

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: January 2, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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United States Antarctic Program (USAP) Blue Ribbon Panel; Notice of Meeting

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

Name and Committee Code: United States Antarctic (USAP) Program Blue Ribbon Panel (5131)

Date and Time: 1997. January 31, 8 am-6 pm; February 1, 8:30 am-6 pm

Place: NSF, room 1235

Type of Meeting: Open

Contact Person: Guy G. Guthridge, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1031

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: Examine a full range of infrastructure, management, and scientific options for the United States Antarctic Program so that the Foundation will be able to maintain the high quality of the research and implement U.S. policy in Antarctica under realistic budget scenarios.

Agenda: Draft panel report to NSF

Dated: January 2, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consumers Power Company, Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant; Notice of Receipt and Availability for Comment of Post Shutdown Decommission Activities Report and Notice of Public Meeting

[Docket No. 50-155]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is in receipt of and is making available for public inspection and comment the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for the Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant (BRP) located 4 miles northeast of Charlevoix, Michigan. A public meeting on the BRP PSDAR will

be held in the Charlevoix Town Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

The operating license for BRP will expire on May 31, 2000. Consumers Power Company (CPC) submitted the BRP Decommissioning Plan (DP) dated February 27, 1995, to the NRC in accordance with NRC regulations in effect at that time. The NRC conducted a public meeting regarding the BRP DP on May 11, 1995, at which CPC presented its plan for decommissioning BRP. By letter dated February 14, 1996, the licensee requested that the review of the DP be delayed pending further notice by CPC. Amendments to the NRC's decommissioning regulations were published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1996 (61 FR 39278) and became effective on August 28, 1996. By letter dated September 5, 1996, to the NRC, CPC discussed the effect of the amended regulations and acknowledged that the BRP DP, as supplemented, was considered to be the BRP PSDAR pursuant to 10 CFR 50.82, as amended.

The public meeting, required by 10 CFR 50.82(a)(4)(ii), is informational and will include a presentation by the NRC staff on the changes to the decommissioning regulations resulting from the final rule published on July 29, 1996. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the licensee to update its planned decommissioning activities for BRP. A question and answer period will follow the presentations.

The BRP PSDAR is available for public inspection at the BRP local public document room (LPDR), located at the North Central Michigan College, 1515 Howard Street, Petosky, Michigan 49770, and at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. The BRP PSDAR is filed as the BRP Decommissioning Plan (NUDUCS microfiche accession number 9503020323). A transcript of the May 11, 1996, public meeting regarding the BRP DP is also available as NUDOCS microfiche accession number 9506210181.

Comments regarding the BRP PSDAR may be submitted in writing and addressed to Mr. Paul W. Harris, Project Manager, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 telephone number (301) 415-1169. Comments previously submitted in writing regarding the BRP DP will be considered by the NRC and need not be resubmitted.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael T. Masnik,

Acting Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Specifications for Information Based Indicia Program "Host Systems"; Correction

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Correction to Notice of proposed specifications with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The original notice (61 FR 55676; October 28, 1996) included incorrect dates. Additionally, the Postal Service will be hosting a general meeting on the Host System specification. All persons who have expressed an interest in the proposed specifications will be invited to attend the meeting. This meeting will focus solely on technical aspects of the Host System specification.

The **DATES** section is corrected to read as follows:

DATES: Comments on the specification must be received on or before March 15, 1997. Comments addressing intellectual property issues must be received on or before March 15, 1997. The general meeting on this subject is being planned for January 31, 1997, in Washington, DC. Interested parties may submit questions by January 17, 1997, which will be considered for incorporation into the meeting presentation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Goss (202) 268-3757.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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Information Based Indicia Program Interim Product Submission Procedures

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of proposed procedures with request for comments.

SUMMARY: There are approximately 1.5 million postage meters in use in the United States, which collectively account for approximately \$20 billion in postal revenue annually. For several years the Postal Service has been

actively pursuing a solution of the problem of inadequate postage meter security. To respond to the threat of fraudulent use of meters by physical tampering, the Postal Service intends to decertify and remove from the market, in risk-driven phases, all mechanical and electro-mechanical postage meters. Another problem the Postal Service has faced is that currently available meter indicia are susceptible to counterfeiting. The Postal Service is exploring using current technology special purpose units such as computers and independent printers to provide prepaid postage. This notice describes interim product submission procedures for the Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP) which the Postal Service is developing to support these corrective efforts.

DATES: Comments on the proposed procedures must be received on or before February 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the all draft specifications published to date under the Information Based Indicia Program may be obtained from: Terry Goss, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington, DC 20260-6807, (202)-268-3757. Mail or deliver written comments to: Manager, Retail Systems and Equipment, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington DC 20260-6807. Copies of all written comments may be inspected and photocopied between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Goss, (202) 268-3757.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP) is a Postal Service initiative supporting the development and implementation of a new form of postage indicia. The Postal Service envisions that the new indicium standard may eventually support new or existing products and services. Specific products and services have not been determined. An IBIP indicium (Federal Register Volume 61 Number 128 Tuesday, July 2, 1996) substitutes for a postage stamp or a postage meter imprint as evidence of the fact that postage has been paid on mailpieces. An IBIP Postal Security Device indicium (Federal Register Volume 61 Number 128 Tuesday, July 2, 1996) provides cryptographic signature, financial accounting, indicium creation, device authorization, and audit functions. An IBIP Host System indicium (Federal Register Volume 61 Number 209 Monday, October 28, 1996) creates the indicium using data provided by the

Postal Security Device and the user, supports communications with the vendor's infrastructure, provides a user interface, employs current postage rates, supports use of standardized addresses, and maintains records regarding host system use.

The goal for IBIP is to provide an environment in which customers can apply postage through new technologies that improve postal revenue security. This requires a new form of postage indicia and the adoption of standards to facilitate industry investment and product development.

The manufacture and use of postage meters is governed by Postal Service regulations (see 39 CFR Part 501; Domestic Mail Manual P030). With the development of new proposed specifications under the IBI Program that increases product security along with integrating advances in technology, a new approach to product submission is required. This new interim approach for product submission procedures covers product/devices intended to meet IBIP specifications. Please note this proposed procedure applies to product service providers of IBI products/devices. It does not apply to users of IBI product/devices nor producers of mail bearing the IBI as a form of evidence of postage.

As explained in detail below, there are nine steps proposed for the Interim IBIP product submission process. These steps are entitled: (1) Letter of Intent, (2) Non-Disclosure Agreements, (3) Concept of Operations, (4) Documentation Requirement, (5) Vendor Infrastructure Plan, (6) Product Submission/Testing, (7) Vendor Infrastructure Testing, (8) Field Test (Beta) Approval (Limited Distribution), and (9) Vendor/Product Approval (Full Distribution).

The proposed Interim IBIP product submission procedures [Draft] include nine steps:

A. Letter of Intent

1. The vendor must submit a letter of intent to the Manager, Retail Systems and Equipment (RSE), United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington DC 20260-6807. Include in this letter of intent (a) Date of correspondence, (b) Name and address of parties involved in the proposal: manufacturer, assembly, distribution, and management of the product/device, (c) Name and phone number of official point of contact for each company identified, (d) Proposed manufacturers' business qualifications (i.e., certifications and representations, proof of ability to be responsive and responsible), (e) a product/device concept narrative, (f) a vendor

infrastructure concept narrative, and (g) the target Postal Service market segment the proposed IBIP product/device is envisioned to serve.

2. The vendor must submit with the letter of intent a proposed IBIP product/device development plan of actions and milestones (POA&M) with a start date coinciding with the date of the letter of intent.

B. Non-Disclosure Agreements

The vendor must sign non-disclosure agreements with the Postal Service and its agents. These agreements are intended to assure confidentiality and fairness in business.

C. Concept of Operations

The vendor must submit a "Concept of Operations" (CONOPS) that discusses at a moderate level of detail the features and usage conditions for the proposed product/device. Vendors should provide five hard copies and one electronic copy on a PC-formatted 3.5" floppy disk. The CONOPS should cover the following areas at a minimum:

1. System Overview

- (a) Concept Overview/Business Model
- (b) Concept of Production Administration
- (c) PC Postage System (hardware/software)
 - (1) Features
 - (2) Components
- (d) Product Lifecycle Overview
- (e) Adherence to Industry Standards

2. Proposed PC Postage System Components—Details

- (a) Postal Security Device Features and Functions
- (b) Host System Features and Functions
- (c) Other components required for normal use conditions

3. Proposed PC Postage Product Lifecycle

- (a) Manufacture
- (b) USPS certification of product/device
- (c) Production
- (d) Distribution
- (e) Product/device licensing and registration
- (f) Initialization
- (g) Product/Device Authorization and Installation
- (h) Postage Value Download (PVD) process
- (i) Product audits (Device and Host System)
- (j) Inspections (print quality assurance)
- (k) Device/Product Withdrawal/Replacement
 - (1) Overall process
 - (2) Product failure/malfunction procedures

(l) Scrapped device process

4. Finance Overview

- (a) Customer account (lock box) management
 - (1) Coupon acquisition
 - (2) Payment
 - (3) Statement of Account
 - (4) Refund
- (b) Individual product finance account management
 - (1) Postage Value Download
 - (2) Refund
- (c) Daily account reconciliation
 - (1) Vendor reconciliation
 - (2) USPS detailed transaction reporting
- (d) Periodic summaries
 - (1) Monthly reconciliation
 - (2) Other reporting

5. Interfaces

- (a) Communications and message interfaces with Postal Infrastructure
 - (1) PVDs
 - (2) Scanning Support
 - (3) Support for Mailpiece spoils
 - (4) Refunds
 - (5) Inspections (print quality assurance)
 - (6) Product Audits
 - (7) Lost or Stolen Procedures
- (b) Communications and message interfaces with USPS financial institutions
 - (1) Postage refill
 - (2) Daily Account reconciliation
 - (3) Deposit slip management
 - (4) Refunds
- (c) Communications and message interfaces with Customer Infrastructure
 - (1) Key Management
 - (2) Product Audits (Device and Host System)
 - (3) Inspections (print quality assurance)
- (d) Message Error Detection and Handling

6. Technical Support and Customer Service

- (a) User Training and Support
- (b) Software Configuration Management (CM) and update procedures
- (c) Hardware CM and update procedures

7. Other

- (a) Postal Rate Change Procedures
- (b) ZIP+4 CD updates
- (c) Physical Security
- (d) Personnel Security

Appendix A Security Features

The CONOPS must be accompanied by substantiated market analysis supporting the target Postal Service market segment the proposed IBIP product/device is envisioned to serve as identified in the Letter of Intent.

D. Documentation Requirements

1. The vendor must submit to the Postal Service a detailed design document of the product/device. FIPS 140-1 Appendix A provides a checklist summary of documentation requirements for the FIPS 140-1 standard. Additionally, the Postal Service requires design documentation which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Full source code of all software involved in the IBIP Postal Security Device and the IBIP Host System,
 - (b) Operations manuals for product usage,
 - (c) Interface description documents for all proposed communications interfaces,
 - (d) Maintenance manuals,
 - (e) Schematics,
 - (f) Product initialization procedures,
 - (g) Finite state machine models/diagrams,
 - (h) Block diagrams,
 - (i) Security features descriptions, and
 - (j) Cryptographic operations descriptions.

Detailed references for much of this documentation is listed in FIPS 140-1 Appendix A. The Postal Service will determine the number of copies needed of the aforementioned documentation based on review of the CONOPS.

2. The vendor must submit a test plan that, if passed by a product/device, provides compliance by the product/device with all Postal Service requirements and FIPS 140-1 requirements, as applicable to IBIP. The test plan must list the parameters to be tested, test equipment, procedures, test sample sizes, and test data formats. Also, the plan must include detailed descriptions, specifications, design drawings, schematic diagrams, and explanations of the purposes for all special test equipment and non-standard or non-commercial instrumentation. Finally, this test plan must include a proposed schedule of major test milestones.

E. Vendor Infrastructure Plan

The Vendor must submit a Vendor Infrastructure Plan which describes how you will meet or enforce the processes and procedures described in your concept of operations. This includes but is not limited to a detailed description of all Information Based Indicia Program and Postal Service related operations, computer systems, and interfaces with both customers and the Postal Service that the vendor shall use in manufacturing, producing, distribution, customer support, product/device life cycle, inventory control, print

readability quality assurance, and reporting on IBIP product/devices.

F. Product Submission/Testing

1. The vendor must submit, of each product/device requested for approval, a minimum of five combinations of each product/device to the Postal Service for evaluation and review. The vendor must provide directly, or through lease or rental, any equipment required for use in conjunction with the proposed product/device needed to represent usage conditions as proposed in the CONOPS (see section C).

2. The vendor must supply the Postal Service with sample mailpieces that represent the range of impression styles possible (including Ad plates) and envelop (size) types, envelop (paper) types, envelop colors, and envelop styles acceptable to the IBIP product/device submitted for testing. Separate sample mailpieces from each printer driver supported by the IBIP product/device will be required. Quantities of sample mailpieces required for testing will be determined by the Postal Service based on product/device characteristics.

3. The vendor must submit simultaneously to IBIP product/device submission to the Postal Service the identical IBIP product/device to a laboratory accredited under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) for product/device FIPS 140-1 certification, as applicable. Upon completion of this evaluation, the Postal Service requires the following be forwarded directly from the accredited laboratory to the Manager, Retail Systems & Equipment for review:

- (a) A copy of letter of recommendation to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the United States of America.
- (b) Copies of all proprietary and non-proprietary reports and recommendations generated.

- (c) A copy of NIST issued certificate.

Additional Security Testing Note: The Postal Service reserves the right to require or conduct additional examination and testing at any time, without cause, of any IBIP product/device submitted to the Postal Service for approval or approved by the Postal Service for manufacture and distribution.

G. Vendor Infrastructure Testing

1. Testing of all reporting requirements, including Postal Service/customer licensing support, IBIP product/device status activity reporting, total IBIP product/device population inventory, irregularity reporting, lost and stolen reporting, financial transaction reporting, account

reconciliation, digital certificate acquisition, product initialization, cryptographic key changes, rate table changes, print quality assurance, device authorization, device audit, product audit, and remote inspections must be achieved by vendors prior to any product/device approval for distribution.

2. Testing of these activities and functions includes computer based testing of all interfaces with the Postal Service including but not limited to the following:

- a. Product Manufacture and Life Cycle (including leased, unleased, new meter stock, installation, withdrawal, replacement, key management, lost, stolen, and irregularity reporting)
- b. Product Distribution and Initialization (including device authorization, product initialization, customer authorization, and product maintenance)
- c. Licensing (including license application, license update and license revocation)
- d. Finance (including lock box account management, individual product financial accounting, refunds, daily summary reports, daily transaction reporting, and monthly summary reports)
- e. Audits and Inspections

3. The vendor must complete an IBIP Product/Device—Vendor Infrastructure—Financial Institution—USPS Infrastructure (ALPHA) Test involving all entities in the proposed architecture; at a minimum this includes the proposed IBIP product/device, Vendor Infrastructure, financial institution and USPS Infrastructure systems and interfaces. ALPHA testing is intended to demonstrate the proposed IBIP product/devices' utility, functionality and compatibility with other systems, and may be conducted in a laboratory environment.

Vendor Infrastructure Testing—(ALPHA) Test Note: The Postal Service reserves the right to require or conduct additional examination and testing at any time, without cause, of any Vendor Infrastructure system supporting an IBIP product/device approved by the Postal Service for manufacture and distribution. Initial Vendor Infrastructure testing and (ALPHA) testing schedules will be supported at the convenience of the Postal Service. In addition, as all IBIP products/devices will have to conform to the Product/Infrastructure specs, vendors are also strongly encouraged to initiate dialogue regarding systems specifications with the Postal Service at the earliest possible date.

H. Field Test (BETA) Approval (Limited Distribution)

1. The vendor will submit a proposed Field Test (BETA) Test Plan identifying test parameters, product/device quantities, geographic location, test participants, test duration, test milestones, and product recall plan (if needed). The purpose of the BETA test is to demonstrate the proposed IBIP product/devices' utility, functionality and compatibility with other systems in a real-world environment. The BETA test will employ available communications and interface with current operational systems to conduct all IBIP functions. The Manager, Retail Systems & Equipment will determine acceptance of vendor proposed BETA Test Plans based on, but not limited to, assessed risk of product/device, product/device impact on Postal Service operations, and requirements for Postal Service resources.

2. The vendor has a duty to report security weaknesses to the Postal Service to ensure that each product/device model and every product/device in service protects the Postal Service against loss of revenue at all times. A grant of Field Test Approval (FTA) does not constitute an irrevocable determination that the Postal Service is satisfied with the revenue-protection capabilities of the product/device. After approval is granted to manufacture and distribute a product/device, no change affecting the basic features or safeguards of a product/device may be made except as authorized or ordered by the Postal Service in writing from the Manager, Retail Systems & Equipment.

1. Vendor/Product Approval (Full Distribution)

1. Upon receipt of the final certificate of evaluation from the national laboratory, and after obtaining positive results of internal testing of the product/device, successful completion of vendor infrastructure testing, ALPHA testing, and demonstration of limited distribution activities (BETA testing), the submitted product/device, vendor infrastructure and vendor/manufacturer qualification requirements will be administratively reviewed for final approval. Note: Copies of Draft 39 Code of Federal Regulation Part 502 containing IBIP Vendor/Manufacturer qualification requirements are available by contacting Terry Goss at (202) 268-3757.

2. The Postal Service may require at any time, that models/versions of approved products/devices, and the design and use manuals and specifications applicable to such

product/devices and any revisions thereof be deposited with the Postal Service.

It is emphasized that this proposed procedure is being published for comments and is subject to final definition. Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553b(c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comments on the proposed procedures.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Biovail Corporation International, Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value) File No. 1-11145

December 31, 1996.

Biovail Corporation International ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("AMEX").

The reasons alleged in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

According to the Company, it has complied with Rule 18 of the AMEX by filing with the AMEX a certified copy of preambles and resolutions adopted by the Company's Board of Directors authorizing the withdrawal of its security from listing on the Amex and by setting forth in detail the reasons for such proposed withdrawal, and the facts in support thereof. The Security of the Company has been listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") effective December 11, 1996. In making the decision to withdraw the Security from listing on the AMEX, the Company considered the increase visibility of the Company's shares from being listed on the NYSE and the wishes of institutional shareholders.

Any interested person may, on or before January 22, 1997, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application