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Dated: August 14, 1995.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—#1194.

*Date and Time:* September 6, 1995, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 310, 320, 360, and 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Ritchie Coryell, Program Director, SBIR Office, (703) 306-1390, Dr. Deborah L. Crawford, Program Director, ECS, (703) 306-1339, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—#1194.

*Date and Time:* September 7, 1995, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 970, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Charles Hauer, Program Director, SBIR Office, (703) 306-1390, Dr. Priscilla Nelson, Program Director, CMS (703) 306-1361, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Phase I Small Business proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—#1194.

*Date and Time:* September 7-8, 1995, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 680, 730, 310, 320, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Pat Johnson, Program Director, SBIR Office, (703) 306-1390, Dr. James Koenig, Program Director, IBN, (703) 306-1423, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research Program in the area of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including

technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Industrial Innovation; Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture and Industrial Innovation will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research Program in the area of Civil and Mechanical Systems, rooms 380 and 530. In order to review the large volume of proposals, panel meetings will be held on September 8, 1995 (2). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA from 8 to 5 each day.

*Contact Person:* Charles Hauer, Program Director, SBIR, (703) 306-1390, room 570, Dr. Ken Chong, Program Director, CTS, Dr. Oscar Dillon, Program Director, CTS, (703) 306-1360, room 545.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 USC 552b (c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-643, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name and Committee Code:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

*Date and Time:* August 29-30, 1995; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 730, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Sunanda Basu (703) 306-1529 and Dr. Robert Robinson (703) 306-1531, Program Directors, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, Room 775, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Coupling, Energetics and Dynamics of Atmospheric Regions (CEDAR) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being evaluated include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 11, 1995.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-293]

### **Boston Edison Company; Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License No. DPR-35, issued to Boston Edison Company (the licensee), for operation of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station located in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

##### *Identification of Proposed Action*

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated June 21, 1995, for an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power plant reactors against radiological sabotage." The requested exemption would allow the implementation of a hand geometry biometric system of site access control in conjunction with photograph identification badges, and would allow the badges to be taken offsite.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55(a), the licensee is required to establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

The Code of Federal Regulations at 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," specifies in part that: "The licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." The Code of Federal Regulations at 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), specifies in part that: "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It further indicates that an individual not employed by the licensee (e.g. contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without an escort provided the individual, "receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area."

Currently, unescorted access for both employee and contractor personnel into the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel who are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making a visual comparison of the individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. The picture badges are issued, stored, and retrieved at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. These picture badges are not taken offsite. This current practice is in accordance with the applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 discussed above.

The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. The proposal would also allow all individuals, including contractors, who have unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing the Pilgrim site. Thus, an exemption is required from 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) to allow contractors who have unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing the Pilgrim site.

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

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. In addition to their picture badges, all individuals with authorized unescorted access will have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badges to gain access into the

protected area, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a bullet-resistant structure. The proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for individuals requiring escorts.

The underlying purpose for requiring that individuals not employed by the licensee must receive and return their picture badges at the entrance/exit is to provide reasonable assurance that the access badges could not be compromised or stolen with a resulting risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Although the proposed exemption will allow individuals to take their picture badges offsite, the proposed measures require not only that the picture badge be provided for access to the protected area, but also that verification of the hand geometry registered with the badge be performed as discussed above. Thus, the proposed system provides an identity verification process that is equivalent to the existing process.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that the exemption to allow individuals not employed by the licensee to take their picture badges offsite will not result in an increase in the risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed exemption does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

##### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the requested action would not significantly enhance the environment in that the proposed action will result in a process that is equivalent to the existing identification verification process.