

part of its review. In December 1978, NRC staff issued a Final Environmental Statement for the operating-license stage (FES-OL), which addressed the environmental impacts of construction activities not addressed previously in TVA's FES-CP. The activities included: (1) Construction of the transmission route for the Watts Bar—Volunteer 500 kV line; (2) construction of the settling pond for siltation control for construction runoff at a different location from that originally proposed in the FES-CP; and (3) the relocation of the blowdown diffuser from the originally proposed site indicated in the FES-CP. The staff addressed the terrestrial and aquatic environmental impacts in the FES-OL, as well as historic and archeological impacts, and concluded that the assessment presented in the FES-CP remains valid.

A supplemental Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of WBN Units 1 and 2 was issued in April 1995. Environmental issues evaluated included changes to regional demography, natural resource use, meteorology, ecology, impacts to humans and the environment, and socioeconomic impacts, including environmental justice issues. The staff concluded that there were no significant changes to the environmental impacts discussed in the 1978 FES-OL due to changes in plant design or operation, or changes in the environment. Furthermore, the staff concluded that no additional impacts not previously discussed in the NRC's 1978 FES-OL related to construction of Unit 2 were expected.

Since the NRC's latest review, all candidate species have been removed and the bald eagle delisted from the Federal threatened and endangered species list issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The licensee has no plans to construct additional transmission lines or disturb any land that has not been discussed in previous environmental reviews. Socioeconomic impacts were evaluated in the supplement to the FES-OL issued in 1995. No additional impacts are expected.

The construction of Unit 2 is approximately 65 percent complete; therefore, most of the construction impacts discussed in the FES have already occurred. This action would only extend the period of construction as described in the FES. It does not involve any different impacts as described and analyzed in the original and updated environmental impact statements. The proposed extension will not allow any work to be performed that is not already allowed by the existing

construction permit. The extension will merely grant the permittee more time to complete construction and modification in accordance with the previously approved construction permit.

Based on the foregoing, the NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action would have no significant environmental impact. Since this action would only extend the period of construction activities described in the FES, it does not involve any different impacts or a significant change to those impacts described and analyzed in the original environmental impact statement. Consequently, an environmental impact statement addressing the proposed action is not required.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

A possible alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the request, or the no-action alternative. This would result in expiration of the construction permit for Watts Bar, Unit 2. This option would require submittal of another application for construction in order to allow the permittee to complete construction of the facility with no significant environmental benefit. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the FES for Watts Bar.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 2, 2000, the staff consulted with the Tennessee State Official, Ms. Joel Key, 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 NRC concludes that this action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request for extension dated October 13, 1999, as supplemented July 14, 2000. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site,

<http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 3rd day of October 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Richard P. Correia,

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions established or revoked under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Shivery, Acting Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on September 20, 2000 (64 FR 56966). Individual authorities established under Schedule C between August 1, and August 31, 2000, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during August 2000.

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Services Agency. Effective August 4, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency. Effective August 4, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Housing Service. Effective August 11, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary for Food Safety. Effective August 11, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective August 14, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service,

Office of the Administrator. Effective August 28, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator. Effective August 31, 2000.

Department of Commerce

Director of Communications to the Under Secretary for Technology. Effective August 10, 2000.

Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce. Effective August 10, 2000.

Department of Defense

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective August 15, 2000.

Assistant for Plans and Policy (International and Security Affairs) to the Secretary of Defense. Effective August 21, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs). Effective August 21, 2000.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Director, White House Liaison. Effective August 2, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Planning and Innovation. Effective August 16, 2000.

Director, Scheduling and Briefing Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 29, 2000.

Department of Energy

Director of Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency. Effective August 10, 2000.

Daily Scheduler to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective August 10, 2000.

Deputy Director, Office of the Consumer Information to the Director, Office of Consumer Information. Effective August 15, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director of Policy. Effective August 21, 2000.

Department of Health and Human Services

Director of Scheduling to the Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. Effective August 16, 2000.

Deputy Director of Scheduling to the Director of Scheduling. Effective August 18, 2000.

Confidential Assistant (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling. Effective August 21, 2000.

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective August 23, 2000.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Special Assistant to the Special Assistant/Director, Interfaith

Community Outreach. Effective August 18, 2000.

Department of the Interior

Administrative Aide (Office Automation) to the Director Scheduling Office. Effective August 4, 2000.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Director of Womens's Bureau. Effective August 10, 2000.

Department of State

Special Assistant to the Director, White House Liaison. Effective August 11, 2000.

Department of Transportation

Special Assistant to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs. Effective August 4, 2000.

Department of the Treasury

Advisor to the Secretary and Director of Strategic Planning, Scheduling and Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 2, 2000.

Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, Scheduling and Advance to the Advisor to the Secretary and Director, Strategic Planning, Scheduling and Advance. Effective August 2, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director of Strategic Planning, Scheduling and Advance. Effective August 30, 2000.

Federal Communications Commission

Special Assistant for Policy and Communications to the Director, Office of Media Relations. Effective August 10, 2000.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 24672; 812-12046]

Equity Managers Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

October 2, 2000.

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

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an

exemption from section 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 of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to invest uninvested cash and cash collateral in affiliated money market funds.

Applicants: Equity Managers Trust, Global Managers Trust, Income Managers Trust (collectively, the "Managers Trusts"), Neuberger Berman Equity Funds, Neuberger Berman Equity Trust, Neuberger Berman Equity Assets, Neuberger Berman Income Funds, Neuberger Berman Income Trust (collectively, with the Managers Trusts, the "Trusts"), Neuberger Berman Management Inc. ("NBMI") and Neuberger Berman, LLC ("Neuberger Berman" together with NBMI, the "Adviser").

Filing Dates: The application was filed March 28, 2000 and amended on July 31, 2000 and September 5, 2000. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on October 27, 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 writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609; Applicants, NBMI and the Trusts, 605 Third Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10158-0180, Neuberger Berman, 605 Third Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10158-3698.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deepak T. Pai, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0574 or Janet M. Grossnickle, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564, (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).