

utilization of Code Cases N-588 and N-641 would provide an adequate margin of safety against brittle failure of the Turkey Point reactor vessels.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant 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 (that is, 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 for the Turkey Point Plant, Units 3 and 4.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 10, 2000, the staff consulted with the Florida State official, William A. Passetti of the Bureau of Radiation Control, 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 the proposed 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 the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated July 7, 2000, as supplemented October 4, 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 17th day of October 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Payment of Premiums

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of the collection of information under its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR Part 4007), including Form 1-ES, Form 1, and Schedule A to Form 1, and related instructions (OMB control number 1212-0009; expires December 31, 2000). The collection of information also includes a certification (on Schedule A) of compliance with requirements to provide certain notices to participants under the PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR Part 4011).

DATES: Comments should be submitted by November 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503. The request for extension will be available for public inspection at the Communications and Public Affairs Department of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without

charge by writing to the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department at the address given above or calling 202-326-4040. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4040.) The premium payment regulation can be accessed on the PBGC's home page at www.pbgc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, or Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4007 of Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") requires the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") to collect premiums from pension plans covered under Title IV pension insurance programs. Pursuant to ERISA section 4007, the PBGC has issued its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR Part 4007). Section 4007.3 of the premium payment regulation requires plans, in connection with the payment of premiums, to file certain forms prescribed by the PBGC, and § 4007.10 requires plans to retain and make available to the PBGC records supporting or validating the computation of premiums paid.

The forms prescribed are PBGC Form 1-ES and Form 1 and (for single-employer plans only) Schedule A to Form 1. Form 1-ES is issued, with instructions, in the PBGC's Estimated Premium Payment Package. Form 1 and Schedule A are issued, with instructions, in the PBGC's Annual Premium Payment Package.

The premium forms are needed to determine the amount and record the payment of PBGC premiums, and the submission of forms and retention and submission of records are needed to enable the PBGC to perform premium audits. The plan administrator of each pension plan covered by Title IV of ERISA is required to file one or more of the premium payment forms each year. The PBGC uses the information on the premium payment forms to identify the plans paying premiums and to verify whether plans are paying the correct amounts. That information and the retained records are used for audit purposes.

In addition, section 4011 of ERISA and the PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR Part 4011) require plan administrators of certain underfunded single-employer pension

plans to provide an annual notice to plan participants and beneficiaries of the plans' funding status and the limits on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's guarantee of plan benefits. The participant notice requirement only applies (subject to certain exemptions) to plans that must pay a variable rate premium. In order to monitor compliance with Part 4011, plan administrators must indicate on Schedule A to Form 1 that the participant notice requirements have been complied with.

The collection of information under the regulation on Payment of Premiums, including Form 1-ES, Form 1, and Schedule A to Form 1, and related instructions has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0009 through December 31, 2000. This collection of information also includes the certification of compliance with the participant notice requirements (but not the participant notices themselves). The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval of this collection of information for another three years. (The participant notices constitute a different collection of information that has been separately approved by OMB.)

The PBGC estimates that it receives responses annually from about 39,400 plan administrators and that the total annual burden of the collection of information is about 2,482 hours and \$9,431,600.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 19th day of October, 2000.

C. David Gustafson,

Acting Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27252]

Filing Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

October 13, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The

application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 7, 2000, to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 7, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Alabama Power Company, et al. (70-9739)

Notice of Proposal To Amend Articles of Incorporation; Make Cash Payments; Order Authorizing Solicitation of Proxies

Alabama Power Company ("Alabama"), 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 3591, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia"), 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, Gulf Power Company ("Gulf"), 500 Bayfront Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32501 and Mississippi Power Company ("Mississippi", and collectively, "Subsidiaries"), 2992 West Beach, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, each a public utility subsidiary company of the Southern Company ("Southern"), a registered holding company, have filed a declaration under section 6(a)(2), 7(e) and 12(e) of the Act and rules 53, 62(d) and 65 under the Act.

The Subsidiaries state that Southern intends to distribute the common stock of its nonutility subsidiary, Southern Energy, Inc. ("Energy"), to Southern shareholders in a tax-free reorganization ("Reorganization"), which requires Southern to control 80% of the voting securities of both Energy and the Subsidiaries. Under the Reorganization, if the preferred shareholders of each of the Subsidiaries receives the right to vote for the election of directors, Southern will own at least 80% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote, when considering the voting preferred

securities together with the common stock of these companies.

To facilitate the Reorganization, each Subsidiary proposes to amend its Articles of Incorporation ("Charter") to confer fractional voting rights for the election of directors on the holders of its preferred stock ("Amendment").¹ In addition, the Subsidiaries propose that each of Alabama, Gulf and Mississippi solicit proxies from the holders of its outstanding shares of preferred stock and common stock for use at a special meeting ("Meeting") of its stockholders to consider the Amendment.² The Subsidiaries also propose the Georgia obtain a written consent from Southern approving the Amendment.³

With respect to each of Alabama and Mississippi, adoption of the Amendment requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast of all series of its outstanding preferred stock, voting together as one class,⁴ and a majority of its common stock.⁵ In the case of Gulf, adoption of the

¹ The fractional vote to be given to the preferred stockholders under the Amendments is expected to range from one-tenth of a vote to one vote per share of preferred stock.

² Southern holds all the outstanding shares of common stock of Alabama, Gulf and Mississippi, which, along with each company's outstanding preferred stock, constitute the only securities entitled to vote on the Amendments.

³ Southern holds all of the outstanding shares of Georgia's common stock, which constitute the only securities entitled to vote on the Amendment.

⁴ Alabama's outstanding preferred stock includes: (1) two series of its Class A cumulative preferred stock, stated capital \$25 per share, consisting of a 5.83% series, of which 1,520,000 shares are outstanding and a 5.20% series, of which 6,480,000 shares are outstanding; (2) six series of its Class A cumulative preferred stock, par value \$100 per share, consisting of a 4.20% series, of which 135,115 shares are outstanding, a 4.52% series, of which 50,000 shares are outstanding, a 4.60% series, of which 100,000 shares are outstanding, a 4.64% series, of which 60,000 shares are outstanding, a 4.72% series, of which 50,000 shares are outstanding and a 4.92% series, of which 80,000 shares are outstanding; (3) one series of its Class A cumulative preferred stock, stated capital \$100 per share, of which 500,000 shares are outstanding ("1988 Auction Preferred"); and (4) one series of its Class A cumulative preferred stock, stated capital \$100,000 per share, of which 200 shares are outstanding ("1993 Auction Preferred").

Mississippi's outstanding preferred stock includes: (1) two series of its cumulative preferred stock, par value \$100 per share, consisting of a 6.32% series, of which 150,000 shares are outstanding and a 6.65% series, of which 84,040 shares are outstanding; and (2) four series of its cumulative preferred stock, par value \$100 per share, consisting of a 4.40% series, of which 8,867 shares are outstanding, a 4.60% series, of which 8,643 shares are outstanding, a 4.72% series, of which 16,700 shares are outstanding and a 7.00% series, of which 49,840 shares are outstanding.

⁵ Alabama has outstanding 5,608,955 shares of common stock, par value \$40 per share. Mississippi has outstanding 1,121,000 shares of common stock, no par value. Neither Alabama nor Mississippi has outstanding any other class of equity securities.