

84,652 hours over the 3-year clearance period.

Dated: April 30, 2008.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271; License No. DPR-28]

### Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has issued a Director's Decision with regard to a petition dated August 27, 2007, filed pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 2.206, by Mr. Raymond Shadis on behalf of the New England Coalition (NEC), hereinafter referred to as the "petitioner." The petition was supplemented on October 3, 2007. The NEC petition requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) promptly restore reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety that is now degraded by the failure of the licensee and its employees to report adverse conditions leading to a reduction in plant safety margins at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee), or otherwise to order a derate or shutdown of Vermont Yankee until it can be determined to what extent Vermont Yankee is being operated in an unanalyzed condition. Specifically, the petition requested the following actions: (1) NRC completion of a Diagnostic Evaluation Team examination or Independent Safety Assessment of Vermont Yankee to determine the extent of condition of non-conformances, reportable items, hazards to safety, and the root causes thereof; (2) NRC completion of a safety culture assessment to determine why worker safety concerns were not previously reported and why assessments of safety culture under the Reactor Oversight Process failed to capture the fact or reasons that safety concerns have gone unreported; (3) derate Vermont Yankee to 50% of licensed thermal power with a mandatory hold at 50% until a thorough and detailed structural and performance analysis of the cooling towers, including the alternate cooling system, has been completed by the licensee; reviewed

and approved by NRC; and until the above steps (1) and (2) have been completed; and (4) NRC investigation and determination of whether or not similar non-conforming conditions and causes exist at other Entergy-run nuclear power plants. On September 6, 2007, the NRC staff notified the petitioner that, based on the recommendation of the Petition Review Board (PRB), the request for immediate action to derate or shutdown Vermont Yankee was denied because the petition did not identify any safety hazards sufficient to warrant those actions.

Mr. Raymond Shadis, in his capacity as the petitioner's consultant, participated in two telephone conference calls with the NRC's PRB on September 12, 2007, and October 3, 2007, to discuss the petition. Those discussions were considered in reaching the PRB's final recommendation regarding the petitioner's request for action and in establishing the schedule for the review of the petition. The PRB confirmed its initial recommendation to reject requests (1), (2), and (4) for review under the Section 2.206 process and accept a portion of request (3) related to the cooling tower cell collapse.

In an acknowledgment letter dated November 6, 2007, the NRC informed the petitioner that the petition was accepted, in part, for review under 10 CFR 2.206, and had been referred to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for appropriate action. The petitioner's request to derate Vermont Yankee was denied, but the petition was granted, in part, by the NRC staff's review of Entergy's evaluation and analysis of the partial cooling tower collapse and associated causes.

The NRC staff sent a copy of the proposed Director's Decision to the petitioner for comment on February 29, 2008. The NRC staff did not receive any comments on the proposed DD.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that the NRC has in effect granted the petitioner's request. The reasons for this decision are explained in the Director's Decision pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 (DD-08-01). The petitioner's concern regarding the partial collapse of the cooling tower cell at Vermont Yankee has been adequately resolved such that no further action is needed.

The documents cited in this Director's Decision are available for 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 and from the NRC's 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 [pdrr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdrr@nrc.gov).

A copy of the Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission to review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the Director's Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the decision, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Director's Decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of April 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**J.E. Dyer,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for a Combined License

On March 31, 2008, Southern Energy Operating Company (SNC), acting on behalf of itself and Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation (an Electric Membership Corporation), Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia, an incorporated municipality in the State of Georgia acting by and through its Board of Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners (Dalton Utilities), herein referred to as the applicant, filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," an application for combined licenses (COLs) for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) site located in Burke County, Georgia. The reactors are to be identified as VEGP Units 3 and 4 and will occupy that portion of the VEGP site for which SNC is seeking an Early Site Permit (ESP).

An applicant may seek a COL in accordance with Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52. The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information, such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.77, as well as technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.79.

Subsequent **Federal Register** notices will address the acceptability of the tendered COL application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the COL review process.

A copy of the application is 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, and via 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>. The accession number for the application cover letter is ML081050133. Future publicly available documents related to the application will also be posted in ADAMS. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of April, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a New Information Collection: Specific Medical Release (INV 16A) and Customer Consent and Authorization for Access to Financial Records (INV 16B)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice

announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a NEW information collection. The INV 16A, Specific Medical Release, and INV 16B, Authorization for Access to Financial Records, are used continuously by Federal and contract investigators as a routine part of background investigations. The collection is completed when it is determined that further inquiry into the respondents' medical record is needed pertaining to mental health counseling and/or drug/alcohol treatment OR upon an affirmative answer on the Standard Form (SF) 86 or SF 85PS regarding mental health. The Customer Consent and Authorization for Access to Financial Records (INV 16B) is used by Federal agencies when conducting a credit inquiry on federal and contract employees, as well as military personnel, who are working in support of Federal Government programs and contracts. The INV 16A and INV 16B will replace current forms OFI 16A; OPM Form 329; OPM Form 329-A; OPM Form 329-B; and OPM 329-C. Previous editions of related forms are not usable.

#### Comments Are Particularly Invited On:

- Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the OPM and its Federal Investigative Services Division, which administers background investigations;
- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology;
- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- Ways in which we can enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

The INV 16A and INV 16B are completed by both employees of the Federal Government and individuals not employed with the Federal Government, including Federal contractors, and military personnel.

Federal employees are defined as those individuals who are employed as civilians or military personnel with the Federal Government. Non-Federal employees include members of the general public and all individuals employed as Federal and military contractors, or individuals otherwise not directly employed by the Federal Government.

Approximately 45,500 INV 16A and 210,000 INV 16B forms will be completed annually by non-Federal individuals. Each form requires approximately 5 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 3,800 and 17,500 hours for the 16A and 16B respectively.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via E-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415.

*For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—Contact:* Mary-Kay Brewer, Program Analyst, Standards and Evaluations Group, Federal Investigative Services Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-1835.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Howard Weizmann,**

Deputy Director.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Regulation S-T; OMB Control No. 3235-0424, SEC File No. 270-375.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Regulation S-T (17 CFR 232.10-232.313 and 232.401-232.402 and 232.501) sets forth the filing requirements relating to the submission of documents in electronic format on the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis,