

transaction costs associated with a reacquisition of the same or equivalent securities. Thus, Ms. Hoffman represents that Marshfield believed it would be a prudent course for the Plan to receive the Securities from the Fund directly and to continue to hold them.

6. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PWC) in Baltimore, Maryland, represents that PWC is the certified public accounting firm for the Plan. Mr. William L. Stulginsky, a Partner with PWC, represents that in the process of preparing the Plan's audit for 1998, it came to PWC's attention that the Employer had contributed the Securities to the Plan. PWC informed the Hospital that an in-kind contribution of the Securities to the Plan would constitute a prohibited transaction. The Hospital had believed, based upon conversations with Marshfield as described in rep. 5, above, that the transfer of the Securities to the Plan was permitted. To resolve this apparent contradiction, the Hospital contacted its attorneys, Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP (Venable). Venable reviewed the transaction and informed the Hospital that the contribution constituted a prohibited transaction under section 406 of the Act.¹⁰ The Hospital thereupon established procedures to prevent future in-kind contributions to the Plan, and Venable followed up with the Hospital in resolving this issue by filing a request for the exemption proposed herein.

7. In summary, the applicant represents that the subject transaction satisfied the criteria contained in section 408(a) of the Act because: (a) The contribution was a one-time transaction; (b) no commissions were paid by the Plan in connection with the transfer of the Securities; (c) the Plan's independent investment manager, Marshfield, determined that the transaction was appropriate for and in the best interests of the Plan; (d) Marshfield consulted Bloomberg, L.P., an independent pricing service for purposes of ascertaining the values of the Securities on June 18, 1998, the date of transaction; and (e) when the prohibited transaction was discovered by the Plan's independent C.P.A. firm, the applicant requested the exemption proposed herein.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

¹⁰ The Department directs interested persons to ERISA Advisory Opinion 81-69A (dated July 28, 1981) for the principle that contributions in-kind that relieve an employer of an obligation to make cash contributions to a plan are prohibited exchanges (unless otherwise exempt).

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which, among other things, require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(b) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) Before an exemption may be granted under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department must find that the exemption is administratively feasible, in the interests of the plan and of its participants and beneficiaries, and protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of the plan;

(3) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(4) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete, and that each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of June, 2000.

Ivan Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

International Watch Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Council on Disability (NCD).

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule of the forthcoming meeting/conference call for NCD's advisory committee—International Watch. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(1)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

INTERNATIONAL WATCH: The purpose of NCD's International Watch is to share information on international disability issuers and to advise NCD's Foreign Policy Team on developing policy proposals that will advocate for a foreign policy that is consistent with the values and goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

DATES: June 23, 2000, 11 a.m. EDT.

For International Watch Information, Contact: Kathleen A. Blank, Attorney/Program Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050, Washington, D.C. 20004; 202-272-2004 (Voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY), 202-272-2022 (Fax), kblank@ncd.gov (e-mail).

Agency Mission: The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

This committee is necessary to provide advice and recommendations to NCD on international disability issues.

We currently have balanced membership representing a variety of disabling conditions from across the United States.

Open Meeting/Conference Call: This advisory committee meeting/conference call of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public. However, due to fiscal constraints and staff limitations, a limited number of additional lines will be available. Individuals can also participate in the conference call at the NCD office. Those interested in joining this conference call should contact the appropriate staff member listed above. Records will be kept of all International Watch meetings/conference calls and will be

available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 7, 2000.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Advisory Panel.

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that four meetings of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20506 as follows:

Visual Arts Section (Creativity & Organizational Capacity categories)—July 10-13, 2000, Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on July 12th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 10th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 11th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on July 12th, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 13th will be closed.

Literature section (Creativity & Organizational Capacity categories)—July 17-19, 2000, in Room 708. A portion of this meeting, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 19th, will be open to the public for discussion of policy, guidelines, and needs of the field. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 17th and 18th and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on July 19th will be closed.

Music section A (Creativity & Organizational Capacity categories)—July 17-20, 2000 in room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on July 20th, will be open to the public for discussion of field needs, leadership initiatives, and guidelines. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 17th through 19th and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on July 20th, will be closed.

Music section B (Creativity category)—July 31-August 3, 2000 in Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 2nd, will be open to the public for discussion of field needs, leadership initiatives, and guidelines. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

July 31st and August 1st, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 2nd, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 3, will be closed.

The closed portions of these meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation of the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 2000, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: June 7, 2000.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Fellowships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fellowship Advisory Panel, Music Section (American Jazz Masters category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on June 20, 2000. The panel will meet by teleconference from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 703 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial

assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 2000, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Notice (Revised Notice of Hearing and of Opportunity To Make Oral or Written Limited Appearance Statements)

June 7, 2000.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby provides a revised notice that it will convene an evidentiary hearing to receive testimony and exhibits and allow the cross-examination of witnesses relating to certain matters at issue in this proceeding regarding the June 1997 application of Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C., (PFS) for a license under 10 CFR Part 72 to construct and operate an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians (Skull Valley Band) in Skull Valley, Utah. In addition, the Board gives notice that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.715(a), it will entertain oral limited appearance statements from members of the public in connection with this proceeding.

A. Revised Information Regarding Location of Evidentiary Hearing

As previously noted in its April 19, 2000 notice (65 FR 24,230 (Apr. 25, 2000)), the Board will conduct an evidentiary hearing on certain issues relating to this proceeding, currently scheduled to include contentions Utah