

views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official, Dr. Medhat M. El-Zeftawy (telephone 301-415-6889) between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: October 29, 2002.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 72-12 and 50-333; License No. DPR-59]

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant; Notice of Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), has issued a Director's Decision with regard to a Petition dated February 21, 2002, filed by Mr. Timothy Judson of the Citizens Awareness Network, *et al.*, hereinafter referred to as the "Petitioner." The Petition concerns the operation of Entergy's James A. FitzPatrick Interim Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). The Petitioner requested the following:

1. That the NRC order Entergy to suspend the dry cask storage program at the FitzPatrick reactor.
2. That the NRC require Entergy to:
 - Demonstrate that the proposed fuel storage program presents no increased risks to the national security or worker or public health and safety beyond what is contemplated in the Certificate of Compliance and General License, pursuant to § 72.212(4)-(5);
 - Submit its proposed design changes for technical review in the form of a

license amendment application and seek regulatory approval for them pursuant to § 72.244;

- Evaluate its use of the HI-TRAC 100 transfer cask for ALARA standards, per § 50, Appendix I;
- Provide more substantial physical and structural protection of the irradiated fuel and ISFSI to satisfy the requirements of §§ 73.51, 73.55; and
- Demonstrate the use of the HI-STORM 100 can satisfy these requirements at FitzPatrick, or demonstrate countervailing and compelling reasons to utilize the HI-STORM 100 at FitzPatrick, as opposed to any other casks certified by NRC.

3. That all documents and information filed in relation to the selection of storage casks and the implementation of dry storage at FitzPatrick be put on the docket for public inspection.

4. That the Petition Review Board (PRB) submit this Petition to the NRC's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for review of the Spent Fuel Project Office's compliance with regard to NRC regulations in terms of design changes, licensing, amendments, exemptions and ALARA in its permitting process relating to the use of dry cask storage at FitzPatrick. Additionally, that a review be conducted to determine whether NRC staff in the Spent Fuel Project Office are complicit or misguided in permitting design changes to these casks without submission of a license amendment.

5. That the NRC conduct an investigation to determine whether Entergy has deliberately circumvented the appropriate technical and regulatory review required to protect worker and public health and safety and the environment.

As the basis for the February 21, 2002, request, the Petitioner states several safety concerns related to the design changes associated with the HI-STORM 100 cask design, as well as safety concerns related to national security.

The Petitioner addressed the PRB on March 29, 2002, in a telephone conference call to clarify the bases for the Petition. The meeting gave the Petitioner and the licensee an opportunity to provide additional information and to clarify issues raised in the Petition.

The NRC sent a copy of the proposed Director's Decision to the Petitioner and to the licensee for comment on August 13, 2002. The Petitioner responded with comments on August 27, 2002, and the licensee responded on August 28, 2002. The comments and the NRC staff's response to them are Enclosures to the Director's Decision.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards has determined that the safety concerns the Petitioner raised related to the modified HI-STORM 100 cask design at FitzPatrick were reviewed, and determined not to pose an immediate safety issue. Therefore, the request to require that an order be issued to Entergy to suspend the dry cask storage program at FitzPatrick was denied. In response to the Petitioner's request that Entergy submit an additional safety demonstration of the FitzPatrick storage facility, it was determined, through the NRC inspection program, that Entergy has demonstrated that the proposed fuel storage program presents no increased risks to the national security or worker or public health and safety beyond what is contemplated in the Certificate of Compliance and General License, pursuant to § 72.212(4)-(5). The NRC denied the Petitioner's request that Entergy submit a license amendment, ALARA review, and various other safety evaluations and justifications to the NRC for review for the reasons noted in the detailed discussion in the Director's Decision. The Petitioner's request to require Entergy to provide more substantial physical and structural protection of the irradiated fuel and ISFSI was also denied, as existing security measures, including issuance of an NRC Order to Entergy on October, 16, 2002, have been determined to be adequate. The Petitioner requested that all documents and information filed in relation to the selection of storage casks and the implementation of dry storage at FitzPatrick be put on the docket for public inspection. Documents and information filed in relation to the selection of storage casks and the implementation of dry storage at FitzPatrick were put on the docket for public inspection by letter dated May 10, 2002, and the additional information was released to the public at that time. The Petitioner's request that the PRB submit this Petition to the OIG for review of the SFPO was granted, as noted in the letter dated April 12, 2002. In response to the Petitioner's request to investigate whether Entergy deliberately circumvented the regulatory process, the NRC staff review of Entergy's 10 CFR 72.48 evaluation concluded that the proper regulatory process was followed by Entergy, and no further investigation was warranted. The reasons for these decisions are explained in the Director's Decision pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 (DD-02-02), the complete text of which is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One

White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The text is also accessible through the ADAMS Public Library on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (Public Electronic Reading Room).

A copy of the Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the Director's Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the decision, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Director's Decision in that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of October 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin J. Virgilio,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC (Citizens, Inc., Class A Common Stock, no par value) File No. 1-16509

October 30, 2002.

Citizens, Inc., a Colorado corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Class A Common Stock, no par value ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of Amex Rule 18 by complying with all applicable laws in the State of Colorado, in which it is incorporated, and with the Amex's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer unanimously approved a resolution on June 4, 2002, to withdraw the Issuer's Security from listing on the Amex. The Issuer states that the Security has traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") since August 2002. The Issuer stated that the

Board took such action in order to avoid the direct and indirect costs and the division of the market resulting from dual listing on the Amex and NYSE.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the Amex and shall not affect its listing on the NYSE or its obligation to be registered under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before November 19, 2002, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25789; 812-12224]

Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, et al.; Notice of Application

October 29, 2002.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission")

ACTION: Notice of application under section 12(d)(1)(j) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act, under section 6(c) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(e) of the Act, and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit (a) Certain investment companies and other institutional investors to use cash collateral from securities lending transactions ("Cash Collateral") and

uninvested cash ("Uninvested Cash," and together with the Cash Collateral, the "Cash Balances") to purchase shares of certain registered open-end management investment companies ("Registered Investment Funds") and unregistered investment companies ("Unregistered Investment Funds," and together with the Registered Investment Funds, the "Investment Funds"); (b) Credit Suisse First Boston (New York Branch) ("CSFB") to accept fees from certain registered investment companies for acting as securities lending agent; (c) CSFB, Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation ("CSFB Corp."), Credit Suisse Asset Management Securities, Inc. ("CSAMSI") and any broker-dealer that may be controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSFB, CSFB Corp. or CSAMSI (each, an "Affiliated Broker-Dealer") to borrow portfolio securities from certain registered investment companies and to receive brokerage commissions from, and to engage in principal securities transactions with, registered investment companies that are affiliated persons solely because they hold 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of an Investment Fund; and (d) certain investment companies, other institutional investors and the Investment Funds to engage in certain purchase and sale transactions with each other.

APPLICANTS: Credit Suisse European Equity Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Select Equity Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Global Technology Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Institutional U.S. Core Equity Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Institutional Fixed Income Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Institutional High Yield Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Capital Appreciation Fund, Credit Suisse Capital Funds, Credit Suisse Emerging Growth Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Emerging Markets Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Fixed Income Fund, Credit Suisse Global Fixed Income Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Global Health Sciences Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Global Post-Venture Capital Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Global Financial Services Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Institutional Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Investment Grade Bond Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Institutional International Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Japan Growth Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse International Focus Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse New York Municipal Fund, Credit Suisse Opportunity Funds, Credit Suisse Short Duration Bond Fund, Credit Suisse Small Cap Growth Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Strategic Small Cap Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Strategic Value

¹ 15 U.S.C. 781(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 781(b).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).