

with 10 CFR 50.75. Upon review of the circumstances surrounding the issue of Great Bay's electric utility status, its current and projected financial condition, the underlying purpose of the requirement for additional decommissioning funding assurance arrangements for non-electric utilities, and the availability of such arrangements, the staff is considering conditionally extending the temporary exemption issued on January 22, 1997, for an additional period of 5 years, until July 22, 2002.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed action and has determined that the probability or consequences of accidents would not be increased by the extension of the temporary exemption, and that post-accident radiological releases would not be greater than previously determined. Further, the Commission has determined that the extension would not affect routine radiological plant effluents and would not increase occupational radiological exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the extension of the temporary exemption would not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternative to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, any alternative with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to not extend the expiration date of the temporary exemption and, thereby, require that Great Bay provide the required additional assurance for decommissioning funding. Not extending the exemption would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are identical.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental

Statement for the Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1, dated March 1983.

#### *Agencies and Persons Contacted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 14, 1997, the NRC staff consulted with the New Hampshire state official, Mr. George Iverson of the New Hampshire Emergency Management Agency regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. On July 14, 1997, the NRC staff consulted with the Massachusetts state official, Mr. James Muckerheid of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The state officials had no comments.

#### *Finding of No Significant Impact*

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the letters submitted by Great Bay through its counsel, Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, dated February 21, 1997, June 4, 1997, and June 16, 1997, 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 Exeter Public Library, Founders Park, Exeter, New Hampshire 03833.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of July 21, 28, August 4, and 11, 1997.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

## **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

### *Week of July 21*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 21.

### *Week of July 28—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 28.

### *Week of August 4—Tentative*

Monday, August 4

2:00 p.m. Briefing by International Programs (Close—Ex. 1)

3:00 p.m. Briefings on Investigative Matters (Closed—Ex. 5 & 7)

Wednesday, August 6

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Northeast Nuclear on Millstone (Public Meeting) (Contact: Bill Travers, 301-415-1200)

2:00 p.m. Briefing on Shutdown Risk Proposed Rule for Nuclear Power Plants (Public Meeting) (Contact: Tim Collins, 301-415-2897)

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Thursday, August 7

9:30 a.m. Meeting with NRC Executive Council (Public Meeting) (Contact: James L. Glaha, 301-415-1703)

### *Week of August 11—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 11.

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Dated: July 18, 1997.

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