

NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's request and has concluded that application of the regulation in these circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Therefore, the NRC staff concludes that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) special circumstances are present.

In addition, 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, and is consistent with the common defense and security.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants the licensees an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) for PBAPS Unit Nos. 2 and 3, in that updates to the combined UFSAR for PBAPS, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, may be submitted within 6 months following completion of each PBAPS Unit 2 refueling outage, not to exceed 24 months from the previous submittal.

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 (66 FR 41054).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of September 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Meeting to Solicit Stakeholder Input on the Use of Risk Information in the Nuclear Materials and Waste Regulatory Process

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) is developing an approach for using risk information in the nuclear materials and waste regulatory process. As part of this effort, the NRC staff conducted case studies on a spectrum of activities in the nuclear materials and waste arenas to (1) determine what has been done and what could be done in NMSS to alter

the regulatory approach in a risk-informed manner and (2) establish a framework for using a risk-informed approach in the materials and waste arenas by testing a set of draft screening criteria, and determining the feasibility of safety goals.

NRC staff is in the process of completing the case studies and finalizing the screening criteria. The staff is also beginning to formulate draft safety goals for materials and waste applications. The purpose of this meeting is to: (1) Present to stakeholders the integrated outcome of the case studies, including the final screening considerations and an early draft of safety goals, and (2) solicit recommendations and comments on how NRC should proceed with incorporating risk information into its regulatory framework. The tentative outline for the meeting is as follows:

1. Poster exhibition of case studies
2. Opening remarks
3. Discuss case study insights and integrated outcome
  - a. Final screening considerations
  - b. Process improvements
  - c. Tools, data, and methods
  - d. Draft safety goals
4. Receive comments, feedback, and recommendations
5. Closing remarks

The meeting is open to the public; all interested parties may attend and provide comments. Persons who wish to attend the meeting should contact Marissa Bailey no later than October 19, 2001.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 25, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., a poster exhibition session will be held in the Auditorium lobby so that participants can discuss specific case study results with the staff.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC staff's case study approach, the draft screening criteria, and the case study areas under consideration are described in the "Plan for Using Risk Information in the Materials and Waste Arenas: Case Studies" which has been published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 66782, November 7, 2000). Copies of this plan are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/>

[riskassessment.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/riskassessment.html). Written requests for single copies of the case study plan and draft case study reports may also be submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, Risk Task Group, Mail Stop T-8-A-23, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Draft reports for each of the case studies will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/riskassessment.html> by October 1, 2001.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 6th day of September, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25151; 812-12596]

### BHF Finance (Delaware) Inc.; Notice of Application

September 6, 2001

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") from all provisions of the Act.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant, BHF Finance (Delaware) Inc. ("BHF Finance"), seeks an order to permit BHF Finance to sell securities and use the proceeds to finance the business activities of its prospective parent company, Deutsche Postbank ("Postbank"), and certain companies controlled by Postbank.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on July 30, 2001. Applicant has agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on September 27, 2001, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicant in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of