

timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Monday, July 15, 2002. Such statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

Contact Person for Information: Information on the hearing may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via email at cdown@opic.gov.

Dated: July 1, 2002.

Connie M. Downs,
OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Rule 236—SEC File No. 270-118, OMB Control No. 3235-0095.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 236 under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") requires issuers choosing to rely on an exemption from Securities Act registration for the issuance of fractional shares, scrip certificates or order forms, in connection with a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, conversion, merger or similar transaction to furnish specified information to the Commission in writing at least ten days

prior to the offering. The information is needed to provide public notice that an issuer is relying on the exemption. Public companies are the likely respondents. An estimated ten submissions are made pursuant to Rule 236 annually, resulting in an estimated annual total burden of 15 hours.

The information is needed to establish qualification for reliance on the exemption. The information provided by Rule 236 is required to obtain or retain benefits. All information provided to the Commission is available to the public for review upon request.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 24, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27544]

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

June 28, 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 July 18, 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 July 18, 2002 the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

National Grid Group plc, et al. (70-10025)

National Grid Group plc ("National Grid"), a registered holding company, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD, United Kingdom; National Grid's registered holding company subsidiary National Grid USA ("Grid USA") 01582; Grid USA's exempt holding company subsidiary, New England Power Company ("NEP"), both located at 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA; and Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation ("Vermont Yankee"), an electric public utility subsidiary company of NEP, 185 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, VT 05703 (together, "Applicants"), have filed a declaration under sections 6(a), 7, and 12(d) of the Act and rules 44, 53, and 54 under the Act.

Vermont Yankee is a single purpose electric utility which operates a 540 MW nuclear powered electric generating plant ("Plant") located in Vernon, Vermont. Vermont Yankee is owned by New England Power Company, a subsidiary of each of National Grid USA and National Grid Group plc, both registered holding companies, owns 23.89% of the outstanding common stock of Vermont Yankee.¹ Vermont Yankee's output is currently shared by the eight utility companies which own Vermont Yankee ("Sponsoring Utilities").² The Sponsoring Utilities

¹ Connecticut Power & Light Company ("CP&L"), Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WME"), and Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSC"), all public utility subsidiaries of Northeast Utilities ("Northeast"), a registered holding company, own an aggregate of 16.99% of the outstanding common stock of Vermont Yankee. Central Maine Power Company ("Central Maine"), an indirect electric utility subsidiary of Energy East Corporation ("Energy East"), a registered holding company, also owns 4.25% of the outstanding common stock of Vermont Yankee. Northeast and Energy East have filed applications S.E.C. File Nos. 70-10033 and 70-10070, respectively, regarding the sale of Vermont Yankee's assets and the Commission is issuing a notice of those filings simultaneously with the issuance of this notice.

² The eight Sponsoring Utilities are: Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, New England Power Company, Green Mountain Power

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