

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Fire Protection Functional Inspection (FPFI) Program Workshop**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is holding a workshop to discuss with and obtain feedback from the nuclear industry and the public regarding the results of the recently completed four Fire Protection Functional Inspection (FPFI) Program pilot inspections. A written summary will be issued to registered participants after the meeting.

AGENDA: The workshop will be held from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. on November 10, 1998, at the Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20952 (Twinbrook Metro Stop). Presentations will be made by speakers from NRC Staff and staff contractors, NEI, and other public and industry representatives.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The preliminary agenda for the proposed workshop is:

- 7:30–8:00 Registration
- 8:00–8:10 Introduction and Presentation of Agenda
L.B. Marsh, Chief, Plant Systems Branch, NRR
- 8:10–8:25 Keynote Address
Samuel J. Collins, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
- 8:25–8:35 Introductory Remarks by an Industry Representative
Industry Speaker TBD
- 8:35–8:50 Focus Comparison Between Appendix R, NRC Core, and FPFI Temporary Instruction
Pat Madden, Fire Protection Engineering Section, SPLB/NRR
- 8:50–9:30 FPFI Pilot, Clinton, and Quad Cities Fire Protection Inspection Results; and Discussion of Safety Significant Commercial Reactor Fire Protection Issues Highlighted During the Inspections
Pat Madden, Fire Protection Engineering Section, SPLB/NRR
Ken Sullivan, Brookhaven National Laboratory
- 9:30–9:45 Break
- 9:45–10:00 Use of Risk Information for FPFI Inspection Focus, and NRC Process for Assessment of FPFI Inspection Finding Risk Significance
Rich Barrett, Chief, Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch, NRR
- 10:00–11:00 Public and Industry Observations on FPFI Pilot Program Activities

- Public and Industry Speakers TBD
- 11:00–11:30 Comparison of Pilot FPFI Program Objectives and Results
Steve West, Chief, Fire Protection Engineering Section, SPLB/NRR
- 11:30–12:00 Post-Pilot FPFI Program Continuation Options
L.B. Marsh, Chief, Plant Systems Branch, NRR
- 12:00–1:30 Lunch Break
- 1:30–3:30 Stakeholder Views on FPFI Continuation Options
Public and Industry Speakers TBD
- 3:30–4:30 Open Discussion and Question and Answer Session
NRC, Public and Industry on the dais, participants TBD
- 4:30–4:40 Industry Closing Remarks
Fred Emerson, Nuclear Energy Institute
- 4:40–4:50 NRC Closing Remarks and Adjourn
L.B. Marsh, Chief, Plant Systems Branch, NRR

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Individuals wishing to make a presentation at the workshop should contact Leon Whitney directly. Individuals who wish to attend the workshop are encouraged to provide their name, organizational affiliation, address, and phone number either by FAX (415–415–2300) or by E-mail (RMC@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended (“Act”)

October 23, 1998.

Notice is hereby giving that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed

transaction(s) and any amendment 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 November 17, 1998, 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 should 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 issued in the matter. After November 17, 1998, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

IES Utilities, Inc. (70–9375)

IES Utilities, Inc. (“IES”), doing business as Alliant Utilities, Alliant Tower, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401, an electric utility subsidiary company of Interstate Energy Corporation, a registered holding company, has filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, and 12(c) of the Act and rules 42 and 54 under the Act.

IES proposed, from time to time through December 31, 2000, to: (1) issue and sell one or more series of one or a combination of the following securities—(a) trust bonds (“Trust Bonds”), (b) senior unsecured debentures (“Senior Debentures”), and (c) unsecured subordinated debt securities (“Subordinated Debentures”); and (2) enter into an agreement or agreements (“Agreement”) for the issuance and sale of one or more series of tax-exempt bonds (“Tax-Exempt Bonds”) for the financing or refinancing of certain air and water pollution control facilities and sewage and solid waste disposal facilities (“Facilities”). As security for IPC’s obligations under the Agreement or security or credit enhancement for the Tax-Exempt Bonds, IES also proposes, through December 30, 2000, one or a combination of the following transactions: (1) issuance of a non-negotiable promissory note (“Note”) to evidence a loan to IES of the proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds from the issuer of the Tax-Exempt Bonds; (2) conveyance of a subordinated security interest in the Facilities or other property of IES as security for IES’s obligations under the Agreement and