

amendment. No changes resulting from the reorganization are expected with regard to the following: lines of authority and responsibility, essential nuclear support functions provided to Palo Verde, effectiveness of the organization, priorities and ongoing plant improvement projects, technical qualifications, and corporate financial resources presently available in support of Palo Verde operations.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation 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 proposed action does not involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It 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. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3," dated February 1982.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 9, 1995, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official 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 licensee's letter dated October 3, 1995, which is 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 the Phoenix Public Library, 12 N. Central, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Charles R. Thomas,

*Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-2,  
Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of  
Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

### **Board Meeting: Scientific Activities in the ESF, Repository Design Issues, Program Priorities, Use of Expert Judgment, Defense Waste Impact Issues, and Response to NAS Standards Report Top List for January 1996 Meeting in Las Vegas**

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold its winter meeting on January 10 and 11, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 4255 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (Tel) 702-369-4400; (Fax) 702-369-3770. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

Presentations during the meeting will cover a variety of subjects. Scientific activities taking place in the exploratory studies facility and repository design issues top the list. Fiscal year 1996 program priorities within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the use of expert judgment are also key issues that will be reviewed. Additional topics planned for the two-day meeting include: deposition of surplus weapons plutonium; defense waste planning for Yucca Mountain; reactions from the Environmental

Protection Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Department of Energy (DOE) to the National Academy of Sciences report on the technical bases for Yucca Mountain standards; waste management efforts in the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom; and the DOE's technical basis report on surface processes.

Time will be set aside on the agenda for public comment and questions. To ensure that everyone wishing to speak is provided time to do so, the Board encourages those who have comments to sign the Public Comment Register, which will be located at the sign-in table. Those registering are advised that, depending on the number of people wishing to speak, a speaking time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks. However, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. In that same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on computer disk or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning February 26, 1996. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: November 16, 1995.

William Barnard,  
*Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical  
Review Board.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### **Federal Salary Council**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the forty-seventh

meeting of the Federal Salary Council will be held at the time and place shown below. At the meeting the Council will continue discussing issues relating to locality-based comparability payments authorized by the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (FEPCA). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATE:** December 12, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESS:** Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7B09, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth O'Donnell, Chief, Salary Systems Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 6H31, Washington, DC 20415-0001. Telephone number: (202) 606-2838.

For the President's Pay Agent.

Lorraine A. Green,

*Deputy Director.*

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Verification of Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Claims**

**AGENCY:** Railroad Retirement Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is announcing a change in the number of days provided for railroad employers to submit information about claims for unemployment and sickness benefits prior to the agency's decision to pay or deny benefits. For a one-year period, employers will be allowed 3 business days, rather than 7 calendar days, from the date of the RRB's notice of a claim to submit information about the claim before the agency decides to pay or deny benefits. For purposes of this action, a "business day" is defined as any of the days Monday through Friday which are not observed as official holidays by the United States Government.

**DATES:** The test program announced by this notice will commence January 2, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this action may be submitted within 30 days from the date of publication to John L. Thoresdale, Director of Unemployment and Sickness Insurance, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John L. Thoresdale, Director of Unemployment and Sickness Insurance, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, 312-751-4800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 5(b) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 355(b)) provides, in part, that "When a claim for benefits is filed with the Board, the Board shall provide notice of such claim to the claimant's base year employer or employers and afford such employer or employers an opportunity to submit information relevant to the claim before making an initial determination on the claim." Section 3256 of the Board's regulations authorize the establishment of procedures to obtain information about benefit claims from railroad employers. These procedures have allowed employers 7 calendar days for submission of information before the RRB decides to pay or deny benefits.

The Joint Committee on Rail Labor and Rail Management recently requested the RRB to reduce the time period allowed for employers to respond to notices of claims from 7 days to 3 days. At the conclusion of the test period, the Board will determine whether to implement the 3-day verification period for the future.

Dated: November 8, 1995.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

*Secretary to the Board.*

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## **COMMISSION ON PROTECTING AND REDUCING GOVERNMENT SECRECY**

### **Notice of Meeting**

This notice announces the fifth in a series of public meetings of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy. Pursuant to Title IX of Public Law 103-236, dated April 30, 1994, the Commission consists of twelve members, four appointed by the President, two each by the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader, and two each by the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders. The Commission will remain in effect for two years from the date of its first meeting.

**Time and Date:** 10:00 a.m., December 6, 1995.

**Place:** S-116, Committee on Foreign Relations Hearing Room, The Capitol.

**Status:** Open.

**Agenda:** 1. Mr. Peter D. Saderholm, Director, Security Policy Board Staff, on Board structure and activities, including implementation of Executive Orders 12958 and 12968 and recommendations of the Joint Security Commission.

**Contact Person for more Information:** Eric R. Biel, Staff Director, Commission

on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, (202) 776-8725; FAX: (202) 776-8773.

Eric R. Biel,

*Staff Director, Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy.*

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Rel. No. IC-21501; 812-9678]

### **Fortis Advantage Portfolios, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application**

November 13, 1995.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

**APPLICANTS:** Fortis Advantage Portfolios, Inc., Fortis Equity Portfolios, Inc., Fortis Fiduciary Fund, Inc., Fortis Worldwide Portfolios, Inc., Fortis Growth Fund, Inc., Fortis Money Portfolios, Inc., Fortis Securities, Inc., Fortis Series Fund, Inc., Fortis Tax-Free Portfolios, Inc., Fortis Income Portfolios, Inc., Special Portfolios, Inc. (collectively, the "Funds"), and Lazard Frères & Co. LLC ("Lazard Frères").

**RELEVANT ACT SECTIONS:** Order requested under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act, and under section 6(c) for an exemption from section 17(e) of the Act and rule 17e-1 thereunder.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS:** Applicants request an exemption to permit each Fund to use certain securities dealers that are affiliated persons of affiliated persons ("second-tier affiliates"), solely because of subadvisory relationships with one or more other Funds, to engage in principal transactions with the Fund. The order also would permit a Fund to use second-tier affiliates as brokers in connection with certain principal transactions and to pay commissions to such brokers without complying with the monitoring and recordkeeping requirements set forth in rule 17e-1.

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on July 24, 1995 and amended on September 29, 1995.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be