

**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information collection has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology.

**Title and Purpose of Information Collection**

*Aged Monitoring Questionnaire:* OMB 3220-0178.

As outlined in 20 CFR 219.3(b), once a claimant establishes entitlement to an annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB may ask that annuitant to produce evidence needed to decide whether he or she may continue to receive an annuity or whether the annuity should be reduced or stopped.

The RRB utilizes Form G-19c, Aged Monitoring Questionnaire, to monitor select aged annuitants. Use of the form assists RRB efforts to discover unreported deaths and also to determine if an aged annuitant is able to manage their own affairs. One response is requested from each respondent.

Completion is voluntary.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-19c.

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

*Estimated number of responses:* 3,000.

*Estimated completion time per response:* 6 minutes.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 300.

*Additional Information or Comments:* To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement

Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 35-27518]**

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

April 12, 2002.

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 May 7, 2002, 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 May 7, 2002, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

**Alliant Energy Corporation et al. (70-9323)**

Alliant Energy Corporation ("Alliant Energy"), a registered holding company, its subsidiary nonutility holding company, Alliant Energy Resources Corporation ("AER"), both located at 222 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, and AER's nonutility subsidiary, Heartland Properties, Inc. ("Heartland") (together, "Applicants"), 122 West Washington Avenue, 6th

Floor, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, have filed a post-effective amendment to their application-declaration under section 9(c)(3) of the Act and rule 54 under the Act.

By prior Commission orders dated August 13, 1999 ("August 13, 1999 Order"), July 10, 2000 and June 11, 2001 (HCAR Nos. 27060, 27198 and 27418) (collectively, "Orders"), the Commission, among other things, authorized AER, through Heartland or other subsidiaries, to make passive investments in low-income, multi-family housing projects qualifying for Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC"), under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Orders provided that Applicants' investments in LIHTC properties would be undertaken for the sole purpose of obtaining the related tax credits and that all investments would be self-liquidating as the LIHTCs expired.

Under the Orders, the LIHTC investments could be made by acquiring interests in limited partnerships or limited liability companies organized specifically to invest in LIHTC properties. The properties could be located outside of Alliant Energy's service territory. The Orders authorized LIHTC investments in amounts of up to \$50 million from time to time, through August 13, 2004 ("Authorization Period"), in addition to the LIHTC investments that were authorized to be retained under the August 13, 1999 Order. As of December 31, 2001, Heartland had invested approximately \$22.3 million of the amount authorized under the Orders and has commitments to invest \$18 million in LIHTC properties.

The Applicants now propose that the Commission: (1) extend the Authorization Period from August 13, 2004 to June 30, 2007; and (2) increase the investment limit from \$50 million to \$125 million. The Applicants state that an extended Authorization Period is required to accommodate an expected two-year differential between commitment dates and funding dates for LIHTC investments, which could place some funding dates beyond the Authorization Period. The Applicants state further that increasing the investment limitation to \$125 million will allow it to maintain its tax credit cash flow at the year 2002 level of approximately \$9.3 million. No other changes or modifications to the terms, conditions or limitations contained in the Orders are proposed.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27520]

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

April 15, 2002.

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 May 10, 2002, 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 May 10, 2002, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### **Progress Energy, Inc. (70-10060)**

Progress Energy, Inc. ("Progress Energy"), a registered holding company, 410 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27602, has filed an application-declaration under sections 32 and 33 of the Act and rule 53 under the Act.

Progress Energy owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding common stock of three public-utility subsidiaries: Carolina Power & Light Company ("CP&L"), which generates, transmits, purchases and sells electricity in parts of North

Carolina and South Carolina; Florida Power Corporation ("Florida Power"), which generates, transmits, purchases and sells electricity in parts of Florida; and North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation ("NCNG"), which distributes gas at retail in parts of North Carolina. Collectively, CP&L, Florida Power and NCNG are referred to as the "Utility Subsidiaries." Together, the Utility Subsidiaries provide electric service to approximately 2.8 million wholesale and retail customers in parts of North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida and natural gas or gas transportation service to approximately 120,000 residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial customers, all in North Carolina.

By order dated December 12, 2000, in File No. 70-9659, as modified by orders dated September 20, 2001 and March 15, 2002 in File No. 9909 (together, "Financing Orders"),<sup>1</sup> the Commission authorized Progress Energy, the Utility Subsidiaries and Progress Energy's direct and indirect nonutility subsidiaries to engage in a program of external and intrasystem financing, to organize and acquire the equity securities of specified types of new subsidiaries, to pay dividends out of capital or unearned surplus, and to engage in other related financial and structural transactions from time to time through September 30, 2003. Under the Financing Orders, Progress is currently authorized: (1) To issue and sell common stock, preferred stock or other forms of preferred securities and unsecured long-term debt securities in an aggregate amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$7.5 billion; (2) to issue and sell commercial paper and other forms of unsecured short-term indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$2.5 billion; and (3) to provide guarantees and other forms of credit support ("Guarantees") on behalf or for the benefit of its subsidiaries in an aggregate or nominal amount not to exceed \$2 billion at any time outstanding.

Under the terms of the Financing Orders, Progress Energy is authorized to use proceeds from the sale of securities to make investments in and to provide Guarantees with respect to the obligations of exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs") and foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"). Progress Energy's aggregate investment (as defined under rule 53) in EWGs and FUCOs currently does not exceed 50%

of its consolidated retained earnings (also as defined in rule 53). Progress Energy's aggregate investment in EWGs is currently \$965 million, or 47% of Progress Energy's consolidated retained earnings for the four quarters ended December 31, 2001 (\$2.07 billion).<sup>2</sup> Progress Energy does not currently hold an interest in any FUCO.

Progress Energy requests, under rule 53(c), authority to use the proceeds of authorized financing (including Guarantees) to increase its aggregate investment in EWGs and FUCOs to \$4 billion ("EWG/FUCO Investment Limit"). The proposed EWG/FUCO Investment Limit is equal to approximately 200% of Progress Energy's consolidated retained earnings for the four quarters ended December 31, 2001. Accordingly, Progress Energy requests that the Commission issue an order under rule 53(c) to allow Progress Energy to utilize the proceeds from the issuance of equity and debt securities and to issue Guarantees, within the limits specified under the Financing Orders (or any order or orders subsequently issued that extend or renew Progress Energy's authorization under the Financing Orders), to finance investments in EWGs and FUCOs in an amount up to the proposed EWG/FUCO Investment Limit.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27519]

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

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<sup>1</sup> See *Progress Energy, Inc., et al.*, Holding Co. Act Release Nos. 27297 (Dec. 12, 2000), 27440 (Sept. 20, 2001), and 27500 (Mar. 15, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> Progress Energy, through an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Progress Ventures, Inc., holds all of the equity securities of seven EWGs, as defined in section 32 of the Act.