

DATES: Responses to this Notice must be received on or before November 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Vrioni at (407) 867-6225.

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of additional meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* September 29, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration in Focus Grants I, submitted to the Division of Research and Education for projects at the September 15, 1997 deadline.

2. *Date:* September 30, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration in Focus Grants I, submitted to the Division of Research and Education for projects at the September 15, 1997 deadline.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-155]

Consumers Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Consumers Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its October 15, 1996, as supplemented on April 22, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-6 for the Big Rock Point Plant, located in Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The proposed changes would have modified the facility technical specifications pertaining to the use of Option B, Performance Based Requirements, of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50, for the Type A, Type B, and Type C tests. In addition, the amendment request proposed several editorial changes to the Big Rock Point technical specifications.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 1997 (62 FR 30630). However, by letters dated April 22, 1997, and August 25, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed changes.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 15, 1996, and the licensee's letters dated April 22, 1997, and August 25, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendment. 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 North Central Michigan College, 1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of August 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Linh N. Tran,

Project Manager, Project Directorate III-1, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-331]

Order Approving Application Regarding Merger Agreement Between IES Industries Inc., WPL Holdings, Inc., and Interstate Power Corporation

In the Matter of IES Utilities Inc. (Duane Arnold Energy Center).

I

IES Utilities Inc. (IESU) is a wholly owned subsidiary of IES Industries Inc. (IESI). IESU is the operator and a 70-percent owner of the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). IESU and the minority owners, Central Iowa Power Cooperative and Corn Belt Power Cooperative, hold Facility Operating License DPR-49 issued by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 50) on February 22, 1974. IESU has authority to possess, use, and operate the facility, and the minority owners have the authority to possess the facility. DAEC is located in Linn County, Iowa.

II

By letter dated September 27, 1996, IESU informed the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) of a proposed merger of IESI, WPL Holdings, Inc. (WPLH), and Interstate Power Corporation (IPC). Under the merger agreement, IESI will merge with and into WPLH, of which IESU would become a wholly owned subsidiary, and IPC will become a subsidiary of WPLH. In addition, WPLH will be renamed Interstate Energy Corporation (IEC). IESU will remain the holder of its license for DAEC. Furthermore, current stockholders of IESI and IPC will become stockholders of IEC, in addition to current WPLH stockholders, pursuant to a formula stipulated in the merger agreement. IESU requested the Commission's approval, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80,