

Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1416.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* Open Session: April 28, 2000; 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. Closed Session: April 26-27; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To review and evaluate Behavioral Computational Neuroscience proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Meeting Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; 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 Neuroscience (1158).

*Date/Time:* May 1-2, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 365, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Soo-Siang Lim, Program Director, Neuronal & Glial Mechanisms; Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1416.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* Open Session: May 1, 2000; 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. Closed Session: May 1, 2000; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 2, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate Neuronal Glial Mechanisms proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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*Committee Meeting Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; 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:* Special Emphasis Panel In Physics (1208).

*Date/Time:* March 27-29, 2000; 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

*Place:* Room 365, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Winston Roberts, Program Director for Nuclear Theory, Division of Physics, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1805.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Nuclear Theory Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education; 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:* Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education (1214).

*Date/Time:* Thursday, February 17, 2000; 8:00 am-6 pm, Rooms 830 and 880 [Closed]. Friday, February 18, 2000; 8:00 am-2:00 pm,

Room 830 and 880 [Closed]. Friday, February 18, 2000; 2:00-3:30 pm, room 830 [Open].

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Part Open (see Agenda, below).

*Contact Person:* Dr. Herbert Levitan, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1681.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out a Committee of Visitors (COV) review of the CCLI and ATE programs over the past three fiscal years, including program evaluation, examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and to access other privileged information.

*Agenda:* February 17, 2000, 8:00 am-6:00 pm, Closed review of privileged documents. February 18, 2000, 8:00 am-2 pm. Closed review of privileged documents. February 18, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm, Open discussion on the impact of the projects funded and an evaluation of the programs. Session is open to meet requirements of Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

*Reason for Closing:* During the closed session, the COV will be reviewing proposals which 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.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287]

### Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55 issued to Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3 located in Oconee County, Seneca, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would update the Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1, 2, and 3 Facility Operating Licenses by (a) deleting the license conditions that have been fulfilled by actions that have been completed, (b) changing the license conditions that have been superseded by the current

plant status, and (c) incorporating other administrative changes.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

The following discussion is a summary of the evaluation of the changes contained in this proposed amendment against the 10 CFR 50.92(c) requirements to demonstrate that all three standards are satisfied. A no significant hazards consideration is indicated if operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or
2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or
3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

#### First Standard

The proposed amendment to the Oconee FOLs [Facility Operating Licenses] involves administrative changes only. No actual plant equipment, operating practices, or accident analyses are affected by this amendment. Therefore, implementation of this amendment would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

#### Second Standard

The proposed amendment to the Oconee FOLs involves administrative changes only. No actual plant equipment, operating practices, or accident analyses are affected by these amendments. No new accident causal mechanisms are created as a result of NRC approval of this amendment request. This amendment request does not impact any plant systems that are accident initiators; neither does it adversely impact any accident mitigating systems. Therefore, implementation of this amendment would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

#### Third Standard

Implementation of this amendment would not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Margin of safety is related to the confidence in the ability of the fission product barriers to perform their design functions during and following an accident situation. These barriers include the fuel cladding, the reactor coolant system, and the containment system. The performance of these fission product barriers will not be impacted by implementation of this amendment. The changes are administrative in nature and eliminate outdated or completed requirements; therefore, no reduction in any existing margin of safety is involved.

Based upon the preceding discussion, Duke Energy Corporation has concluded that the proposed amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville

Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By March 9, 2000, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>). If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first

prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings 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 the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Anne W. Cottingham, Winston and Strawn, 1200 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 27, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of February, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David E. LaBarge,**

*Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 55-32443-SP]

### In the Matter of Michel A. Philippon (Denial of Senior Reactor Operator License Application; Notice of Appointment of Adjudicatory Employee

Commissioners: Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, Greta J. Dicus, Nils J. Diaz, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Jeffrey S. Merrifield.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.4, notice is hereby given that Mr. Richard Baldwin, a Commission employee in Region II, Division of Reactor Safety, Operator Licensing and Human Performance Branch, has been appointed as a

Commission adjudicatory employee within the meaning of section 2.4, to advise the Commission regarding issues relating to the pending petition for review of the Presiding Officer's Initial Decision, LBP-99-44. Mr. Baldwin has not previously performed any investigative or litigating function in connection with this or any related proceeding. Until such time as a final decision is issued in this matter, interested persons outside the agency and agency employees performing investigative or litigating functions in this proceeding are required to observe the restrictions of 10 CFR 2.780 and 2.781 in their communications with Mr. Baldwin.

It is so ordered.

For the Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of February, 2000.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 24274; 812-11898]

### The Victory Portfolios, et al.; Notice of Application

February 1, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of an application under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and 17(a) of the Act, and under section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

**SUMMARY:** Applicants seek to amend a prior order that permits non-money market series of a registered open-end management investment company to purchase shares of one or more of the money market series of such registered investment company by adding one registered open-end management investment company and one investment adviser as applicants.

*Applicants:* The Victory Portfolios (formerly known as The Society Funds), The Highmark Group, The Parkstone Group of Funds, The Conestoga Family of Funds, The AmSouth Funds (formerly known as The ASO Outlook Group), The Sessions Group, American Performance Funds, The Coventry Group, BB&T Mutual Funds Group (collectively, the "Original Funds"); Society Asset Management, Inc., Union