

Attn: OMB Desk Officer for (BLS/DM/ESA/ETA/OAW/MSHA/OSHA/PWBA/VETS), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10325, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316).

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Type of Review: New.

Agency: Bureau of International Labor Affairs.

Title: Senior Technical Assistance Register (STAR).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 22.5 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 375.

Description: The Bureau of International Labor Affairs is seeking to develop a new register entitled STAR (Senior Technical Assistance Register) designed to identify specialists in the fields of labor and social affairs who would be able to render voluntary advisory services to developing countries in which the Department is providing development assistance.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Data; Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0028.

Agency Number: ETA 538 and 539.

Frequency: Weekly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: ETA 538=53, ETA 539=53.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: ETA 538=30 minutes, ETA 539=50 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 3,675.

Description: The Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 and amendments provide for extended benefits to be paid to claimants exhausting regular benefits in a State if that State has certain levels of insured unemployment as measured a thirteen week moving average of the insured unemployment rate. The ETA 539 report is the vehicle States use to report weekly insured unemployment and other information necessary to calculate the trigger rates. The ETA 538 is used to release an "advance" figure to the economic data.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Benefit Rights and Experience.

OMB Number: 1205-0177.

Agency Number: ETA 218.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 107.

Description: This information collection, authorized under Section 303(a)(6) of the Social Security Act, provides information for solvency studies, in budgeting projections, and for evaluation of adequacy of benefit formulas to analyze effects of proposed changes in State law.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems; Notice of Meetings

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 Chemical and Transport System (#1190).

Date and Time: July 5, 1995; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson boulevard, Room 580, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1370.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Maria K. Burka, Program Director, Chemical Reaction Processes, CTS, Room 525, (703) 306-1371.

Purpose of Meeting

To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda

To review and evaluate nominations for the NSF Microwave-Induced Reaction Initiative Panel 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.

Dated: June 8, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical System (#1205).

Date and Time: July 6 and 7, 1995; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Room 530 and 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Oscar W. Dillon, Dr. William A. Spitzig; Program Director(s), Mechanics and Materials Program, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1361.

Purpose of Meeting

To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda

To review and evaluate Unsolicited 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.

Dated: June 8, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officers.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications System (#1196).

Date and Time: July 7, 1995; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 320, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Albert Harvey, Acting Program Director, Quantum Electronics, Waves and Beams, Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Purpose

To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda

To review and evaluate proposals in the Quantum Electronics, Waves & Beams 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 within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: June 8, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-499]

Exemption

In the Matter of Houston Lighting & Power Company, City Public Service Board of San Antonio, City of Austin, Texas; (South Texas Project, Unit 2).

I

Houston Lighting & Power Company, (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-80, which authorizes operation of the South Texas Project, Unit 2. The operating license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now and hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized water reactor at the licensee's site in Matagorda County, Texas.

II

Section III.D.1.(a) of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 requires the performance of three Type A containment integrated leakage rate tests. (CILRTs), at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period. The third test of each set shall be conducted when

the plant is shutdown for the 10-year plant inservice inspection.

III

By letter dated March 16, 1995, Houston Lighting & Power requested relief from the requirement to perform a set of three Type A tests at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period. The requested exemption would permit an interval extension for the second Type A test of approximately 18 months (from the currently scheduled outage, Fall 1995, until the next planned refueling outage, Spring 1997). This request does not alter the requirement that the third Type A test shall be conducted when the plant is shutdown for the 10-year plant inservice inspection.

The licensee's request cites the special circumstances of 10 CFR 50.12, paragraph (a)(2)(ii), as the basis for the exemption. The underlying purpose of the requirement to perform three Type A CILRTs, at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period, is to assure that leakage through the primary reactor containment is detected and does not exceed allowable leakage rate values. The licensee has stated that the existing Type B and C local leak rate test (LLRT) programs are not being modified by this request, and will continue to effectively detect containment leakage caused by the degradation of active containment isolation components as well as containment penetrations. It has been the consistent and uniform experience at South Texas during the two Type A tests conducted in 1988 (the pre-operational Type A test) and 1991 (the first periodic Type A test), that any significant containment leakage paths are detected by the Type B and C testing. The Type A test results have only been confirmatory of the results of the Type B and C test results. Therefore, consistent with 10 CFR 50.12, paragraph (a)(2)(ii), application of the regulation in this particular circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

IV

Section III.D.1.(a) of Appendix J to 10 CFR part 50 states that a set of three Type A leakage rate tests shall be performed at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period.

The licensee proposes an exemption to this section which would provide an interval extension for the Type A test by approximately 18 months. The Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(1) that this exemption is authorized by law, will not

present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. The Commission further determines that special circumstances, as provided in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), are present justifying the exemption; namely, that application of the regulation in this particular circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

The NRC staff has reviewed the basis and supporting information provided by the licensee in the exemption request. The NRC staff has noted that the licensee has a good record of ensuring a leak-tight containment. Both previous Type A tests were within the acceptance limits, and both passed with significant margin. In addition, at the staff's request, the licensee has verbally committed to perform the general containment inspection specified in Section V.A of appendix J even though this inspection is only required prior to a Type A test.

The NRC staff has also made use of a draft staff report, NUREG-1493, which provides the technical justification for the present Appendix J rulemaking effort which also includes a 10-year test interval for Type A tests. The integrated leakage rate test, or Type A test, measures overall containment leakage. However, operating experience with all types of containments used in this country demonstrates that essentially all containment leakage can be detected by local leakage rate tests (Type B and C). According to results given, in NUREG-1493, out of 180 ILRT reports covering 110 individual reactors and approximately 770 years of operating history, only about 3% of leakage that exceeds current requirements is detectable only by CILRTs, and those few failures were only marginally above prescribed limits. This study agrees well with previous NRC staff studies which show that Type B and C testing can detect a very large percentage of containment leaks. The South Texas Project, Unit 2 experience has also been consistent with this.

The Nuclear management and Resources Council (NUMARC), now the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), collected and provided the NRC staff with summaries of data to assist in the Appendix J rulemaking effort. NUMARC collected results of 144 ILRTs from 33 units; 23 ILRTs exceeded 1.0L_a. Of these, only nine were not due to Type B or C leakage penalties. The NEI data also added another perspective. The NEI data show that in about one-third of the cases exceeding allowable leakage, the as-found leakage was less than 2L_a; in one case the as-found leakage was less than 3L_a; one case approached 10L_a; and