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


Linda Allen-Benton,
Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

[FR Doc. 99–2839 Filed 2–5–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7555–01–M

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, and 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) 306–1483.

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

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 Siegel 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. 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.


Linda Allen-Benton,
Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

[FR Doc. 99–2842 Filed 2–5–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7555–01–M

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: L. Mark Padovan, Project Manager, Project Directorate I±II, Division of Reactor Projects–I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[FR Doc. 99–2948 Filed 2–5–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590–01–P

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
equipment hatch to be open during core alterations, and/or movement of irradiated fuel inside containment, cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission’s denial of the proposed change by a letter dated January 29, 1999.

By March 10, 1999, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001 Attention: Rulmakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission’s Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and to Mr. Arthur H. Domby, Troutman Sanders, NationsBank Plaza, Suite 5200, 600 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated June 26, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated September 18 and November 30, 1998, and (2) the Commission’s letter to the licensee dated January 29, 1999.

These 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 Burke County Library, 412 Fourth Street, Waynesboro, Georgia.

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Jaffe,
Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate II–2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[FR Doc. 99–2950 Filed 2–5–99; 8:45 am]

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

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


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) is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17a–13(b) generally requires that at least once each calendar quarter, all registered brokers and dealers physically examine and count all securities held and account for all other securities not in their possession, but subject to the broker-dealer’s control or direction. Any discrepancies between the broker-dealer’s securities count and the firm’s records must be noted and, within seven days, the unaccounted for difference must be recorded in the firm’s records. Rule 17a–13(c) provides that under specified conditions, the securities count, examination and verification of the broker-dealer’s entire list of securities may be conducted on a cyclical basis rather than on a certain date. Although Rule 17a–13 does not require filing a report with the Commission, security count discrepancies must be reported on Form X–17a–5 as required by Rule 17a–5. Rule 17a–13 exempts broker-dealers that limit their business to the sale and redemption of securities of registered investment companies and interests or participation in an insurance company separate account and those who solicit accounts for federally insured savings and loan associations, provided that such persons, promptly transmit all funds and securities and hold no customer funds and securities. The information obtained from Rule 17a–13 is used as an inventory control device to monitor a broker-dealers’ ability to account for all securities held, in transfer, in transit, pledged, loaned, borrowed, deposited or otherwise subject to the firm’s control or direction. Discrepancies between the securities counts and the broker-dealer’s records alert the Commission and the Self Regulatory Organizations (SROs) to those firms having problems in their back offices.

Because of the many variations in the amount of securities that broker-dealers are accountable for, it is difficult to develop a meaningful figure for the cost of compliance with Rule 17a–13. Approximately 92% of all registered broker-dealers are subject to Rule 17a–13. Accordingly, approximately 7,156 broker-dealers to comply with the Rule is 100 hours per year, for a total estimated annualized burden of 715,600 hours. It should be noted that a significant number of firms subject to Rule 17a–13 have minimal obligations under the Rule because they do not hold securities. It should further be noted that most broker-dealers would engage in the activities required by Rule 17a–13 even if they were not required to do so.

Rule 11Ab2–1 and Form SIP establish the procedures by which a Securities...