, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this section, see the application for amendment dated March 13, 1996.

This document 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 Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, California 95501.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of September 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Seymour H. Weiss,

Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Twenty-Fourth Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Twenty-Fourth Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting will be held on October 21-23, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

The Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting will be opened by NRC Commissioner Kenneth C. Rogers as the keynote speaker for the plenary session on Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation. Panelists will include vice presidents from two nuclear utilities and senior management from NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. A second plenary session will be held on Wednesday morning and will address the Role of Research in Nuclear Regulation. NRC's James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations, will chair a panel of international executives representing research, regulatory, and industry points of view. Themis P. Speis, Deputy Director, RES, will speak at the luncheon on Tuesday, October 22.

The meeting is international in scope and includes presentations by personnel from the NRC, U. S. Government laboratories, private contractors, universities, the Electric Power Research Institute, reactor vendors, and a number of foreign agencies. This meeting is sponsored by the NRC and conducted by the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The preliminary agenda for this year's meeting includes 7 sessions, along with the panel discussions, on the following topics; High Burnup Fuel, Reactor Pressure Vessel Embrittlement and Thermal Annealing, Probabilistic Risk Assessment, Human Reliability Assessment, and Digital Instrumentation and Control, Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment and Seismic Siting Criteria, Reactor Vessel Lower Head Integrity, Containment and Structural Aging, and Steam Generator Tube Integrity.

Attendees may register at the meeting or in advance by contacting Susan

Monteleone, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of Nuclear Energy, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973, telephone (516) 282-7235; or Christine Bonsby, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-5838.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of September, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Alois J. Burda,
*Deputy Director, Financial Management,
Procurement and Administration Staff, Office
of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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NUREG-0700, Rev. 1; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has developed guidance for the review of advanced control room designs and advanced human-system interfaces that may be located within conventional control rooms. This is being issued as Revision 1 to NUREG-0700, "Human-System Interface Design Review Guideline," which is the successor to, and integrates relevant sections of, the previous guidance used by the NRC staff, NUREG-0700 (1981), "Guidelines for Control Room Design Reviews." NUREG-0700, Revision 1 provides human factors engineering (HFE) guidance to the NRC staff for its: (1) review of the human system interface (HSI) design submittals prepared by licensees or applicants for a license or design certification of commercial nuclear power plants, and (2) performance of HSI reviews that could be undertaken as part of an inspection or other type of regulatory review involving HSI design or incidents involving human performance. The guidance consists of a review process and HFE guidelines. It describes those aspects of the HSI design review process that are important to the identification and resolution of human engineering discrepancies that could adversely affect plant safety. It provides guidance for the NRC staff to use in their review of an applicant's HSI design review process or to guide the NRC staff development of a review or inspection plan. It also provides detailed HFE guidelines for the assessment of HSI design implementations.

NUREG-0700, Revision 1 consists of three stand-alone volumes. Volume 1, "Process and Guidelines," is the principal technical document and includes a detailed discussion of both the review procedures and the HFE

guidelines. In Volume 2, "Reviewer's Checklist," the HFE guidelines are in a checklist format. Volume 3, "Review Software and User's Guide," is an interactive software application to support design reviews.

Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 is not a backfit and does not impose new requirements on current plants. It is not a generic communication that proposes a new NRC staff position or seeks additional licensee commitments. This document would not apply to licensees under 10 CFR Part 50 for the review of human-system interfaces unless the licensee initiated a voluntary upgrade.

Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 was developed to apply primarily to advanced reactors. New plant designs submitted to the NRC for review and approval under 10 CFR 52.47(a)(1)(ii) must meet 10 CFR 50.34(f)(2)(iii), which requires a "control room design that reflects state-of-the-art human factors principles." Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 will be used by the NRC staff as part of the comprehensive human factors engineering review process for advanced reactors described in the "Human Factors Engineering Program Review Model," NUREG-0711 (July 1994).

Revision 1 to NUREG-0700 is consistent with a previously established Commission position in that it does not include generic design certification communications or generic decisions for future plants (see SECY-92-224, June 22, 1992). The NUREG itself is not mandatory. Rather, the guidelines contained within it represent good human factors engineering practice based upon state-of-the-art research and validated review criteria developed in the nuclear industry as well as in other fields, primarily military and aerospace. The guidelines have been subjected to extensive independent peer review by subject matter experts as part of their development.

When this document was issued as a draft for comment in March 1995, the Commission encouraged comment "from all interested parties, and specifically from facilities licensed under 10 CFR Part 50, with regard to the NRC staff's contention that no backfitting is intended for current licensees with the issuance of this guidance document unless a licensee initiates a voluntary upgrade to its human-system interface." No such comments were received.

Four sets of written comments were received during the comment period, of which two were essentially identical. One additional set of comments was received after the expiration of the comment period. All comments were

considered by the NRC staff in its preparation of the final NUREG. Copies of the submitted comments, together with a copy of the NRC staff's "Response to Public Comments on Draft NUREG-0700, Revision 1" (September 21, 1995), are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of NUREGs (which may be reproduced) should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Distribution and Mail Services Section. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREGs are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Wachtel, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-6498; e-mail JXW4@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Franklin D. Coffman, Jr.,
*Chief, Control, Instrumentation & Human
Factors Branch, Division of Systems
Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory
Research.*

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information about interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere); the PBGC furnishes the information in this notice simply for the convenience of the public. Interest rates