

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is delegating to the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, concurrently with the Secretary, the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, with the exception of the power to sue and be sued.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam E. Hutchinson, Associate General Counsel for Human Resources Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 10242, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0888. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may delegate any of the Secretary's functions, powers and duties to such officers and employees of the Department as the Secretary may designate, and may authorize successive redelegations of such functions, powers and duties as determined to be necessary or appropriate. In the delegation of authority issued today, the Secretary is delegating to the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, all the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to be exercised concurrently with the Secretary, with the exception of the power to sue and be sued.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, is hereby authorized, concurrently with the Secretary, to exercise all the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Section B. Authority Excepted

There is excepted from the authority delegated under Section the authority to sue and be sued.

Section C. Delegation of Concurrent Authority Superseded

The Delegation of Concurrent Authority to the President, Government National Mortgage Association, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 1995, at 60 FR 8250, is hereby superseded.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: December 28, 1995.

Henry G. Cisneros,
Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Lower Snake River District; Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will hold two meetings to discuss and develop draft statewide standards for rangeland health and guidelines for managing livestock grazing on public lands. Public comment periods will be held at 1 p.m. on January 25 and at 8 p.m. on February 15.

DATES: January 25, 1996 beginning at 8:15 a.m.; and February 15, 1996, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Idaho State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Barry Rose,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 169X)]

Illinois Central Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in West Feliciana Parish, LA

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.8 miles of its line of railroad between milepost LB-9.7 to milepost LB-10.5 near Riddle (Zee), in West Feliciana Parish, LA.

IC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) all overhead traffic previously routed over this line has been rerouted to alternate lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service

over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 3, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by January 16, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 24, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20423.⁴

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Myles L. Tobin, Illinois Central Railroad Company, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Dr., 20th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

IC has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's

¹ A stay will be issued routinely by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay on environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

² See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

³ The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

⁴ Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining functions is currently under consideration. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.

effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 9, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA is available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: December 28, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. Part 110]

General and Specific Licenses Authorizing Exports of Nuclear Reactor Components, Substances, and Items Under Section 109b of the Atomic Energy Act to EURATOM; Order Suspending Licenses (Effective January 1, 1996)

I

The licensees that are subject to this order are authorized by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC" or "Commission") through general and specific licenses granted under Section 109b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), and 10 C.F.R. Part 110 to export nuclear reactor components, substances, and items for nuclear end uses to EURATOM on the basis of assurances provided by EURATOM to the U.S. pursuant to Section 109b ("EURATOM assurances"). The expiration date of the EURATOM assurances underlying the NRC's general and specific license authorizations for exports of nuclear reactor components, substances, and items under Section 109b is tied to the expiration date of the current Agreement for Cooperation between the U.S. and EURATOM under Section 123 of the AEA.

II

The EURATOM assurances will expire on December 31, 1995, the

expiration date of the current Agreement for Cooperation between the U.S. and EURATOM. Although a new Section 123 Agreement for Cooperation has been approved by authorities on both sides,¹ the U.S. has not received new Section 109b assurances from EURATOM. The NRC is prohibited from authorizing any exports of nuclear reactor components, substances, and items to a foreign nation under Section 109b in the absence of such assurances from the foreign nation.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 109b, 161b, 161i, 183, and 186 of the AEA, and 10 C.F.R. §§ 110.50(a) (1) and (2) and 110.52, from January 1, 1996 until such time that the U.S. receives the assurances required for exports of nuclear reactor components, substances, and items under Section 109b of the AEA from EURATOM or its individual member countries,² NRC general and specific license authorizations under Section 109b and 10 C.F.R. §§ 110.26 and 110.42(b) for exports of nuclear reactor components to EURATOM countries are suspended.³ This suspension order will expire by operation of law when the assurances required under Section 109b are received from EURATOM or its individual member countries. The NRC will publish notice of the receipt of these assurances in the Federal Register.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 28th day of December, 1995.

Carlton R. Stoiber,

Director, Office of International Programs.

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¹The new Agreement must sit before Congress for review for up to 90 days of continuous legislative session.

²The EURATOM Member States are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Licensees authorized under general or specific licenses to make Section 109b exports to Austria, Finland, Spain, or Sweden may continue direct exports to these countries because they have provided separate bilateral assurances to the U.S. that remain in effect.

³In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 110.52(c), the Commission finds that Licensees need not be afforded an opportunity to reply and be heard because this action is required by operation of law and the common defense and security.

[Docket No. 50-285]

Omaha Public Power District, Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1; Exemption

I

The Omaha Public Power District (OPPD or the licensee) holds Facility Operating License No. DPR-40, which authorizes operation of the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect. The facility consists of one pressurized water reactor located at the licensee's site in Washington County, Nebraska.

II

Section 50.54(q) of 10 CFR part 50 requires a licensee authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor to follow and maintain in effect emergency plans which meet the standards of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR part 50. Section IV.F.2.c of Appendix E requires that each licensee at each site conduct an exercise with offsite authorities such that the State and local government emergency plans for each operating reactor site are exercised biennially. Section IV.F.2 also requires full or partial participation by State and local governments within the plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone (EPZ).

The NRC may grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations which, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), are (1) authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) present special circumstances. Section 50.12(a)(2)(v) of 10 CFR 50 describes the special circumstances where an exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulations and the licensee or applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulations.

III

By letter dated December 8, 1995, and supplemental letter dated December 15, 1995, OPPD requested a scheduler exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.c that requires a biennial exercise with State and local government authorities within the plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone (EPZ). The licensee has requested to postpone, until the first quarter of 1996, the offsite portion of the biennial full-scale