

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>.

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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>.

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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