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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology: 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: Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology (1160).

Date and Time: February 17-19, 1999.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 340.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Persons: Dr. Zoe Eppley or Dr. Kim Williams, Program Directors, Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology, or Dr. Penny Kukuk, Program Director, Animal Behavior, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1421.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: Open Session: February 19, 1999, 10 am-11 am—discussion on research trends, opportunities and assessment procedures in Physiology and Ethology.

Closed Session: February 17, 1999, 8:30 am-5:00 pm, February 18, 1999, 8:30 am-6:00 pm, February 19, 1999, 8:30 am-10am and 11 am-5:00 pm.

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 the 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Systematic and Population Biology

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meetings.

Name: Advisory for Systematic and Population Biology (1753).

Date and Time: February 17-19, 1999, 8:30 am-5 pm.

Place: Room 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1483.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Biotic Survey and Inventory proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Douglas Siegal Causey, Division of Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1483.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

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.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-395]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), South Carolina Public Service Authority; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 19, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-12 for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have revised the quadrant power tilt ratio technical specification format.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15995). However, by letter dated May 11, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 19, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated May 11, 1998, 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 Fairfield County Library, 300 Washington Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of January 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al.; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al., (the licensee) for amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 issued to the licensee for operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Burke County, Georgia. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the amendments was published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53955).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to: (1) eliminate the requirement for operability of system level manual initiation, and automatic initiation, for closure of the containment purge supply and exhaust isolation valves during core alteration and/or movement or irradiated fuel assemblies within containment; (2) allow the equipment hatch and emergency air lock to be open during core alterations, and/or movement of irradiated fuel assemblies inside containment; and (3) eliminate the requirements associated with nonredundant condensate storage tanks.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request, with regard to those changes to the TS that would allow the