

supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated August 23, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 1 and 15, 1996, regarding the transfer of licenses and amendments, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Wharton County Junior College, J. M. Hodges Learning Center, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of November 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
William D. Beckner,

*Project Director, Project Directorate IV-1,
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of
Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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[Docket No. 72-18-ISFSI; ASLBP No. 97-720-01-ISFSI]

In the Matter of Northern States Power Company (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Notice of Prehearing Conference

November 1, 1996.

This proceeding concerns the application of Northern States Power Co. (NSP) for a license under 10 CFR Part 72 to possess spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in an off-site independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) in Goodhue County, Minnesota. The license, if granted, would authorize NSP to store spent fuel in a dry storage cask system.

Notice is hereby given that, as set forth in the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order (Schedules for Further Filings and for Prehearing Conference) (LBP-96-22), dated October 24, 1996, a prehearing conference will be conducted beginning on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Large Hearing Room, Metro Square Building, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147. The conference will commence at 9:30 a.m. on December 17, 1996, and will continue, to the extent necessary, at 9:00

a.m. on December 18 and 19, 1996, at the same location.

At the conference, the Licensing Board will consider the seven petitions for leave to intervene and requests for a hearing filed by various entities between September 25, 1996 and October 17, 1996, together with supplements to those petitions scheduled to be filed no later than November 25, 1996, including the standing of various petitioners and each of their proffered contentions. The Board will also consider potential scheduling for various aspects of the proceeding, should the Board determine that a hearing is to be authorized. Members of the public are invited to attend the conference but may not otherwise participate.

During the subsequent course of the proceeding, if a hearing is authorized, persons who are not parties to the proceeding will be invited to submit limited appearance statements, either in writing or orally, with regard to the ISFSI application, as permitted by 10 CFR 2.715(a). These statements do not constitute testimony or evidence in this proceeding but may help the Board and/or parties in their deliberations as to the boundaries of the issues to be considered. Oral statements will not be heard at the December 17-19 prehearing conference but will be heard at later sessions of the proceeding. Written statements may be submitted at any time. Written statements, or requests for oral statements, should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555, Attn: Docketing and Service Branch. A copy of such statement or request should also be served on the Chairman of this Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, T3 F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555.

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington DC 20555, and at the local public document room at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Rockville, Maryland, November 1, 1996.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Charles Bechhoefer,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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[Docket No. 040-08948]

Extension of Public Comment Period on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Cambridge, Ohio, Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

On July 25, 1996, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced in the Federal Register the availability for public comment of a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts and alternatives associated with Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's (SMC) proposed approach for decommissioning the SMC facility in Cambridge, Ohio (61 FR 38789). The end of the comment period was stated to be ninety (90) days from the date on which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice was published in the Federal Register stating that the DEIS had been filed with the EPA. The EPA noticed availability of the DEIS on August 2, 1996 (61 FR 40414). Consequently, the end of the public comment period became October 31, 1996.

NRC has received several requests to extend the comment period for the DEIS. NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 51.73 permit the staff to grant reasonable requests for extensions of time of up to fifteen (15) days. In this case, the staff is granting a longer extension because of several requests to do so, including one from the State of Ohio. With this notice, NRC is granting a thirty (30) day extension of the comment period to November 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES FOR THE DEIS: A single copy of the DEIS (NUREG-1543) may be requested by those considering public comment by writing to the NRC Publications Section, ATTN.: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082, or by calling 202-512-1800. A copy of the DEIS is available for inspection and/or copying in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L St. NW., Washington, DC 20555-0001. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Guernsey County District Library, 800 Steubenville Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio 43725-2385.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Kennedy, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Mail Stop T-7F27, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material

Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone 301/415-6668.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of October 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Michael F. Weber,
Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.
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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. A97-3; Order No. 1138]

In the Matter of: Templeville, Maryland 21670; (Catherine J. Everett, et al., Petitioners); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Issued November 1, 1996.

Docket Number: A97-3
Name of Affected Post Office:
Templeville, Maryland 21670
Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Catherine J. Everett, et al.

Type of Determination: Closing
Date of Filing of Appeal Papers:
October 30, 1996

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(C)].
2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission orders:

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by November 14, 1996.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.
Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

Appendix

Templeville, Maryland 21670; Docket No. A97-3

October 30, 1996—Filing of Appeal letter
November 1, 1996 Commission Notice and
Order of Filing of Appeal

November 25, 1996—Last day of filing of
petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R.
3001.111(b)]

December 4, 1996—Petitioners' Participant
Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R.
3001.115(a) and (b)]

December 24, 1996—Postal Service's
Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R.
3001.115(c)]

January 8, 1997—Petitioners' Reply Brief
should Petitioner choose to file one [see
39 C.F.R. 3001.115(d)]

January 15, 1997—Deadline for motions by
any party requesting oral argument. The
Commission will schedule oral argument
only when it is a necessary addition to
the written filings [see 39 C.F.R.
3001.116]

February 27, 1997—Expiration of the
Commission's 120-day decisional
schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Expanded Cargo Transfer Flexibility at Alaska International Airports

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary,
Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final Order, Docket OST-96-
1600, Order 96-11-2.

SUMMARY: The Department is finalizing its Show Cause Order 96-9-19, concerning an application filed by the State of Alaska, the Anchorage International Airport, and the Fairbanks International Airport. The Department is granting (except as noted below) all foreign air carriers which hold currently effective Department authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of cargo (whether under authorizations permitting combination or all-cargo services), exemption authority under 49 U.S.C. 41301 to engage in the following cargo transfer activities at Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports: (1)

To transfer cargo from any of their aircraft to any of their other aircraft, provided that both aircraft are operating to/from a point in the carrier's homeland; (2) to make changes, at points in Alaska, in the type or number of aircraft used to transport cargo, provided that in the outbound direction the transportation beyond Alaska is a continuation of the transportation from the carrier's homeland to Alaska, and in the inbound direction, the transportation to the carrier's homeland is a continuation of the transportation from behind Alaska; (3) to commingle cargo moving in foreign air transportation with cargo traffic not moving in foreign air transportation; (4) to discharge cargo in Alaska for transfer to a U.S. carrier for onward carriage to a final destination in the United States or in a third country, and to uplift from Alaska cargo transferred from a U.S. carrier which was transported by that carrier to Alaska from a point of origin elsewhere in the United States or in a third country; and (5) to discharge cargo in Alaska for transfer to another foreign carrier for onward carriage to a final destination in a third country, and to uplift from Alaska cargo transferred from another foreign carrier which was transported by that carrier to Alaska from a point of origin in a third country. Grant of this authority also applies to any foreign air carriers which receive Department authority to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of cargo (whether under authorizations permitting combination or all-cargo services) during the period this exemption is in effect. However, this authority does not apply to foreign air carriers of Japan and the United Kingdom, since the United States is actively engaged in critical, comprehensive efforts aimed at forging new, more competitive bilateral aviation agreements with both of these important trading partners. The authority is effective for one year from the issue date of the Department's order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Wellington, Foreign Air Carrier Licensing Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 6412, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone (202) 366-2391.

Dated: November 1, 1996.

Charles A. Hunnicutt,
Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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