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**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on February 28, 2001, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

#### **Wednesday, February 28, 2001—10 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business**

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if

possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: February 8, 2001.

**James E. Lyons,**

*Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Public Workshop on Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan (Reactor Safety Arena)**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will host a public workshop to provide an opportunity for a discussion of the NRC's Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan (RIRIP). The NRC issued a notice of availability and request for public comment on the RIRIP in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000. This workshop will focus on activities associated with regulating nuclear reactors.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stewart Magruder, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone: (301) 415-3139, email: [slm1@nrc.gov](mailto:slm1@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC's 1995 policy statement on the use of probabilistic risk assessment provided the Commission's expectation on the use of risk information in its regulatory activities. The RIRIP provides guidance

and describes the staff's plans for applying criteria to select regulatory requirements and practices to risk-inform, risk-informing those requirements and practices, and developing the necessary data, methods, guidance, and training. The RIRIP is also intended to explain the agency's activities, philosophy, and approach to risk-informed regulatory policy to internal and external stakeholders. The RIRIP is available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/RES/riskinfreg.htm>.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss comments received in response to the December 21, 2000, notice in the **Federal Register** and to provide for an exchange of information with all stakeholders regarding the staff's efforts to risk-inform its regulatory requirements and practices. Although comments are welcome on the entire RIRIP, this workshop will focus on the implementation activities in the reactor safety arena portion of the RIRIP (Part 2, Chapter 1.)

As noted in the December 21, 2000, feedback is especially requested on the following specific questions—

1. Does the RIRIP include information activities that should not be undertaken? If so, why not?
2. Does the RIRIP omit implementation activities that should be undertaken? Describe such activities and why they should be undertaken.
3. How should the NRC measure its success in implementing risk-informed regulation?
4. Is the pace for implementing risk-informed regulation about right, or is it too fast or too slow?
5. Are there concerns about the agency's ability to maintain safety while implementing risk-informed regulation? If so, describe the concerns and, if possible, their basis.
6. How can risk-informed regulation increase public confidence?
7. Are the screening criteria clear and sufficient? If applied properly, would they result in identifying those activities amenable for transition to risk-informed regulation?
8. Will the implementation activities described in the RIRIP appropriately improve regulatory efficiency, effectiveness, and realism?
9. Other than requests such as this for written comment and a public workshop, how can stakeholder participation in risk-informed regulation be enhanced?
10. What communication activities would be desired to describe risk-informed regulation? What other interactions would be useful to provide

input to, and understanding of, risk-informed regulation?

### Preliminary Agenda

1:30–2

Introduction—purpose, agenda: NRC

2–3

Presentations summarizing comments on RIRIP: Various Stakeholders

3–3:15

Break

3:15–4:15

Open discussion: All

4:15–4:30

Closing Remarks/Adjourn: NRC

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Cynthia A. Carpenter,**

*Chief, Generic Issues, Environmental, Financial and Rulemaking Branch, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

#### Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Public Service Pension Questionnaires.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G–208, G–212.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220–0136.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 3/30/2001.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 2,700.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 2,700.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 475.

(10) *Collection description:* A spouse or survivor annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act may be subjected to a reduction for a public service pension. The questionnaires obtain information needed to determine if the reduction applies and the amount of such reduction.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer

(312–751–3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611–2092 and the OMB reviewer, Joe Lackey (202–395–7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35–27343]

### Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended (“Act”)

February 9, 2001.

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) 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 March 6, 2001, to the 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 March 6, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### CMS Energy Corporation (70–9843)

CMS Energy Corporation (“CMS Energy”), Fairlane Plaza South, 330 Town Center Drive, Suite 1100, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, a Michigan public-utility holding company claiming exemption under section

3(a)(1) of the Act by rule 2, has filed an application under sections 9(a)(2) and 10 of the Act.

CMS Energy proposed to acquire indirectly, through Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers Energy”), its public utility subsidiary, all of the voting securities of Michigan Electric Transmission Company (“Michigan Transco”), a currently inactive Michigan corporation. In exchange for these voting securities, Consumers Energy intends to transfer its ownership interest in certain transmission facilities (“Transmission Assets”) to Michigan Transco (“Transfer”). The Transmission Assets, which will be transferred at their actual depreciated value, consist of: transmission lines (including towers, poles, and conductors); transformers with voltage ratings of 120kV and above; generation tie lines from the transmission grid to the point of connection to the generator step-up transformers; associated voltage control devices and power flow control devices; associated transmission substations; and spare transmission equipment. Upon acquiring the Transmission Assets, Michigan Transco will become a public-utility company within the meaning of the Act.

CMS Energy states that the Transfer is designed to allow Consumers Energy, in the future, either to sell its transmission system to an unaffiliated third-party or transfer control of it to a regional transmission organization. It is stated that the formation of Michigan Transco is expected to create synergies that result in better regional transmission service. Consumers Energy states that it intends to continue to provide electric generation and distribution services to retail customers.

After the Transfer, Consumers Energy will claim, and CMS Energy will continue to claim, exemption from registration by rule 2, under sections 3(a)(2) and 3(a)(1) of the Act, respectively.

#### Ameren Corporation, et al. (70–9805)

Ameren Corporation (“Ameren”), a registered holding company, and its two wholly owned combination gas and electric utility subsidiaries, Union Electric Company (“UE”), both located at 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, and Central Illinois Public Service Company (“CIPS”), 607 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62739 (collectively, “Applicants”), have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), 12(c), 12(d) and 12(f) of the Act and rules 43, 44, 45, 46 and 54 under the Act.

Ameren owns all of the issued and outstanding common stock of UE and