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20. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

[Docket No. M-2000-154-C]

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526-9804 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Skyline Mine No. 3 (I.D. No. 42-01566) located in Carbon County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to use belt air to ventilate active working places. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

21. Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C.

[Docket No. M-2000-155-C]

Mountain Coal Company, L.L.C., 5174 Highway 133, P. O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.352 (return air courses) to its West Elk Mine (I.D. No. 05-03672) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of a two-entry mining system with the belt entry used as a return air course as stipulated in this petition for modification during longwall panel development mining. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide system to be used as an early warning detection system during panel development mining, longwall setup, longwall retreat mining, and longwall recovery. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

22. Oxbow Carbon and Minerals, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-156-C]

Oxbow Carbon and Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Sanborn Creek Mine (I.D. No. 05-04452) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method for grounding of a diesel generator. The petitioner proposes to use a 480 volt, wye connected, 320 KW portable diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine. The

petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

23. Oxbow Carbon and Minerals, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-157-C]

Oxbow Carbon and Minerals, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Somerset, Colorado 81434 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901 (protection of low- and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Sanborn Creek Mine (I.D. No. 05-04452) located in Gunnison County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method for grounding of a diesel generator. The petitioner proposes to use a 480 volt, wye connected, 320 KW portable diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to "comments@msha.gov," or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before January 4, 2001. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Carol J. Jones,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-250/251-LR; ASLBP No. 01-786-03-LR]

Florida Power and Light Company Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 3 and 4; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717, 2.721, and 2.772(j) of the Commission's

Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Florida Power and Light Company Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 3 and 4

This Board is being established pursuant to a notice published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 60693 (Oct. 12, 2000)) and the Commission's November 28, 2000 order referring intervention petitions for a hearing (CLI-00-23, 52 NRC — (Nov. 28, 2000)). The proceeding involves an application by the Florida Power and Light Company to renew the operating licenses for its Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 3 and 4, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR part 54. The renewed licenses, if granted, would authorize the applicant to operate those units for an additional twenty-year period.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with the Judges in accordance with 10 CFR § 2.701.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of November 2000.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-333-LT and 50-286-LT ASLBP No. 01-785-02-LT]

Power Authority of the State of New York and Entergy Nuclear Fitzpatrick LLC, Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3 LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant and Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission, see 37 FR 28710 (Dec. 29, 1972), and CLI-00-22, 52 NRC (Nov. 27, 2000), and the Commission's

regulations, *see* 10 CFR 2.1319, notice is hereby given that a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is designated as Presiding Officer to conduct further proceedings in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1320 in the following case:

Power Authority of The State of New York, and Entergy Nuclear Fitzpatrick LLC, Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3 LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.

James A. FitzPatrick, Nuclear Power Plant, and Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR part 2, subpart M, of the Commission's Regulations, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications." This proceeding concerns applications that together seek the Commission's authorization to transfer the ownership interest in, and operating/maintenance responsibility for (1) the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 from the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) to Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO), respectively; and (2) the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant from PASNY to Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3, LLC, and ENO, respectively. The notices of consideration of these transfer requests and opportunity for hearing were published in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2000. *See* 65 FR 39,953 (2000); 65 FR 39,954 (2000).

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer. All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bechhoefer in accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1313. His mail and e-mail addresses are:

Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, E-mail: cxb2@nrc.gov.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of November 2000.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, December 14, 2000
Thursday, December 21, 2000

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by

contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5538, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: November 21, 2000.

John F. Leyden,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

2001 Railroad Experience Rating Proclamations, Monthly Compensation Base and Other Determinations

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 8(c)(2) and section 12(r)(3) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (Act) (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(2) and 45 U.S.C. 362(r)(3), respectively), the Board gives notice of the following:

1. The balance to the credit of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance (RUI) Account, as of June 30, 2000, is \$103,012,214.34;
2. The September 30, 2000, balance of any new loans to the RUI Account, including accrued interest, is zero;
3. The system compensation base is \$3,091,618,036.00 as of June 30, 2000;
4. The cumulative system unallocated charge balance is (\$225,212,154.12) as of June 30, 2000;
5. The pooled credit ratio for calendar year 2001 is zero;
6. The pooled charged ratio for calendar year 2001 is zero;
7. The surcharge rate for calendar year 2001 is 1.5 percent;
8. The monthly compensation base under section 1(i) of the Act is \$1,050 for months in calendar year 2001;
9. The amount described in section 1(k) of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$2,625 for base year (calendar year) 2001;
10. The amount described in section 2(c) of the Act as "an amount that bears the same ratio to \$775 as the monthly compensation base for that year as computed under section 1(i) of this Act bears to \$600" is \$1,356 for months in calendar year 2001;
11. The amount described in section 3 of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$2,625 for base year (calendar year) 2001;
12. The amount described in section 4(a-2)(i)(A) of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$2,625