

which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and available electronically on the Internet at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in 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 such 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 place 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 Nancy C. Loftin, Esq., Corporate Secretary and Counsel, Arizona Public Service Company, P.O. Box 53999, Mail Station 9068, Phoenix, Arizona 85072-3999, 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 September 26, 2002, which 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 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 documents 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 pdrc@nrc.gov.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of September, 2002.

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PEACE CORPS

Peace Corps Information Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Notice of availability of information quality guidelines.

(ii) The contention, if proven, would be of no consequence in the proceeding because it would not entitle petitioner to relief."

SUMMARY: The Peace Corps gives notice of the availability of its information quality guidelines. The guidelines are required by law and are intended to ensure and maximize the quality of information disseminated to the public by the Peace Corps. The guidelines are based on those issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369–378), as corrected and reprinted on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451–8460). The guidelines set out the Agency's policies and procedures for ensuring the quality (objectivity, utility, and integrity) of information provided to the public. The guidelines also establish administrative mechanisms permitting affected persons to seek and obtain, where appropriate, timely correction of information maintained and disseminated by the Agency that does not comply with the OMB or its own guidelines. These guidelines represent Agency policy and procedures and have no legal effect and do not create any legal rights or obligations.

DATES: The guidelines are effective upon their issuance on the Peace Corps public Web site <http://www.peacecorps.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne B. Glasow, Associate general Counsel, 202–692–2150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB issued guidelines on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369–378), as corrected and reprinted on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451–8460), to implement Section 151 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106–554, HR 5658). Section 515 and the OMB Guidelines require each federal agency subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act to issue its own guidelines that provide policies and procedures used by the Agency to ensure the objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by the Agency. The guidelines must also establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to obtain correction of information disseminated to the public that does not comply with OMB and Agency guidelines. The Peace Corps published proposed guidelines in the **Federal Register** on August 21, 2002, and requested public comment on the guidelines. See 67 FR 54329. The Agency received no comments from the public. The Agency did receive comments and guidance from OMB that have been integrated into the final guidelines. The guidelines may be accessed on the Agency's public Web site at <http://www.peacecorps.gov> or by written request addressed to Suzanne B. Glasow, Office of the General Counsel,

1111 20th Street, NW., Washington DC 20526.

Dated: September 30, 2002.

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General Counsel.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Approval of Collection of Information; Extension of Expiration Date

Waiver of Auditor Consent and Reissued Accountants' Report: SEC File No. 270–503. OMB Control No. 3235–0558.

Temporary Relief for Certain Entities Audited by Arthur Andersen LLP: SEC File No. 270–502. OMB Control No. 3235–0557.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the Commission's collection of information entitled "Waiver of Auditor Consent and Reissued Accountants' Report" (OMB Control No. 3235–0558). In addition, OMB has granted the Commission's request for an extension of the expiration date for its approved collection entitled "Temporary Relief for Certain Entities Audited by Arthur Andersen LLP" (OMB Control No. 3235–0557). The new expiration date for this collection of information is December 31, 2002.

In March 2002, the Commission adopted rules and promulgated orders to assure a continuing and orderly flow of information to investors and the U.S. capital markets and to minimize potential disruptions that might occur as a result of the indictment of Arthur Andersen LLP.¹ These rules and orders contained collection of information requirements and the Commission submitted these requirements to OMB pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507, 5 CFR 1320.11, and 5 CFR 1320.13. OMB approved the collection of information requirements. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Compliance with the disclosure requirements is mandatory for those taking advantage of the relief offered by the rules and orders. There is no mandatory retention period for the information disclosed, and responses to

the disclosure requirements will not be kept confidential. Comments concerning the accuracy of the burden estimates described below and suggestions for reducing these burdens should be directed to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609, with reference to File No. 270–502 or 270–503.

Waiver of Auditor Consent and Reissued Accountants' Report. The Federal securities laws require companies to include in their registration statements the consent of auditors for use of their reports related to the three previous years' audits. For Andersen clients unable to obtain these consents, the rules adopted in March waived the obligation to obtain an auditor's consent for years before 2001, provided that the company discloses any limitations on remedies resulting from the lack of consents. In addition, the federal securities laws require certain issuers that change auditors to obtain from their predecessor auditor a reissued accountants' report for previously audited financial statements. Under the rules adopted in March, if the issuer is unable to obtain the accountants' report after reasonable efforts, the issuer may provide a copy of the latest previously issued accountants' report, as long as it discloses that the report is a copy of a report previously issued and that the report has not been reissued by Andersen. This collection of information is necessary to advise potential purchasers of securities and investors of certain information that they would not receive otherwise.

When we proposed this collection of information, we estimated that the disclosures associated with the waiver of consents would require one half hour, and that the disclosures associated with the waiver of the predecessor auditor's reissued report would also require one half hour. We estimated that the total number of burden hours associated with this collection of information would be 3,182.5. We solicited, but did not receive, comments on our estimates of the burden associated with this collection of information. The approval for this collection of information expires on May 31, 2005.

Temporary Relief for Certain Entities Audited by Arthur Andersen LLP (OMB Control No. 3235–0557). As described in detail in Release No. 33–8070 (Mar. 18, 2002), 67 FR 13518 (Mar. 22, 2002), this collection of information encompasses certain new disclosures required by certain clients of Andersen. In general, public companies for whom Andersen does not complete audits or reviews have been allowed to file unaudited

¹ Release Nos. 33–8070, 34–45589, IC–25463, IA–2017, 35–27502 (Mar. 18, 2002); 67 FR 13518 (Mar. 22, 2002).