

established to preside over the following proceeding:

PPL Susquehanna LLC

(Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2)

A Licensing Board is being established pursuant to a November 2, 2006 notice of opportunity for hearing (71 FR 64,566) regarding the September 13, 2006 application for renewal of Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NFP-22, which authorize PPL Susquehanna LLC (PPL) to operate the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Units 1 and 2, at 3489 megawatts thermal. The PPL renewal application seeks to extend the current operating licenses—which expire on July 17, 2022, and March 23, 2024, for Units 1 and 2 respectively—for an additional twenty years. This proceeding concerns the January 2, 2007 request for hearing/petition to intervene filed by Mr. Eric Joseph Epstein.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Ann Marshall Young, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dr. Kaye D. Lathrop, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dr. William W. Sager, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with the administrative judges in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of January 2007.

E. Roy Hawkens,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Request for Comments From the
Public on Haiti's Eligibility for Benefits
Under the Haitian Hemispheric
Opportunity Through Partnership
Encouragement Act of 2006**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership

Encouragement Act Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (the "Subcommittee") is requesting that the public provide written comments on whether Haiti meets the eligibility requirements set out in 5002(d) of the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership Encouragement Act (HOPE). The Subcommittee will consider these comments in developing a recommendation to the President on Haiti's eligibility under HOPE. The President is required to make this determination no later than March 20, 2007.

DATES: Public Comments are due at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) by noon, Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: FR0504@USTR.EOP.GOV. For assistance or if unable to submit comments by e-mail, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions, please contact Gloria Blue, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room F516, Washington, DC 20508, at (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Viondette Lopez, Director of Caribbean Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, at (202) 395-6117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) (Pub. L. 98-67) (19 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), as amended by HOPE, authorizes the President to designate Haiti as a beneficiary country eligible for duty-free treatment for certain apparel articles as well as certain wire harness automotive components, if he determines that Haiti meets the eligibility criteria set forth in: (1) Section 213a of the CBERA (section 5002(d) of HOPE) and (2) section 502 of the 1974 Act. Application of preferential treatment, however, is also conditioned on Haiti meeting conditions set out in section 5002(e) of HOPE. Written comments are requested on whether Haiti meets the eligibility requirements set out below.

Eligibility Requirements Under Section 5002(d)

(1) IN GENERAL—Haiti shall be eligible for preferential treatment under this section if the President determines and certifies to Congress that Haiti—

(A) has established, or is making continual progress toward establishing—

(i) a market-based economy that protects private property rights, incorporates an open rules-based trading system, and minimizes government interference in the economy through measures such as price controls, subsidies, and government ownership of economic assets;

(ii) the rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process, a fair trial, and equal protection under the law;

(iii) the elimination of barriers to United States trade and investment, including by—

(I) the provision of national treatment and measures to create an environment conducive to domestic and foreign investment;

(II) the protection of intellectual property; and

(III) the resolution of bilateral trade and investment disputes;

(iv) economic policies to reduce poverty, increase the availability of health care and educational opportunities, expand physical infrastructure, promote the development of private enterprise, and encourage the formation of capital markets through microcredit or other programs;

(v) a system to combat corruption and bribery, such as signing and implementing the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions; and

(vi) protection of internationally recognized worker rights, including the right of association, the right to organize and bargain collectively, a prohibition on the use of any form of forced or compulsory labor, a minimum age for the employment of children, and acceptable conditions of work with respect to minimum wages, hours of work, and occupational safety and health;

(B) does not engage in activities that undermine United States national security or foreign policy interests; and

(C) does not engage in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights or provide support for acts of international terrorism and cooperates in international efforts to eliminate human rights violations and terrorist activities.

Requirements for Submissions: In order to facilitate the prompt processing of submissions, USTR requires electronic e-mail submissions in response to this notice. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be single-copy transmissions in English with the total submission not to exceed 10 single-spaced standard letter-size pages. The e-mail transmission should use the following subject line: "Haiti Eligibility

for Benefits under HOPE". Documents must be submitted as MSWord (".doc"), WordPerfect (".wpd"), ADOBE (".pdf"), or text (".txt") files. Spreadsheets submitted as supporting documentation are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files, pre-formatted for printing only on 8½ × 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files. Submissions in response to this notice will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6.

If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential version must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The non-confidential version must be clearly marked "PUBLIC" or "NON-CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of each page. Documents that are submitted without any marking might not be accepted or will be considered public documents.

For any document containing business confidential information submitted as an electronic attached file to an e-mail transmission, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "BC-" or "P-" should be followed by the name of the party (government, company, union, association, etc.) which is submitting the comments.

E-mail submissions should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission itself, including the sender's identifying information with telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address. The email address for these submissions is FR0504@USTR.EOP.GOV. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions might not be considered in this review. If unable to provide submissions by e-mail, please contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available

for public review approximately three weeks after the due date by appointment in the USTR Public Reading Room, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC. Availability of documents may be ascertained, and appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 202-395-6186.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Special Provincial Review of Intellectual Property Rights Protection in China: Request for Further Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: On June 16, 2006, USTR requested public comments concerning the locations and issues that should be the focus of a special provincial review (SPR) of intellectual property rights protection in China. In preparation for concluding this review, USTR now requests written comments from the public concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level in China.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, and sent (i) electronically, to the following e-mail address: FR0606@ustr.eop.gov, with "China Special Provincial Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the e-mail address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanford K. McCoy, Office of Intellectual Property, at (202) 395-4510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 28, 2006, USTR released its annual Special 301 report pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (enacted in 1994). In that report, USTR announced that the United States would conduct a special provincial review in the coming year to examine the

adequacy and effectiveness of China's IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level. The goal of this review is to spotlight strengths, weaknesses, and inconsistencies in and among specific jurisdictions, and to inform the Special 301 review of China as a whole.

On June 16, 2006, USTR requested initial public comments concerning the provinces and other provincial-level jurisdictions and issues that should be the focus of a special provincial review (SPR) of intellectual property rights protection in China. For purposes of this review, jurisdictions at the provincial level might include, in addition to China's provinces (sheng), the four municipalities (shi) of Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai, and Tianjin, as well as China's five autonomous regions (zizhiqu).

Locations and Issues: Based on the comments received, USTR concluded that locations of particular interest for U.S. right holders include Beijing City, Fujian Province, Guangdong Province, Jiangsu Province, Shanghai City, and Zhejiang Province. USTR concluded that issues of particular interest involve local enforcement of IPR, including trademarks and copyrights.

Request for Further Comments: In the June 16 request for comments, USTR indicated that it would seek more detailed public comments before concluding the SPR. USTR now requests comments from the public concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level in China. USTR encourages submitters to give particular attention to the locations and issues identified above. However, USTR will accept information on other locations and issues.

Submitters should bear in mind that the goals of the SPR include highlighting strengths, as well as weaknesses and inconsistencies, in and among specific jurisdictions. Strengths could include, for example, taking *ex officio* action on behalf of, and providing fair treatment for, foreign right holders, or local measures that facilitate IPR enforcement.

Requirements for Comments: Comments should respond to the request in this notice.

Comments must be in English. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as WordPerfect, MS Word, PDF, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that