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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general or technical information associated with the proposed MOX facility, please contact: Tim Johnson at (301) 415-7299, or Drew Persinko at (301) 415-6522. For general information on the NRC NEPA process, please contact: Tim Harris at (301) 415-6613.

Signed in Rockville, MD, this 12th day of September, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cheryl Trottier,

Chief, Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Plant Tours

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice regarding plant tours.

SUMMARY: The anticipated mid-September tour of Chicago-area mailer and United States Postal Service (USPS) facilities by a Postal Rate Commissioner and several staff members, notices at 67 FR 57463, has been indefinitely postponed. A tour of the USPS facility in Merrifield, Virginia, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6818.

DATES: September 11-13, 2002: Chicago-area plant tours—postponed. September 18, 2002: USPS facility in Merrifield, VA.

Steven W. Williams,

Secretary

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Annual Earnings Questionnaire for Annuitants in Last

Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-19L.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0179.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 11/30/2002.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,000.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 1,000.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 250.

(10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for a railroad or earns more than the prescribed amounts. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to determine possible reductions in annuities because of earnings.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27568]

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

September 13, 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 October 8, 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 October 8, 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. et al. (70-9659)

Progress Energy, Inc. ("Progress Energy"), a registered holding company, and its indirect wholly-owned nonutility subsidiary, Progress Ventures, Inc. ("Progress Ventures") (together, "Applicants"), both of 410 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27602, have filed a post-effective amendment to their application-declaration in this filing under sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act and rule 54 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 and natural gas or gas transportation service to approximately 2.9 million wholesale and retail customers in parts of North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. Progress Ventures is an intermediate nonutility holding company that holds interests in several "exempt wholesale generators" ("EWGs"), as defined in section 32 of the Act, and energy-related companies within the meaning of rule 58 that are engaged in synthetic fuels production.

By order dated December 12, 2000, in this filing ("December 2000 Order"),¹ the Commission authorized Progress Energy, the Utility Subsidiaries and Progress Energy's direct and indirect nonutility subsidiaries, among other things, to engage in a program of external and intrasystem financing and to organize and acquire the equity securities of specified types of new subsidiaries through September 30, 2003 ("Authorization Period"). Among other specific authorization granted by the December 2000 Order, the Commission authorized Progress Energy, through its nonutility subsidiaries, to invest up to \$500 million ("Investment Limitation") in connection with the acquisition or construction of certain types of nonutility energy-related assets in the United States that are incidental to their energy marketing activities ("Energy-Related Assets") or in the equity securities of existing or new companies substantially all of whose physical properties consist or will consist of Energy-Related Assets.²

Applicants state that Progress Ventures entered into a letter of intent with Westchester Gas Company, a nonassociate company, to acquire approximately 215 producing gas wells, 52 miles of intrastate pipeline and 170 miles of gas gathering lines located in Texas and Louisiana. The transaction closed on April 29, 2002. Progress Ventures paid a total consideration of \$148 million, which includes \$128 million in Progress Energy common stock and \$20 million in cash.

Applicants now request a supplemental order of the Commission to increase the Investment Limitation from \$500 million to \$1 billion. Progress Energy, through Progress Ventures, states that it is actively considering several other investments in Energy-Related Assets similar to the Westchester Gas assets. Applicants state that investment in Energy-Related Assets represent an important component of Progress Ventures' overall strategy to diversify its portfolio of assets and earnings. In addition, Applicants state investments in Energy-Related Assets are intended to provide

¹ See *Progress Energy, Inc. et al.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27297. The December 2000 order was modified by orders dated September 20, 2001 and March 15, 2002, Holding Co. Act Release Nos. 27440 and 27500, respectively.

² Energy-Related Assets are defined under the December 2000 Order to include natural gas production, gathering, processing, storage and transportation facilities and equipment, liquid oil reserves and storage facilities, and associated facilities.

a fuel hedge for Progress Ventures' merchant generation plants.³

Applicants further state that, although Progress Ventures has not identified any additional investments in Energy-Related Assets at this time, its current business plan contemplates additional investments of this type that would, in the aggregate, exceed the remaining authorized amount under the Investment Limitation (approximately \$350 million following the Westchester Gas transaction). Applicants assert that the proposed increase is reasonable and would represent a prudent use of capital for a company the size of Progress Energy.

All other terms, conditions and limitations contained in the December 2000 Order, as modified by the September 20, 2001 and March 15, 2002 orders, shall remain the same.

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

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of September 23, 2002: A Closed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Glassman, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

³ Progress Ventures states that it currently has approximately 3,100 MW of gas and oil fired merchant generation in operation or under construction and may expand its merchant generation portfolio by another 2,800 MW over the next few years through acquisitions or new installations.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2002 will be:
Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;
Formal orders of investigations; and
Litigation matter.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 18, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46498; File No. SR-CHX-2002-24]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to Membership Dues and Fees

September 13, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 31, 2002, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The CHX proposes to amend its membership dues and fees schedule (the "Schedule"), effective August 1, 2002, to change the calculation of the fixed fee charged to specialists trading Dual Trading System securities and to reduce the fees relating to the assignment of Nasdaq/NM securities. The text of the proposed rule change is below.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.