

Dates and Time: November 2, 2006; 9 a.m.–5 p.m., November 3, 2006; 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Joanne Tornow, Senior Advisor for Strategic Planning, Policy and Analysis, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Tel. No.: (703) 292-8400.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Joint session with the Education and Human Resources Directorate Planning and Issues Discussion:

- BIO Status and FY 07 Budget.
- NSF Strategic Plan.
- NEON Update.
- Committee of Visitors Reports.

Dated: September 22, 2006.

Joann P. Roskoski,

Executive Officer, Biological Sciences.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-263]

Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplement 26 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Regarding the License Renewal of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, Commission) has published a final plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-22 for an additional 20 years of operation for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (Monticello). Monticello is located on the southern bank of the Mississippi River in the City of Monticello, Wright County, Minnesota, approximately 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final Supplement 26, based on: (1) The

analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Nuclear Management Company, LLC; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Monticello are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decisionmakers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 26 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>. The accession number for the final Supplement 26 to the GEIS is ML062490078. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. In addition, the Monticello Public Library (220 West 6th Street, Monticello, Minnesota 55362) and the Buffalo Public Library (18 Northwest Lake Boulevard, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313), have agreed to make the final supplement available for public inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer A. Davis, Environmental Branch B, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O-11F1, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Ms. Davis may be contacted at 1-800-368-5642, extension 3835 or via e-mail at jxd10@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of September, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Rani L. Franovich,

Branch Chief, Environmental Branch B, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: Weeks of September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006.

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

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 25, 2006

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 25, 2006.

Week of October 2, 2006—Tentative

Thursday, October 5, 2006

12:55 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

- a. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition for Backfit Order (Tentative).

Week of October 9, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 9, 2006.

Week of October 16, 2006—Tentative

Monday, October 16, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Status of New Reactor Issues—Combined Operating Licenses (COLS) (morning session).

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Status of New Reactor Issues—Combined Operating Licenses (COLS) (afternoon session), (Public Meetings) (Contact: Dave Matthews, 301-415-1199).

These meetings will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Friday, October 20, 2006

2:30 p.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of October 23, 2006—Tentative

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Institutionalization and Integration of Agency Lessons Learned (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Lamb, 301-415-1727).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Resolution of GSI-191, Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR Sump Performance (Public Meeting) (Contact: Michael L. Scott, 301-415-0565).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of October 30, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 30, 2006.

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: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

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Dated: September 21, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,
Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54476; File No. SR-BSE-2006-31]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Removing Its Short Sale Price Test Rule

September 20, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 6, 2006, the Boston Stock

Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. BSE has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

BSE proposes amending its rules related to trading in Nasdaq securities to remove the short sale price test rule, or "bid test" rule, applicable to Nasdaq Global Market securities and Nasdaq Capital Market securities ("Nasdaq Securities") traded on facilities of the BSE. That rule is presently set forth in Chapter XXXV, Section 26 of the BSE Rules.

In addition to removing the BSE "bid test" rule for short sales of Nasdaq Securities from the BSE Rules, the proposed amendment is intended to clarify that all Nasdaq Securities traded on BSE facilities will be exempt from the requirements of any short sale price test applicable to Nasdaq Securities, including, but not limited to, the short sale price test set forth in Rule 10a-1 of the Act.

Regulation SHO Rule 202T established procedures to allow the Commission to temporarily suspend short sale price tests so that the Commission could study the effectiveness of short sale price tests (the "Pilot").⁴ The Pilot is designed to assist the Commission in assessing whether changes to short sale regulation are necessary in light of current market practices and the purposes underlying short sale regulation. To determine whether additional rulemaking is necessary, Commission staff will evaluate the results of the Pilot. After completion of the Pilot Program or at such other time if the Commission determines that such exemptions are no longer necessary or appropriate in the public interest or consistent with the protection of investors, the BSE will amend its rules accordingly, if necessary. The text of the proposed rule change is available from the principal

office of the Exchange and from the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**1. Purpose**

On or about August 1, 2006, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") became a national securities exchange. As a result of Nasdaq becoming a national securities exchange, Nasdaq Securities became exchange listed securities subject to the short sale "tick test" provisions of Rule 10a-1 under the Act, which governs short sales of any security registered on, or admitted to, unlisted trading privileges on a national securities exchange if such transactions are made pursuant to an effective transaction reporting plan as defined in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS.⁵

Both the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. and Nasdaq requested, and have been granted, an exemption from the "tick test" provisions of Rule 10a-1 for Nasdaq listed securities while the Regulation SHO Pilot Program (the "Pilot Program") remains pending or until such other time as the Commission determines that such exemptions are no longer necessary or appropriate in the public interest or consistent with the protection of investors.⁶ The BSE intends to rely upon the exemption from the "tick test" provisions of Rule 10a-1 set forth in the Commission's July 20, 2006 letter to the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. As such, transactions in Nasdaq Securities on the BSE will be exempt from the "tick test" provisions of Rule 10a-1 just as transactions in Nasdaq Securities on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. are exempt. The BSE will

⁵ See the July 20, 2006 letter from James Brigagliano, Acting Associate Director, Securities and Exchange Commission, Division of Market Regulation to David C. Whitcomb, Jr., at the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.

⁶ See *id.*

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ See Exchange Act Release No. 50104 (July 28, 2004), 69 FR 48032 (August 6, 2004).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.