

petitioner had requested that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the licensee for Watts Bar, be required to provide specific information relating to possible corrosion of the reactor coolant pressure boundary at Watts Bar due to defects in the stainless steel cladding applied to the interior surface of the carbon steel reactor pressure vessel to provide corrosion resistance against the borated water used as reactor coolant. The petitioner had also requested that the NRC (a) provide UCS with copies of all correspondence sent to TVA regarding this petition and the subject cladding defects at Watts Bar, (b) provide UCS with advance notice of all NRC public meetings with TVA regarding this petition and the subject cladding defects, (c) provide UCS with an opportunity to participate in all relevant phone calls between NRC staff and TVA regarding this petition and the subject cladding defects at Watts Bar, and (d) provide UCS with copies of all correspondence sent to Members of Congress and/or industry organizations (e.g., the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute, the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations).

As the basis for this withdrawal, the petitioner states that the UCS has reviewed the response provided by the licensee and finds it fully responsive so that the Demand for Information is no longer necessary.

Notice of the receipt of the request for action was published in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2003 (68 FR 41022). Copies of the licensee's response and the withdrawal letter are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR) at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 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 PDR reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of August 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

R. William Borchardt,

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-285]

Omaha Public Power District, Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 20, section 20.1003 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-40, issued to Omaha Public Power District (OPPD/the licensee), for operation of the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1 (FCS), located in Washington County, Nebraska. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would provide an exemption from the 10 CFR 20.1003 definition of total effective dose equivalent (TEDE), which is the sum of the deep-dose equivalent (for external exposures) and the committed effective dose equivalent (for internal exposures). The proposed exemption would change the definition of TEDE to mean the sum of the effective dose equivalent or the deep-dose equivalent (for external exposures) and the committed effective dose equivalent (for internal exposures). The staff has determined that the new method for calculating TEDE, under certain conditions, is a more accurate means of estimating worker radiation exposure.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated January 8, 2003.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed because the current method of calculating TEDE, under certain conditions, can significantly overestimate the dose received.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that revising the methodology for calculating the dose received by individuals will not have any significant environmental impacts.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there

is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the FCS dated August 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On August 8, 2003, the staff consulted with the Nebraska State official, Julia Schmitt of the Nebraska Consumer Health Services Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated January 8, 2003. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of August, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Stephen Dembek,

*Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate IV,
Division of Licensing Project Management,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Briefing on Data System Changes

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public briefing.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service will present a briefing on September 17, 2003 at 10 a.m. in the Postal Rate Commission's hearing room on the proposed merger of two major data reporting systems. The systems affected by the merger are the Revenue, Pieces and Weight (RPW) system and the Origin Destination Information System (ODIS). The briefing is open to the public.

DATES: September 17, 2003, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Postal Rate Commission (hearing room), 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001, Suite 300.

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

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-26171]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

August 29, 2003.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of August, 2003. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public

Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on September 23, 2003, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0504.

Credit Suisse Strategic Value Fund, Inc.

File No. 811-7515]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 6, 2003, applicant transferred its assets to Credit Suisse Large Cap Value Fund, a series of Credit Suisse Capital Funds, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$135,000 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, applicant's investment adviser and/or its affiliates.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 1, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 466 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10017.

PIC Balanced Portfolio

[File No. 811-6497]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 29, 2003, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 25, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 300 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101.

MW Capital Management Funds

[File No. 811-10535]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an

investment company. On April 30, 2003, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 23, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 610 Newport Center Dr., Suite 1000, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

DEVCAP Shared Return Fund

[File No. 811-9070]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On June 30, 2003, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$35,870 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 25, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 209 West Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

Mercury Large Cap Series Funds, Inc.

[File No. 811-9697]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 28, 2003, applicant's three series transferred their assets to corresponding series of Merrill Lynch Large Cap Series Funds, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$615,151 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Fund Asset Management, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 23, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 800 Scudders Mill Rd., Plainsboro, NJ 08536.

Khan Funds

[File No. 811-7829]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. By June 15, 2003, all shareholders of applicant had redeemed their shares at net asset value. Expenses of \$580 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Khan Investment Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 11, 2003, and amended on July 14, 2003 and August 20, 2003.

Applicant's Address: 714 FM 1960 West #201, Houston, TX 77090.

United Services Insurance Funds

[File No. 811-8766]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its