

ATTACHMENT 1.—GENERAL TARGET SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING AND RESOLVING REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED NON-SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION (SUNSI) AND SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION (SGI) IN THIS PROCEEDING—Continued

Day	Event/activity
A + 28 .....	Deadline for submission of contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI and/or SGI. However, if more than 25 days remain between the petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing), the petitioner may file its SUNSI or SGI contentions by that later deadline.
A + 53 .....	(Contention receipt +25) Answers to contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI and/or SGI.
A + 60 .....	(Answer receipt +7) Petitioner/Intervenor reply to answers.
B .....	Decision on contention admission.
205 .....	Deadline for petitioner to seek reversal of a final adverse NRC staff determination either before the presiding officer or another designated officer.
A .....	If access granted: Issuance of presiding officer or other designated officer decision on motion for protective order for access to sensitive information (including schedule for providing access and submission of contentions) or decision reversing a final adverse determination by the NRC staff.
A + 3 .....	Deadline for filing executed Non-Disclosure Affidavits. Access provided to SUNSI and/or SGI consistent with decision issuing the protective order.
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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425]

**Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplement 34 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, and Public Meeting for the License Renewal of Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2**

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses NPF-068 and NPF-081 for an additional 20 years of operation for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (VEGP). VEGP is located in Burke County, Georgia, approximately 15 miles east-northeast of Waynesboro, GA, and 26 miles southeast of Augusta, GA. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft Supplement 34 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or

from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.html>. The Accession Number for the draft Supplement 34 to the GEIS is ML081080299. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). In addition, the Burke County Library, located at 130 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, GA 30830, has agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be considered, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by July 16, 2008; the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Comments received after the due date will be considered only if it is practical to do so. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T-6D59, Rockville, Maryland, between

7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at [Vogtle\\_LR\\_EIS@nrc.gov](mailto:Vogtle_LR_EIS@nrc.gov). All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, local agencies, Native American Tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and through ADAMS. The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on June 5, 2008, at the Augusta Technical College, Waynesboro Campus, located at 216 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, GA 30830. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10 p.m., as necessary. Both sessions will be transcribed and will include: (1) A presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered,

comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. J.P. Leous, the NRC Environmental Project Manager, at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2864, or by e-mail at [Vogtle\\_LR\\_EIS@nrc.gov](mailto:Vogtle_LR_EIS@nrc.gov) no later than May 16, 2008. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual, oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. J.P. Leous' attention no later than May 16, 2008, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

*For Further Information Contact:* Mr. J.P. Leous, Projects Branch 1, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop O-11F1, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Mr. Leous may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. PI2008-4; Order No. 72]

### Study on Reduced Postal Rates

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission seeks comments from the public on a study of a postal rule that allows certain fundraising mailings to be sent at reduced rates. The comments will assist the Commission in preparing a statutorily-required report and recommendations.

**DATES:** Initial comments due June 24, 2008; reply comments due July 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), Public Law 109-435, 120 Stat. 3218 (2006), directs the Commission to prepare several reports on special topics. One directive requires the Commission to examine an exception to the cooperative mail rule to determine whether this change in eligibility for reduced postage contains adequate safeguards to protect against abuses of rates for nonprofit mail and deception of consumers. The Commission is to report the results of this examination to the Postal Service, along with any recommendations it deems appropriate. If the Postal Service fails to act thereon, the Commission may take such action it deems necessary to prevent abuse of rates or deception of consumers. *See* section 711, 120 Stat. 3248 (2006).<sup>1</sup>

The Commission establishes Docket No. PI2008-4 to facilitate compliance with the directive in section 711 and seeks comments from the public on the scope and nature of the examination, report, and potential recommendations. 39 U.S.C. 505 requires the designation of an officer of the Commission in all public proceedings to represent the interests of the general public. The Commission designates Katja M. Eichinger to serve as the Public Representative. Pursuant to this designation, Ms. Eichinger will direct the activities of Commission personnel assigned to assist her and, upon request, will provide their names for the record. Neither she nor any of the assigned personnel will participate in or provide advice on any Commission decision in this proceeding.

#### II. The Cooperative Mail Rule

The cooperative mail rule is a longstanding provision in the DMM. It traditionally has controlled access to reduced postage rates by limiting the ability of an entity that is eligible for reduced rates to "cooperate" or partner with another entity in a mailing and still retain its reduced rate eligibility for the mailing in question. The rule generally accomplishes this, in brief, by requiring that each cooperating entity independently qualify for nonprofit rates at the post office of mailing; by

requiring that the mail matter being sent be that of the eligible entity; and by prohibiting "sharing" a permit with an entity not authorized to mail at reduced rates. These restrictions effectively foreclose a nonprofit from cooperating with a for-profit entity if the mailing is to be sent at nonprofit rates, unless the cooperation involves a legitimate principal-agent relationship in a fee-for-service arrangement. *See* DMM § 703.1.6.3.

The traditional rationale for imposing limits on cooperative mailings has been that access to reduced rates is a privilege—initially subsidized by taxpayers, but more recently by other mailers—and that the limits help prevent abuse of this privilege. The extent of the benefit has varied in the years since its introduction, but eligible cooperative mailings currently pay 60 percent of the Regular Standard Mail rate.

#### III. The Emergence of the Fundraising Exception

In 2003, the Postal Service initiated an administrative rulemaking to address a revision to the cooperative mail rule. The rulemaking resulted in a revision, effective November 13, 2003, widely referred to as the Fundraising Exception. In practical effect, this revision expands eligibility in a limited respect by exempting fundraising mailings seeking only monetary donations from application of the DMM's conditions for an eligible cooperative mailing. *See* 68 FR 23937 (May 6, 2003) and 68 FR 58273 (October 9, 2003), setting out the proposed and final rule, respectively. The revision requires that the cooperating nonprofit entity either receive a detailed donor list (containing the name of donor, contact information, and the amount of donation) from its mailing partner or execute a written waiver of such receipt.

##### *A. The Fundraising Exemption, as Initially Proposed*

The Postal Service notice of proposed rulemaking included a discussion of the history of the cooperative mail rule and its application to fundraising mailings; the traditional role of Congress with respect to eligibility for nonprofit Standard Mail rates; recent concerns about the impact of the cooperative mail rule on fundraising mailings; and proposed legislation to exempt certain fundraising mail from the rule. It noted, with respect to the impact of the rule on fundraising mailings, that over the last several years, some nonprofit organizations have made the Postal Service aware of concerns that the application of the cooperative mail rule

<sup>1</sup> Section 711 of the PAEA refers to section E670.5.3 of the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM). The text of this provision now appears at DMM § 703.1.6.3 due to a reorganization of the DMM.