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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 50

[NRC–2014–0238]

RIN 3150–AJ48

Definition of a Utilization Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is correcting the docket identification number and Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) for a Direct Final Rule published in the Federal Register (FR) on October 17, 2014, to amend the NRC’s regulations to add SHINE Medical Technologies, Inc.’s accelerator-driven subcritical operating assemblies, as described in the application assigned docket number 50–608, to the definition of utilization facility. That rule incorrectly identified the docket identification number for the action as NRC–2013–0053, and the RIN for the action as 3150–AJ18.

DATES: This correction is effective November 5, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2014–0238 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this direct final rule by any of the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2014–0238. Address questions about NRC docket to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–287–3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

• NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 17, 2014 (79 FR 62329), the NRC published a Direct Final Rule to amend the NRC’s regulations to add SHINE Medical Technologies, Inc.’s accelerator-driven subcritical operating assemblies, as described in the application assigned docket number 50–608, to the definition of utilization facility. That rule incorrectly identified the docket identification number for the action as NRC–2013–0053, and the RIN for the action as 3150–AJ18.

Correction

Accordingly, in direct final rule FR Doc. 2014–24732, on page 62329, in the Friday issue of October 17, 2014 (79 FR 62329), the docket identification number NRC–2013–0053 in the heading of the document and in all other instances on page 62329 and 62330, is revised to read NRC–2014–0238. In addition, the RIN, 3150–AJ18, in the heading of the document is revised to read 3150–AJ48.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of October, 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 590

Procedures for Changes in Control Affecting Applications and Authorizations To Import or Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of procedures.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE or the Department) regulations require applications to export natural gas from the United States to identify “all the participants in the transaction, including the parent company, if any, and identification of any corporate or other affiliations among the participants.” In many cases, either before or after a final export authorization has been issued, ownership or management of the exporting entity changes hands, resulting in a change in control (CIC). This document sets forth procedures that will apply when applicants to import or export natural gas or those entities that have already received an import or export authorization undergo changes in control.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Pursuant to section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717b(a), no person may import or export natural gas without authorization from DOE, and DOE will approve such imports or exports unless, after opportunity for a hearing, it determines that imports or exports are not consistent with the public interest. Section 3(c) of the NGA
provides that exports of natural gas to countries with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries), and all imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from any country, are deemed in the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 590.204(b) require applicants to amend pending applications whenever there are changes in material facts or conditions upon which the proposal is based. Additionally, DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 590.405 state that authorizations to import or export natural gas shall not be transferable or assignable unless specifically authorized by the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy. In applying § 590.405, DOE has made clear that a change in control of the authorization holder may occur through asset sale or stock transfer or by other means. DOE has also explained that it construes a change in control in such a way as to ensure that the entity is still in control of the proposed or actual changes without affecting DOE’s ability to make the public interest determination.

II. Discussion

This document announces new procedures to amend both applications pending before DOE and authorizations already issued by DOE to reflect changes in control of the proposed or actual import or export authorization holder, i.e., changes that would otherwise make the application inconsistent with the public interest. Procedures to amend both applications pending before DOE and authorizations already issued by DOE to reflect changes in control of the proposed or actual import or export authorization holder, i.e., changes that would otherwise make the application inconsistent with the public interest, are changes in material facts or conditions upon which the proposal is based. Additionally, DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 590.204(b) require applicants to amend pending applications whenever there are changes in material facts or conditions upon which the proposal is based. Additionally, DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 590.405 state that authorizations to import or export natural gas shall not be transferable or assignable unless specifically authorized by the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy. In applying § 590.405, DOE has made clear that a change in control of the authorization holder may occur through asset sale or stock transfer or by other means. DOE has also explained that it construes a change in control in such a way as to ensure that the entity is still in control of the proposed or actual changes without affecting DOE’s ability to make the public interest determination.

a. Timing

Entities may file notice of changes in control before such changes have been effectuated but, in all cases, must file notice of changes in control no later than 30 days after such changes have been effectuated or 30 days after publication of this document, whichever is later, unless good cause is shown for a later filing.

b. Non-FTA Natural Gas Export Applications and Authorizations

With respect to pending non-FTA application, i.e., proceedings in which DOE has not yet issued a final order, applicants may amend their applications to reflect a change in control by submitting notice of such amendment to DOE and serving notice on other parties in the proceeding, as provided in 10 CFR 590.107. DOE will give immediate effect to the amendment but will accept and consider answers to the notice of amendment received within 15 days of service of the applicant’s pleading. See 10 CFR 590.302(b). DOE then will address the issues raised in any answers to such an amendment in its final order on the pending application. Unless the opponents of the change in control demonstrate that the change renders the underlying application inconsistent with the public interest, or unless DOE independently makes such a determination, no further action will be taken by DOE on the change in control and the amendment will continue to be given effect.

With respect to final non-FTA export authorizations, DOE will review any amendment received within 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. If no interested person protests the change in control and DOE takes no action on its own motion, the amendment will be deemed granted 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. If one or more protests are submitted, DOE will review any motions to intervene, protests, and answers, and will issue a determination as to whether the proposed change in control has been demonstrated to render the underlying authorization inconsistent with the public interest.

c. FTA Long-Term Natural Gas Applications and Authorizations and Non-FTA Long-Term LNG Import Applications and Authorizations

With respect to pending FTA long-term natural gas import or export applications and pending non-FTA long-term LNG import applications, applicants may amend their applications to reflect a change in control by submitting a notice of such amendment to DOE. DOE will give immediate effect to the amendment and take no further action.

With respect to FTA long-term natural gas import or export authorizations and non-FTA long-term LNG import authorizations already issued by DOE, authorization holders may submit a statement of change in control to DOE using one of the three methods set forth above. Upon receipt of the statement, DOE will give immediate effect to the change in control and take no further action.

Long-term FTA applicants or authorization holders simultaneously seeking to amend their non-FTA applications or authorizations may file notice to DOE of the change in control in a single notice or statement, respectively, so long as the desired change to the long-term FTA application or authorization is described clearly with reference to the applicable orders or docket numbers.

This document is applicable beginning September 26, 2014.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 16, 2014.

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