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indirect transfer of a specific NRC license by placing a copy of the application at the NRC Web site, http://www.nrc.gov.

- (b) The Commission will also publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of receipt of an application for approval of a license transfer involving 10 CFR part 50 and part 52 licenses, major fuel cycle facility licenses issued under part 70, or part 72 licenses. This notice constitutes the notice required by §2.105 with respect to all matters related to the application requiring NRC approval.
- (c) Periodic lists of applications received may be obtained upon request addressed to the NRC Public Document Room, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

 $[63\ {\rm FR}\ 66730,\ {\rm Dec.}\ 3,\ 1998,\ {\rm as}\ {\rm amended}\ {\rm at}\ 64\ {\rm FR}\ 48949,\ {\rm Sept.}\ 9,\ 1999]$

§ 2.1302 Notice of withdrawal of an application.

The Commission will notice the withdrawal of an application by publishing the notice of withdrawal in the same manner as the notice of receipt of the application was published under § 2.1301.

§2.1303 Availability of documents.

Unless exempt from disclosure under part 9 of this chapter, the following documents pertaining to each application for a license transfer requiring Commission approval will be placed at the NRC Web site, http://www.nrc.gov, when available:

- (a) The license transfer application and any associated requests;
- (b) Commission correspondence with the applicant or licensee related to the application;
 - (c) FEDERAL REGISTER notices;
- (d) The NRC staff Safety Evaluation Report (SER).
- (e) Any NRC staff order which acts on the license transfer application; and
- (f) If a hearing is held, the hearing record and decision.

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$\S 2.1304$ Hearing procedures.

The procedures in this subpart will constitute the exclusive basis for hear-

ings on license transfer applications for all NRC specific licenses.

§ 2.1305 Written comments.

- (a) As an alternative to requests for hearings and petitions to intervene, persons may submit written comments regarding license transfer applications. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but these comments do not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record.
- (b) These comments should be submitted within 30 days after public notice of receipt of the application and addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.
- (c) The Commission will provide the applicant with a copy of the comments. Any response the applicant chooses to make to the comments must be submitted within 10 days of service of the comments on the applicant. Such responses do not constitute part of the decisional record.

§2.1308 Oral hearings.

Hearings under this subpart will be oral hearings, unless, within 15 days of the service of the notice or order granting the hearing, the parties unanimously agree and file a joint motion requesting a hearing consisting of written comments. No motion to hold a hearing consisting of written comments will be entertained absent consent of all the parties.

[69 FR 2270, Jan. 14, 2004]

§2.1309 Notice of oral hearing.

- (a) A notice of oral hearing will—
- (1) State the time, place, and issues to be considered;
- (2) Provide names and addresses of participants,
- (3) Specify the time limit for participants and others to indicate whether they wish to present views;
- (4) Specify the schedule for the filing of written testimony, statements of position, proposed questions for the Presiding Officer to consider, and rebuttal testimony consistent with the schedule provisions of §2.1321.

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- (5) Specify that the oral hearing shall commence within 15 days of the date for submittal of rebuttal testimony unless otherwise ordered:
- (6) State any other instructions the Commission deems appropriate;
- (7) If so determined by the NRC staff or otherwise directed by the Commission, direct that the staff participate as a party with respect to some or all issues.
- (b) If the Commission is not the Presiding Officer, the notice of oral hearing will also state:
- (1) When the jurisdiction of the Presiding Officer commences and terminates:
- (2) The powers of the Presiding Officer:
- (3) Instructions to the Presiding Officer to certify promptly the completed hearing record to the Commission without a recommended or preliminary decision.

§ 2.1310 Notice of hearing consisting of written comments.

A notice of hearing consisting of written comments will:

- written comments will:

 (a) State the issues to be considered;
- (b) Provide the names and addresses of participants:
- (c) Specify the schedule for the filing of written testimony, statements of position, proposed questions for the Presiding Officer to consider for submission to the other parties, and rebuttal testimony, consistent with the schedule provisions of §2.1321.
- (d) State any other instructions the Commission deems appropriate.

§2.1311 Conditions in a notice or order.

- (a) A notice or order granting a hearing or permitting intervention shall—
- (1) Restrict irrelevant or duplicative testimony; and
- (2) Require common interests to be represented by a single participant.
- (b) If a participant's interests do not extend to all the issues in the hearing, the notice or order may limit her/his participation accordingly.

§2.1315 Generic determination regarding license amendments to reflect transfers.

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility or the license of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action, involves respectively, "no significant hazards consideration," or "no genuine issue as to whether the health and safety of the public will be significantly affected."
- (b) Where administrative license amendments are necessary to reflect an approved transfer, such amendments will be included in the order that approves the transfer. Any chalenge to the administrative license amendment is limited to the question of whether the license amendment accurately reflects the approved transfer.

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§ 2.1316 Authority and role of NRC staff.

- (a) During the pendency of any hearing under this subpart, consistent with the NRC staff's findings in its Safety Evaluation Report (SER), the staff is expected to promptly issue approval or denial of license transfer requests. Notice of such action shall be promptly transmitted to the Presiding Officer and parties to the proceeding.
- (b) Except as otherwise directed in accordance with §2.1309(a)(7), the NRC staff is not required to be a party to proceedings under this subpart but will offer into evidence its SER associated with the transfer application and provide one or more sponsoring witnesses.
- (c) If the NRC staff desires to participate as a party, the staff shall notify the Presiding Officer and the parties and shall thereupon be deemed to be a party with all the rights and responsibilities of a party.

§2.1319 Presiding Officer.

(a) The Commission will ordinarily be the Presiding Officer at a hearing under this part. However, the Commission may provide in a hearing notice that one or more Commissioners, or