

Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available 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 Salem Free Public Library, 112 West Broadway, Salem, New Jersey. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also

provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to John F. Stolz: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be

sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Mark J. Wetterhahn, Esquire, Winston and Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3502, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 27, 1996, 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 Salem Free Public Library, 112 West Broadway, Salem, New Jersey.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of September 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate I-2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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### Meeting on DG-1053

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff with its contractors will meet to discuss DG-1053, "Calculational and Dosimetry Methods for Determining Pressure Vessel Fluence," including changes made from earlier issuance as DG-1025 and discussion of submitted public comments.

**DATES:** Wednesday, September 18, 1996.

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute for Standards and Technology, 270 & Quince Orchard Road, Administration Building—Green Auditorium, Gaithersburg, MD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn Fairbanks, Electrical, Materials, and Mechanical Engineering Branch, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6719.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of September, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Michael E. Mayfield,  
*Chief, Electrical, Materials, and Mechanical Engineering Branch.*  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, D.C. 20549.

New

*Proposed Rule 10A-1 SEC File No. 270-425 OMB Control No. 3235-NEW*

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission or SEC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval of proposed Rule 10A-1 under the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Proposed Rule 10A-1 would implement the reporting requirements in Section 10A of the Exchange Act, which was enacted by Congress on December 22, 1995 as part of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104-67. Likely respondents are those registrants filing audited financial statements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940. Under section 10A (and proposed Rule 10A-1) reporting would occur only if a registrant's board of directors receives a report from its auditors that (1) there is an illegal act material to the registrant's financial statements, (2) senior management and the board have not taken timely and appropriate remedial action, and (3) the failure to take such action is reasonably expected to warrant the auditor's modification of the audit report or resignation from the audit engagement. The board of directors must notify the Commission within one business day of receiving such a report. If the board fails to provide that notice, then the auditor, within the next business day, must provide the Commission with a copy of the report that it gave to the board. It is expected that satisfaction of these conditions precedent to the reporting requirements

will be rare. It is estimated that the proposed amendments, if adopted, may result in an aggregate additional reporting burden of 10 hours.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the OMB Clearance Officer at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 26, 1996.  
Margaret H. McFarland,  
*Deputy Secretary.*  
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### [Release No. 35-26568]

#### Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, As Amended ("Act")

September 6, 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by September 30, 1996, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended,

may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Northeast Utilities, et al. (70-8895)

Northeast Utilities, 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090-0010, a registered holding company, and five subsidiary companies, The Connecticut 06037, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090-0010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, 1000 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101, North Atlantic Energy Corporation ("NAEC"), 1000 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101 and Holyoke Water Power Company, 1 Canal Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a) and 10 of the Act and rule 54 thereunder.

The applicants request authority to enter into, and perform the obligations arising under, agreements for various interest rate management instruments, including interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars and forward rate agreements or any other similar instruments ("Interest Rate Management Instruments" or "IRMI"), from time to time through the period ending December 31, 2001, in connection with existing and future debt. The applicants propose that the term of the IRMI would not exceed the maximum maturity of the underlying debt or the maturity of anticipated specific future debt issuances, proportionate to the amount of debt at each maturity level.

Each applicant, other than NAEC, undertakes that the total notional principal amount of its IRMI will not exceed 25% of its total outstanding debt at any one time. NAEC would make the identical undertaking, but subject to a 65% debt limitation. In no case would the notional principal amount of any IRMI exceed that of the underlying debt instrument and related interest rate exposure.

Each applicant would enter into IRMI transactions with each proposed counterparty pursuant to a separate written agreement. The applicants will enter into IRMI with counterparties whose senior secured debt ratings, as published by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), are greater than or equal to "BBB+" or an equivalent rating from another rating agency, and at least 75% of the outstanding principal amount of IRMI will be held by counterparties with S&P credit ratings of "A" or higher, or an equivalent rating.