

and understanding these changes bring to the TS are expected to improve the operator's control of the plant in normal and accident conditions.

Relocation of requirements to licensee-controlled documents does not change the requirements themselves. Future changes to these requirements may be made by the licensee under 10 CFR 50.59 or other NRC-approved control mechanisms, which ensures continued maintenance of adequate requirements. All such relocations have been found to be in conformance with the guidelines of NUREG-1430 and the Final Policy Statement, and, therefore, are acceptable.

Changes involving more restrictive requirements have been found to be acceptable and are likely to enhance the safety of plant operations.

Changes involving less restrictive requirements have been reviewed individually. When requirements have been shown to provide little or no safety benefit or to place unnecessary burdens on the licensee, their removal from the TS was justified. In most cases, relaxations previously granted to individual plants on a plant-specific basis were the result of a generic NRC action. Generic relaxations contained in NUREG-1430, as well as proposed deviations from NUREG-1430, have also been reviewed by the NRC staff and have been found to be acceptable.

In summary, the proposed revision to the TS was found to provide control of plant operations such that reasonable assurance will be provided so that the health and safety of the public will be adequately protected.

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

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other nonradiological environmental impact.

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

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or

greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to this action would be to deny the application (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Such action would not reduce the environmental impacts of plant operations.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action did not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, dated March 1972.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 30, 1998, the staff consulted with the South Carolina State official, Virgil R. Autry of the Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission 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 October 28, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated March 26, May 20, July 29, August 13, October 1, October 21, October 28, and November 23, 1998, which are 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 Oconee County Library, 501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd Day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Herbert N. Berkow,**

*Director, Project Directorate II-2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of December 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1998.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### **Week of December 7**

*Tuesday, December 8*

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Irene Little, 301-415-7380)

12:00 m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### **Week of December 14—Tentative**

*Tuesday, December 15*

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### **Week of December 21—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 21, 1998.

#### **Week of December 28—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 28, 1998.

\* 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:** Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

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Dated: December 4, 1998.

**William M. Hill, Jr.,**

*Secy Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.* [FR Doc. 98-32667 Filed 12-4-98; 2:06 p.m.]

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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **The National Partnership Council; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**Time and Date:** 3:00 p.m., December 9, 1998.

**Place:** OPM Conference Center, Room 1350, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. The conference center is located on the first floor.

**Status:** This meeting will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals with special access needs wishing to attend should contact OPM at the number shown below to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**Matters to be Considered:** This National Partnership Council meeting will proceed with its regular order of business in line with its 1998 Strategic Plan and Calendar.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Andrew M. Wasilisin, Acting Director, Center for Partnership and Labor-Management Relations, Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7H28, Washington, DC 20415-2000, (202) 606-2930.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2940]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 09:30 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW, Washington DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the thirtieth session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW) to be held at IMO from January 25 to 29, 1999.

The primary matters to be considered include:

1. Review of IMO guidance on principles of safe manning (i.e., crew size);
2. Work emanating from the 1995 Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), including

consideration of training requirements for maritime pilots;

3. Medical standards for seafarers, particularly physical abilities for entry level seafarers;

4. Validation of an IMO model course on Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS); and

5. Guidance associated with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F Convention, as adopted by the 1995 conference; not yet ratified or in force).

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Christopher Young, U. S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0229.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending November 27, 1998

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

**Docket Number:** OST-98-4810.

**Date Filed:** November 24, 1998.

**Parties:** Members of the International Air Transport Association.

**Subject:**

PAC/Reso/403 dated October 28, 1998

Finally Adopted Resos r1-21

PAC/Meet/156 dated October 28,

1998—Minutes

Intended effective date: February 1, 1999

**Docket Number:** OST-98-4811.

**Date Filed:** November 24, 1998.

**Parties:** Members of the International Air Transport Association.

**Subject:**

COMP Telex Mail Vote 975

Commission Paid In Malawi—Reso 016a

Intended effective date: December 1, 1998

**Docket Number:** OST-98-4812.

**Date Filed:** November 24, 1998.

**Parties:** Members of the International Air Transport Association.

**Subject:**

PAC/Reso/404 dated October 28, 1998

Mail Vote A100 (Reso 808-Sales

Agency Rules in Latin

America/Caribbean, except Brazil)

Intended effective date: January 1, 1999

**Dorothy W. Walker,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending November 27, 1998

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

**Docket Number:** OST-98-4808.

**Date Filed:** November 23, 1998.

**Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:** December 21, 1998.

**Description:** Application of Tower Air, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 41108 and Subpart Q applies for the issuance of a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity or Amendment of its existing Certificate for Route 401, to engage in foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between New York, New York and Rome, Italy. Tower Air plans to utilize the authority herein requested to operate two 747 aircraft presently in its fleet, commencing May 1, 1999. Tower therefore requests that it be allocated two U.S.-Italy frequencies per week.

**Docket Number:** OST-98-4809.

**Date Filed:** November 23, 1998.

**Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:** November 25, 1998.

**Description:** Application of US Airways, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41102 and 41108, Part 201, and Subpart Q, applies for a Certificate of