

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Identification of Proposed Action: By letter dated March 20, 2001, as supplemented April 6, 2001, NMC requested a scheduler exemption from the implementation date of April 5, 2001, for the revised 10 CFR 72.48. NMC plans to implement its revised 10 CFR 50.59 and 10 CFR 72.48 programs simultaneously. The planned date for implementing the revised 10 CFR 50.59 requirements is September 7, 2001.

Need for Proposed Action: The applicant wants the implementation date of 10 CFR 50.59 and 10 CFR 72.48 to coincide. The applicant stated in the March 20, 2001, submittal that administering separate programs to satisfy the current 10 CFR 72.48 schedule could become burdensome and create confusion.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action: There are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. The new revision of 10 CFR 72.48 is considered less restrictive than the current requirements, with the exception of the additional reporting requirements. Continued implementation of the existing 10 CFR 72.48 until September 7, 2001, is acceptable to the NRC as stated in Regulatory Issues Summary 2001-03 which states that it is the NRC's view that both the old rule and the new rule provide an acceptable level of safety. Extending the current requirements until September 7, 2001, has no significant impact on the environment.

Alternative to the Proposed Action: Since there are no environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, alternatives are not evaluated other than the no-action alternative. The alternative to the proposed action would be to deny approval of the scheduler exemption and, therefore, not allow NMC to implement the revised 10 CFR 72.48 requirements on the desired date, September 7, 2001. However, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative would be the same.

Agencies and Persons Consulted: On April 10, 2001, Wisconsin state official, Mr. Jeff Kitsemel, Nuclear Engineer, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, was contacted regarding the environmental assessment for the proposed action and had no comment.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 51. Based upon the foregoing EA, the Commission finds that

the proposed action of granting an exemption from 10 CFR 72.48, so that NMC may implement the amended requirements on September 7, 2001, will not significantly impact the quality of human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that an environmental impact statement for the proposed action is not necessary.

The request for exemption was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72, Docket 72-5. For further details with respect to this action, see the exemption request dated March 20, 2001, as supplemented April 6, 2001, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the publicly available records component of NRC's agencywide documents access and management system (ADAMS).

ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

E. William Brach,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

DATES: Weeks of May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2001.

PLACE: Commission's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of May 7, 2001

Thursday, May 10, 2001

10:25 a.m.
Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative)

a: Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3; Facility Operating License NPF-49) Partial Review of LBP-00-26 (10/26/00), as directed by CLI-01-03 (1/17/01) Regarding Interpretation of GDC 62, Prevention of Criticality in Fuel Storage & Handling

10:30 a.m.
Briefing on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs and Performance (Public

Meeting) (Contact: James Johnson, 301-415-6802)

Friday, May 11, 2001

10:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

Week of May 14, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 14, 2001.

Week of May 21, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 21, 2001.

Week of May 28, 2001—Tentative

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

10:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

Week of June 4, 2001—Tentative

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

9:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

2 p.m.

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed-Ex. 2)

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

10:30 a.m.

All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting)

1:30 p.m.

All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting)

Week of June 11, 2001—Tentative

Thursday, June 14, 2001

9:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Public Meeting)

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on License Renewal Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: David Solorio, 301-415-1973)

*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.

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

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contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, D.C. 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: May 3, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Extension: Rule 15Bc3-1 and Form MSDW; SEC File No. 270-93; OMB Control No. 3235-0087]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

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 collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 15Bc3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provides that a notice of withdrawal from registration with the Commission as a bank municipal securities dealer must be filed on Form MSDW.

The Commission uses the information submitted on Form MSDW in determining whether it is in the public interest to permit a bank municipal securities dealer to withdraw its registration. This information is also important to the municipal securities dealer's customers and to the public, because it provides, among other things, the name and address of a person to contact regarding any of the municipal securities dealer's unfinished business.

The staff estimates that approximately 20 respondents in total will utilize this notice procedure annually, with a total burden of 10 hours for all respondents, based upon past submissions. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for one respondent to comply with the requirements of Rule 15Bc3-1 is .5 hours. The average cost

per hour is approximately \$101. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all respondents is \$1,010 ($\$101 \times .5 \times 20 = \$1,010$).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Extension: Rule 17a-1; SEC File No. 270-244; OMB Control No. 3235-0208]

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Rule 17a-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires that all national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board keep on file for a period of five years, two years in an accessible place, all documents which it makes or receives respecting its self-regulatory activities, and that such documents be available for examination

by the Commission. The average number of hours necessary for compliance with the requirements of Rule 17a-1 is 50 hours per year. There are 24 entities required to comply with the rule: 9 national securities exchanges, 1 national securities association, 13 registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The total number of hours required for all respondents to comply with the rule is thus 1,200 hours annually.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of 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 of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 27, 2001.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27389]

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

April 30, 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.