

environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to Operation of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (July 1972).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 29, 1999, the NRC staff consulted with the Maine State Official, Mr. Patrick Dostie, Department of Human Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated July 14, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room located at the Wiscasset Public Library, High Street, Post Office Box 367, Wiscasset, Maine, 04578.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of May 3, 1999.

A closed meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 1999, at 12:00 noon.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(4), (8), (9)(i) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Carey, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Monday, May 3, 1999, at 12:00 noon, will be:

- Institution of injunctive actions.
- Institution and settlement of injunctive actions.
- Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.
- Institution of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.
- Settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by NASD, Inc. Relating to Amendments to Forms U-4 and U-5

April 22, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 18, 1998, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its wholly owned subsidiary NASD Regulation, Inc. ("NASD Regulation" or "NASDR"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by NASD Regulation. On March 30, 1999, NASD Regulation submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ NASD Regulation submitted Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change on April 7, 1999.⁴ On April 15, 1999, NASD Regulation submitted Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change.⁵ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

NASDR is proposing to amend the Form U-4, the Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer, and the Form U-5, the Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Termination

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from John M. Ramsay, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, NASD Regulation, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated March 30, 1999. In Amendment No. 1, NASD Regulation amended the rule filing by adding information about changes to four disclosure questions on Forms U-4 and U-5 ("Amendment No. 1").

⁴ See letter from John M. Ramsay, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, NASD Regulation, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated April 7, 1999. In Amendment No. 2, NASD Regulation added information about the implementation and effective dates of the WEB CRD system and made minor changes to clarify some of the text ("Amendment No. 2").

⁵ See letter from John M. Ramsay, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, NASD Regulation, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated April 15, 1999. In Amendment No. 3, NASD Regulation made a minor textual change ("Amendment No. 3").