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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0008

3. How often the collection is required: Applications for package certification may be made at any time. Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur.

4. Who is required or asked to report: All NRC specific licensees who place byproduct, source, or special nuclear material into transportation, and all persons who wish to apply for NRC approval of package designs for use in such transportation.

5. The number of annual respondents: 350 licensees

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 56,712 hours for reporting requirements and 6,825 for recordkeeping requirements, or a total of 63,537 hours (approximately 182 hours per respondent).

7. Abstract: NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 71 establish requirements for

packing, preparation for shipment, and transportation of licensed material, and prescribe procedures, standards, and requirements for approval by NRC of packaging and shipping procedures for fissile material and for quantities of licensed material in excess of Type A quantities.

Submit, by August 4, 1997, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. Members of the public who are in the Washington, DC, area can access this document via modem on the Public Document Room Bulletin Board (NRC's Advance Copy Document Library), NRC subsystem at FedWorld, 703-321-3339. Members of the public who are located outside of the Washington, DC, area can dial FedWorld, 1-800-303-9672, or use the FedWorld Internet address: fedworld.gov (Telnet). The document will be available on the bulletin board for 30 days after the signature date of this notice. If assistance is needed in accessing the document, please contact the FedWorld help desk at 703-487-4608. Additional assistance in locating the document is available from the NRC Public Document Room, nationally at 1-800-397-4209, or within the Washington, DC, area at 202-634-3273.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, by telephone at (301) 415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of May, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Acting Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301

Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application For Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO, the licensee) to withdraw its October 23, 1995, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27 for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility operating licenses and technical specifications to change the company name from Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Wisconsin Energy Company.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the **Federal Register** on December 20, 1995 (60 FR 65687). However, by letter dated May 19, 1997, the licensee informed the Commission that the Boards of Directors of Northern States Power Company and WEPCO mutually agreed to terminate their proposed merger, and WEPCO withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated October 23, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated May 19, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendments. The above documents are 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 Joseph P. Mann Library, 1516 Sixteenth Street, Two River, Wisconsin.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of May 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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