

available time margin. The licensee provided a basis that the actions were reliable, based on the available time margin; the administrative controls such as procedures, staffing levels, and availability of equipment; and by accounting for uncertainty in fires and plant conditions. Therefore, the OMAs included in this review are reliable because there is adequate time available to account for uncertainties not only in estimates of the time available, but also in estimates of how long it takes to diagnose a fire and execute the OMAs (e.g., as based, at least in part, on a plant demonstration of the actions under non-fire conditions). OMA 1 for fire area R-4 is performed in a fire affected area and is performed after the fire is extinguished and after the SERO is fully staffed. This OMA establishes the RWST as the suction supply for the charging system and is not conducted until after AFW is established and since the BASTs have a minimum TRM specified inventory to ensure 72 minutes of flow, OMA 1 can be completed with 40 minutes of margin.

### 3.15 Summary of Defense-in-Depth and Operator Manual Actions

In summary, the defense-in-depth concept for a fire in the fire areas discussed above provides a level of safety that results in the unlikely occurrence of fires, rapid detection, control and extinguishment of fires that do occur and the protection of structures, systems and components important to safety. As discussed above, the licensee has provided preventative and protective measures in addition to feasible and reliable OMAs that together demonstrate the licensee's ability to preserve or maintain safe shutdown capability in the event of a fire in the analyzed fire areas.

### 3.16 Authorized by Law

This exemption would allow MPS2 to rely on OMAs, in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, to ensure that at least one means of achieving and maintaining hot shutdown remains available during and following a postulated fire event, as part of its fire protection program, in lieu of meeting the requirements specified in III.G.2 for a fire in the analyzed fire areas. As stated above, 10 CFR 50.12 allows the NRC to grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50. The NRC staff has determined that granting of this exemption will not result in a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or the Commission's regulations. Therefore, the exemption is authorized by law.

### 3.17 No Undue Risk to Public Health and Safety

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G is to ensure that at least one means of achieving and maintaining hot shutdown remains available during and following a postulated fire event. Based on the above, no new accident precursors are created by the use of the specific OMAs, in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, in response to a fire in the analyzed fire areas. Therefore, the probability of postulated accidents is not increased. Also based on the above, the consequences of postulated accidents are not increased. Therefore, there is no undue risk to public health and safety.

### 3.18 Consistent with Common Defense and Security

This exemption would allow MPS2 to credit the use of the specific OMAs, in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, in response to a fire in the analyzed fire areas, discussed above, in lieu of meeting the requirements specified in III.G.2. This change, to the operation of the plant, has no relation to security issues. Therefore, the common defense and security is not diminished by this exemption.

### 3.19 Special Circumstances

One of the special circumstances described in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) is that the application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. The underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G is to ensure that at least one means of achieving and maintaining hot shutdown remains available during and following a postulated fire event. While the licensee does not comply with the explicit requirements of III.G.2 specifically, they do meet the underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, and Section III.G as a whole. Therefore, special circumstances exist that warrant the issuance of this exemption as required by 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii).

## 4.0 Conclusion

Based on all of the features of the defense-in-depth concept discussed above, the NRC staff concludes that the use of the requested OMAs, in these particular instances and in conjunction with the other installed fire protection features, in lieu of strict compliance with the requirements of III.G.2 is consistent with the underlying purpose of the rule. As such, the level of safety present at MPS2 is commensurate with

the established safety standards for nuclear power plants.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, is consistent with the common defense and security and that special circumstances are present to warrant issuance of the exemption. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Dominion an exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2 of Appendix R of 10 CFR Part 50, to utilize the OMAs discussed above at MPS2.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (77 FR 39746).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of December 2012.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC-2012-0002].

**DATE:** Weeks of December 24, 31, 2012, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

### Week of December 24, 2012

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 24, 2012.

### Week of December 31, 2012—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 31, 2012.

### Week of January 7, 2013—Tentative

*Tuesday, January 8, 2013*

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Fort Calhoun (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Michael Hay, 817-200-1527)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Venting Systems for Mark I and Mark II Containments (Public Meeting)  
(Contact: William Reckley, 301-415-7490)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

#### Week of January 14, 2013—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 14, 2013.

#### Week of January 21, 2013—Tentative

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

#### Week of January 28, 2013—Tentative

Thursday, January 31, 2013

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Public Participation in NRC Regulatory Decision-Making (Public Meeting)  
(Contact: Lance Rakovan, 301-415-2589)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

Friday, February 1, 2013

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Small Business Programs (Public Meeting)  
(Contact: Sandra Talley, 301-415-8059)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

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Dated: December 20, 2012.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2013-26 and CP2013-34; Order No. 1590]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Priority Mail Contract 50 to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 31, 2012.

**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:

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#### I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 50 to the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup> It asserts that Priority Mail Contract 50 is a competitive product "not of general applicability" within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3). *Id.* The Request has been assigned Docket No. MC2013-26.

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted

contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. *Id.* Attachment B. The instant contract has been assigned Docket No. CP2013-34.

*Request.* To support its Request, the Postal Service filed six attachments as follows:

- Attachment A—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 11-6, authorizing the new product;
- Attachment B—a redacted copy of the contract;
- Attachment C—proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule competitive product list with the addition underlined;
- Attachment D—a Statement of Supporting Justification as required by 39 CFR 3020.32;
- Attachment E—a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a); and
- Attachment F—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and related financial information under seal.

In the Statement of Supporting Justification, Dennis R. Nicoski, Manager, Field Sales Strategy and Contracts, asserts that the contract will cover its attributable costs, make a positive contribution to covering institutional costs, and increase contribution toward the requisite 5.5 percent of the Postal Service's total institutional costs. *Id.* Attachment D at 1. Mr. Nicoski contends that there will be no issue of market dominant products subsidizing competitive products as a result of this contract. *Id.*

*Related contract.* The Postal Service included a redacted version of the related contract with the Request. *Id.* Attachment B. The contract is scheduled to become effective the first business day after the Commission issues all regulatory approvals. *Id.* at 2. The contract will expire 3 years from the effective date unless, among other things, either party terminates the agreement upon 30 days' written notice to the other party. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service represents that the contract is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a). *Id.* Attachment D.

The Postal Service filed much of the supporting materials, including the related contract, under seal. *Id.* Attachment F. It maintains that the redacted portions of the contract, customer-identifying information, and related financial information, should remain confidential. *Id.* at 3. This information includes the price structure, underlying costs and assumptions, pricing formulas, information relevant to the customer's mailing profile, and cost coverage projections. *Id.* The Postal

<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 50 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, December 20, 2012.