

the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If the amendment is issued before the expiration of the 30-day hearing period, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. If a hearing is requested, the final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no

significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. Because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that petitions for leave to intervene and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to John R. McPhail, General Counsel, Nebraska Public Power District, P.O. Box 499, Columbus, NE 68602-0499, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 20, 2002, and supplemental letter dated June 19, 2002, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be

accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the document located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June 2002.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-006]

Westinghouse Electric Company; Notice of Acceptance of Application for Final Design Approval and Standard Design Certification of the AP1000 Standard Plant Design

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has received an application from Westinghouse Electric Company dated March 28, 2002, filed pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 52, for the final design approval and standard design certification of the AP1000 Standard Plant Design. Westinghouse supplemented its application on April 15, April 30, May 15, and May 31, 2002. The application is considered sufficiently complete to be accepted formally as a docketed application for design certification. The Docket No. established for this application is 52-006. A notice relating to the rulemaking pursuant to 10 CFR 52.51 for design certification, including provisions for participation of the public and other parties, will be published in the future.

The AP1000 design is based on the AP600 design, which was certified on December 16, 1999. The AP1000 design is an approximately 1100 megawatt electric pressurized water reactor plant design in which passive safety systems are used for the ultimate safety protection of the plant. All of the safety systems are designed to be passive, where natural forces, such as gravity, natural circulation, and stored energy (in the form of pressurized accumulators

and batteries), are used as the motive forces of these systems. The AP1000 application includes the entire power generation complex, except those elements and features considered site-specific, and is not a modular design in which major components are shared.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 25th day of June 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James E. Lyons,

Director, New Reactor Licensing Project Office, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Notice of Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program Open Season

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Long Term Care Insurance Open Season.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management, in conjunction with LTC Partners, LLCsm, is announcing an Open Season for eligible persons to submit applications for coverage under the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP). LTC Partners is an organization formed by John Hancock Life Insurance Company and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to administer the FLTCIP.

DATES: Open Season will run from July 1 through December 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) (TDD: 1-800-843-3557) or visit www.ltcfeds.com for information on applying during Open Season.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Long-Term Care Security Act (Pub. L. 106-265) directs the Office of Personnel

Management to conduct an Open Season for eligible persons to apply for coverage in the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) no later than October 1, 2002. An early enrollment period was conducted between March 25 and May 15, 2002. Open Season will begin on July 1, 2002 and will continue through December 31, 2002.

LTC Partners has already begun a wide-ranging educational campaign to inform the Federal Family about what long term care is, how long term care insurance can protect against the high cost of long term care, and to explain the various features of the FLTCIP. This campaign will continue throughout the Open Season, and encompasses print media, satellite broadcasts, a web site, toll-free telephone access to long term care insurance specialists, and education meetings.

The specific provisions of the Open Season are as follows:

Eligible persons: Persons eligible to apply for coverage under the FLTCIP are those specified in the Federal Long-Term Care Security Act (5 U.S.C. 9002) as eligible for coverage. The eligible groups are Federal civilian and Postal employees and annuitants; members of the uniformed services; retired members of the uniformed services; their spouses and adult children; and the parents, stepparents, and parents-in-law of employees and members of the uniformed services.

There is no difference in eligibility requirements between early enrollment and the Open Season.

Underwriting requirements: Federal civilian and Postal employees, members of the uniformed services, and their spouses, will be subject to abbreviated underwriting.

Underwriting involves evaluating responses to questions regarding health status and other information. If you apply for the unlimited benefit period, you will be asked additional questions. The underwriting process may also include a review of your medical records and/or a personal interview.

The opportunity for this eligible group to apply with abbreviated underwriting ends on December 31, 2002.

All other eligible persons will be required to submit full underwriting applications. If you are subject to full underwriting, you must answer more questions about your health status. The underwriting process may also include a review of your medical records and/or a personal interview.

Benefits available: During the Open Season, the full array of benefit options will be available. Coverage options

available during the Open Season that were not available during early enrollment are:

- A facilities-only plan
- An unlimited benefit period
- A weekly, rather than daily, benefit amount

If you were approved for coverage during early enrollment, you can apply to change your coverage during the Open Season. You must resubmit an application and continue to meet the underwriting requirements for your eligible group.

Billing age: Premiums are based on your age as of July 1, 2002, no matter when during the Open Season you apply. However, if you were approved for coverage during early enrollment, and wish to change coverage during the Open Season, you retain your billing age from early enrollment.

Premiums: Premiums vary depending on your age and the coverage options you choose. LTC Partners will provide premium quotes in print material and on their website at www.ltcfeds.com. You can also call the toll-free number to receive a personalized quote.

Enrollees may pay their premiums in one of three ways:

- Payroll/annuity deduction;
- Automatic deduction from a bank account; or
- Direct bill.

The premiums of a qualified relative may be paid through Federal payroll/annuity deduction, even if the person from whose pay or annuity deductions will be made does not apply (or is not approved) for coverage.

Payroll deduction was not an available option for premium payment during early enrollment. If you enrolled for coverage during early enrollment, you can switch to payroll deduction by calling LTC Partners to request the appropriate form. The form also will be available to download on the web site.

Effective date: The effective date of coverage for an Open Season enrollment is the later of October 1, 2002, or the first day of the month that is after the date LTC Partners approves your application for coverage. A Federal civilian or Postal employee or member of the uniformed services also must be actively at work on the coverage effective date for coverage to become effective.

You must meet all of the following conditions to be considered actively at work:

- You are reporting for work at your usual place of employment or other location to which Government business requires you to travel; and
- You are able to perform all the usual and customary duties of your