

sale and distribution of electric energy. GPU Nuclear, Inc. (GPUN), which maintains SNEF, and SNEC hold Amended Facility License No. DPR-4 for SNEF issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR part 50 on November 15, 1961.

II

Pursuant to section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.80, GPUN and FirstEnergy Corp. (FE) jointly filed an application dated September 26, 2000, which was supplemented by submittals dated September 27, November 9, November 14, December 4, 2000, February 7, February 19, and February 20, 2001 (collectively herein referred to as the application), requesting the Commission's approval of the indirect transfer of the license for SNEF in connection with the proposed corporate merger of GPU, Inc. and FE. The applicants informed the Commission that GPU, Inc. the parent holding company of GPUN, Met Ed, JCP&L, and Penelec, is planning to be merged with and into FE. FE will remain as the surviving corporation in this transaction.

Upon consummating the merger, FE will become a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and GPUN, Met Ed, JCP&L, and Penelec, currently subsidiaries of GPU, Inc., will become direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of FE. No physical changes to SNEF or operational changes are being proposed in the application. GPUN, the licensee authorized to maintain the facility, and SNEC, the licensee that owns SNEF, will continue to be so following the merger with Met Ed, JCP&L, and Penelec, remaining as the shareholders of SNEC. No direct transfer of the license will result from the planned merger. Notice of this request for approval was published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2000 (65 FR 75735). No hearing requests or written comments were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed merger of GPU, Inc. with and into FE will not affect the qualifications of GPUN and SNEC as holders of the SNEF license, and that the indirect transfer of the license, to the extent effected by the merger, is otherwise consistent with

applicable provisions of laws, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a Safety Evaluation dated March 7, 2001.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the indirect license transfer referenced above is approved subject to the following condition:

Should the merger of GPU, Inc. and FE not be completed by March 1, 2002, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

IV

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated September 26, 2000, the supplemental submittals dated September 27, November 9, November 14, December 7, 2000, February 7, February 19, and February 20, 2001, and the Safety Evaluation dated March 7, 2001, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, Room 0-1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.NRC.gov>).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2001.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of March 12, 2001

Monday, March 12, 2001

1:25 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

1:30 p.m.

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed-Ex. 2)

Week of March 19, 2001—Tentative

Thursday, March 22, 2001

10:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

10:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov/live.html.

Week of March 26, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 26, 2001.

Week of April 2, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 2, 2001.

Week of April 9, 2001—Tentative

Monday, April 9, 2001

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on 10 CFR Part 71 Rulemaking (Public Meeting) (Contacts: Naiem Tanious, 301-415-6103; David Pstrak, 301-415-8486)

Tuesday, April 10, 2001

10:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

10:30 a.m.

Meeting on Rulemaking and Guidance Development for Uranium Recovery Industry (Public Meeting) (Contact: Michael Layton, 301-415-6676)

Week of April 16, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 16, 2001.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 5-0 on March 5 and 6, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Consolidated Edison Co. of New York and Entergy Companies. Transfer of Licenses for Indian Point 1 & 2 Nuclear Plants.

Petitions to Intervene; Request for Suspension of Proceeding; Requests for Access to Confidential Documents and for Additional Time to Submit Issues” be held on March 6, and one less than on week’s notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smi/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting: April 13, 2001—Arlington, VA

Discussion of using multiple lines of evidence to increase confidence in the performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel; what approaches might be taken to develop those multiple lines of evidence; and the degree to which those lines of evidence might be independent of performance assessment.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Friday, April 13, 2001, an ad hoc panel of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will meet in Arlington, VA, to discuss the ways in which multiple lines of evidence might be used to increase confidence in the performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. The meeting is open to the public. An opportunity for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Department of Energy (DOE) related to civilian radioactive waste management.

The meeting will be held at the Arlington Hilton Hotel; 950 North

Stafford Street; Arlington, VA 22203. The telephone number for the hotel is 703-528-6000; the fax number is 703-812-5127. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.; it is scheduled to end at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will begin with a presentation by a representative of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management in DOE on work already completed or under way to develop multiple lines of evidence. Members of the Board’s *ad hoc* panel, several experts from DOE, and three outside consultants retained by the Board will then make short presentations of their views on how multiple line of evidence might be developed and used to increase confidence in the performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to informal discussion of various issues associated with developing multiple lines of evidence.

A block or rooms has been reserved at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact the NWTRB, Dr. Daniel Metlay, Senior Professional Staff; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495; (e-mail) metlay@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, evaluates the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation’s spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

William D. Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-447 OMB Control No. 3235-0504]

Request For Public Comment

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and

Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 19b-4(e) and Form 19b-4(e).

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 19b-4(e) permits a self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) to immediately list and trade a new derivative securities product so long as such product is in compliance with the criteria of Rule 19b-4(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”). However, in order for the Commission to maintain an accurate record of all new derivative securities products traded through the facilities of SROs and to determine whether an SRO has properly availed itself of the permission granted by Rule 19b-4(e), it is necessary that the SRO maintain, on-site, a copy of Form 19b-4(e) under the Act. Rule 19b-4(e) requires SROs to file a summary form, Form 19b-4(e), and thereby notify the Commission, within five business days after the commencement of trading a new derivative securities product. In addition, the Commission reviews SRO compliance with Rule 19b-4(e) through its routine inspections of the SROs.

The collection of information is designed to allow the Commission to maintain an accurate record of all new derivative securities products traded through the facilities of SROs and to determine whether an SRO has properly availed itself of the permission granted by Rule 19b-4(e).

The respondents to the collection of information are self-regulatory organizations (as defined by the Act), including national securities exchanges and national securities associations.

Ten respondents file an average total of 100 responses per year, which corresponds to an estimated annual response burden of 100 hours. At an average cost per burden hour of \$47.50, the resultant total related cost of compliance for these respondents is \$4,750 per year (100 burden hours multiplied by \$47.50/hour=\$4,750).

Written comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate