

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs: 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 and Committee Code:* Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).  
*Date and Time:* June 27-29, 2000; 8:30 am-5 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 330, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Polly A. Penhale, Program Manager, Antarctic Biology and Medicine, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755 S, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

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

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to Life in Extreme Environments (LEXEN) NSF-00-37 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: May 26, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-336]

**Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw part of its December 14, 1999, application as supplemented February 11, March 30, and April 26, 2000, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-65 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, located in Waterford, Connecticut.

By letter dated April 28, 2000, we issued Amendment No. 245 approving the proposed changes with the

exception of those changes related to technical specification (TS) Section 3.9.11, "Refueling Operations—Water Level—Reactor Vessel." These proposed changes would have revised the terminology, applicability, surveillance requirements, and the associated action statement for TS Section 3.9.11, "Refueling Operations—Water Level—Reactor Vessel."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2000 (65 FR 14632). However, by letter dated April 26, 2000, the licensee withdrew a portion of the amendment request.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 14, 1999, as supplemented February 11, March 30, and April 26, 2000, and the licensee's letter dated April 26, 2000, which withdrew the portion of the application related to TS Section 3.9.11. 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 accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of May 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Jacob I. Zimmerman,**

*Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Investment Company Act Release No. 24474; 812-12008]

**Armada Funds, et al.; Notice of Application**

May 24, 2000.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an application under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

**SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:**

Applicants request an order to permit certain series of Armada Funds ("Armada") to acquire all of the assets and liabilities of all of the series of The Parkstone Group of Funds ("Parkstone") (the "Reorganization"). Because of

certain affiliations, applicants may not rely on rule 17a-8 under the Act.

**APPLICANTS:** Armada, Parkstone, and National City Investment Management Company ("NCIMC").

**FILING DATES:** The application was filed on March 1, 2000, and amended on May 23, 2000.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on June 15, 2000, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the winter's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Armada, Parkstone, One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456; NCIMC, 1900 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce R. MacNeil, Staff Attorney, (202) 942-0634 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (telephone (202) 942-8090).

**Applicants' Representations**

1. Parkstone, a Massachusetts business trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company and is comprised of 16 series (the "Acquired Funds"). Armada, a Massachusetts business trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. Armada is comprised of 28 series, 16 of which will participate in the Reorganization. Eleven of these series are currently operating (the "Operating Acquiring Funds") and 5 are newly organized shell series (the "Shell Acquiring Funds," and together with the Operating Acquiring Funds, the "Acquiring Funds"). The Acquiring Funds and the Acquired Funds are collectively referred to as the Funds." Applicants state that the investment that the objectives, policies and restrictions of each Acquired Fund and its