

and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be received by March 22, 2004, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: "National Sciences Foundation Proposal/Award Information-Grant Proposal Guide"

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0058.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2004.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81-507) set forth NSF's mission and purpose:

"To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. * * *

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

Over the years, NSF's statutory authority has been modified in a number of significant ways. In 1968, authority to support applied research was added to the Organic Act. In 1980, The Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act gave NSF standing

authority to support activities to improve the participation of women and minorities in science and engineering.

Another major change occurred in 1986, when engineering was accorded equal status with science in the Organic Act. NSF has always dedicated itself to providing the leadership and vision needed to keep the words and ideas embedded in its mission statement fresh and up-to-date. Even in today's rapidly changing environment, NSF's core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: Promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF's vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last four decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

Use of the Information: The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 40,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 10,500 new awards. Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (proposal review is cleared under OMB Control No. 3145-0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/ project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 40,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year for a total of 4,800,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation, National Science Board, Committee on Programs and Plans.

DATE AND TIME: January 23, 2004 3:30 p.m. "4:30 p.m. Open Session Teleconference.

PLACE: The National Science Foundation, Stafford One Building, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 130, Arlington, VA 22230.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Friday, January 23, 2004

Open Session (3:30 to 4:30 p.m.)

Discussion of the report by the National Academies on "Setting Priorities for Large Research Facility Projects supported by the National Science Foundation."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. Crosby, Executive Officer, NSB, (703) 292-7000, www.nsf.gov/nsb.

Michael P. Crosby,
Executive Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-369]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a notice appearing in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2003 (68 FR 70320), that corrects the licensee name.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Peters, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone (301) 415-1842, e-mail: sep@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On page 70320, in the first column, in the first complete paragraph, first line, it is corrected to read from "Duke Energy Corporation" to "Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc."

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of January 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sean E. Peters,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-305]

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Conforming Amendment and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving the transfer of Facility Operating License No. DPR-43 for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) currently owned by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) and Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), who hold 59 percent and 41 percent ownership respectively, and Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) as the licensed operator of KNPP. The transfer would be to Dominion Energy Kewaunee. The Commission is also considering amending the license for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer.

According to an application for approval filed by WPSC, WPL, and NMC, Dominion Energy Kewaunee would assume title to the facility following approval of the proposed license transfer, and would be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of KNPP. No physical changes to the Kewaunee facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

The proposed amendment would replace references to WPSC, WPL, and NMC in the license with references to Dominion Energy Kewaunee to reflect the proposed transfer. The proposed amendment would also change the name of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant to the Kewaunee Power Station.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an

application for the transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By February 9, 2004, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not the applicant, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served

upon Lillian M. Cuoco, Esq., Senior Counsel, Dominion Resources, Inc. Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385, phone number: 860-444-5316, fax: 860-444-4278, e-mail: Lillian_Cuoco@dom.com, Counsel for Dominion Energy Kewaunee; John E. Matthews, Esq., Morgan, Lewis & Brockius LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004, phone: 202-739-3000, fax: 202-739-3001, e-mail: jmatthews@morganlewis.com, Counsel for Dominion Energy and WPL; Jonathan Rogoff, Esq., General Counsel, Nuclear Management Company, LLC, 700 First Street, Hudson, WI 54016, phone number: 715-377-3316, fax: 715-377-3464, e-mail: Jonathan.Rogoff@nmcco.com, Counsel for NMC; and Allen W. Williams, Jr., Esq., Foley & Lardner, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202, phone: 414-297-5805, fax: 414-297-4900, e-mail: awilliams@foley.com, Counsel for WPSC; the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by February 19, 2004, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated December 19, 2003, available for public inspection at the Commission'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