

provisions of section 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is March 8, 2005. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is March 22, 2005; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations, including statements of support or opposition to the petition, on or before March 22, 2005. On April 6, 2005, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before April 8, 2005, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002).

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission's rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions, or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Race and National Origin Identification.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until January 18, 2005. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Dennis Snyder, Employment Branch, Room 4100, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Race and National Origin Identification.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: ATF F 2931.1. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: None. The information collection is used to maintain Race and National Origin data on all employees and new hires to meet diversity/EEO goals and act as a component of a tracking system to ensure that personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 10,000 respondents will complete a 3-minute form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There is an estimated 500 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 10, 2004.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.

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MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

Committee Management; Notice of Public Meeting; Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Marine Mammal Commission.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Marine Mammal Commission (Commission) will hold the fourth meeting of its Advisory

Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals (Committee) 30 November–2 December 2004 in New Orleans, LA.

DATES: The Committee will meet Tuesday, November 30, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, December 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, December 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Commission's Web site (www.mmc.gov) for the most up-to-date meeting information. The Committee's fifth public meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1–3 March 2005 in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Further information on that meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the Commission's Web site.

ADDRESSES: The 30 November–2 December meeting will be held at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70116, phone 504–523–2222, fax 504–571–4666, <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MSYBO/main.wnt>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Vos, Sound Project Manager, Marine Mammal Commission, 4340 East-West Hwy., Rm. 905, Bethesda, MD 20814, e-mail: evos@mmc.gov, tel.: (301) 504–0087, fax: (301) 504–0099; or visit the Commission's Web site at www.mmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is to be held pursuant to the directive in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7) that the Commission convene a conference or series of conferences to “share findings, survey acoustic ‘threats’ to marine mammals, and develop means of reducing those threats while maintaining the oceans as a global highway of international commerce.” The meeting agenda includes presentations and discussions related to (1) progress made by the Subcommittee on Synthesis of Current Knowledge; (2) a draft report from the Subcommittee on Management and Mitigation; (3) proposals from the Working Group on Integrity and Balance in Research, Working Group on Animal Welfare Ethics, and Working Group on Research Permitting and Incidental Harassment Authorizations; (4) potential recommendations concerning research priorities, and others developed by the Subcommittees and Working Groups; (5) a report from the International Policy Workshop on sound and marine mammals; (6) how scientific uncertainty and disagreement will be handled in the Committee's final products, (7) the

outline of the final Advisory Committee report; and (8) the consideration of appointing a drafting Subcommittee. The agenda also includes two public comment sessions. Guidelines for making public comments, background documents, and the meeting agenda, including the specific times of public comment periods, will be posted on the Commission's Web site prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting.

Dated: November 10, 2004.

David Cottingham,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NSB Programs and Plans Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

DATE AND TIME: November 19, 2004 2 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Open Session Teleconference.

PLACE: The National Science Foundation, Stafford One Building, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 220, Arlington, VA 22230.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Friday, November 19, 2004

Open Session (2 to 2:45 p.m.)

1. Approval on behalf of the NSB [as delegated] NSF management's response to the OIG Semiannual Report to Congress.

2. Report on A&O recommended Board responses to IPA-related questions from staff of House Appropriations Subcommittee for VA, HUD and Independent agencies.

3. Report on draft Board position statements on issues in NAPA recommendations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Officer and NSB Office Director, (703) 292–7000, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–498 and 50–499]

STP Nuclear Operating Company, et al.; South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Acquisition and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an order under Section 50.80 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) approving the indirect transfer of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–76 and NPF–80 for South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, respectively, to the extent held by Texas Genco, LP (Texas Genco).

The application requests the consent of the NRC to the proposed indirect transfer of control of the STP, Units 1 and 2, licenses to the extent held by Texas Genco by virtue of the transfer of ownership of approximately 81 percent of the stock of Texas Genco's indirect parent company, Texas Genco Holdings Inc. (TGN), from CenterPoint Energy, Inc., (CenterPoint Energy) to GC Power Acquisitions, LLC (GC Power). Texas Genco is an indirect subsidiary of TGN and TGN is an indirect subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy. The transaction would result in the indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco's 30.8 percent undivided ownership interest in STP, Units 1 and 2. In addition to its 30.8 percent undivided ownership interest in STP, Units 1 and 2, Texas Genco holds a corresponding 30.8 percent interest in STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), a not-for-profit Texas corporation, which is the licensed operator of STP, Units 1 and 2. The application further requests, as necessary, approval of the indirect transfer of control of this 30.8 percent interest in STPNOC, to the extent such indirect transfer would result in an indirect transfer of the licenses as held by STPNOC, thereby requiring NRC approval.

(According to the application, Texas Genco's 30.8 percent ownership interest is expected to increase as a result of Texas Genco's exercising its right of first refusal under the Amended and Restated South Texas Project Participation Agreement, pursuant to which Texas Genco has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated September 3, 2004, to acquire an additional 13.2 percent undivided ownership interest in STP, Units 1 and 2, from AEP Texas Central Company. This acquisition would result in an