

NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting

Board meeting: January 28, 2009—Las Vegas, Nevada; The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet to discuss repository tunnel stability and “burnup” credit related to Department of Energy plans for a proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100–203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The focus of the meeting is expected to be repository tunnel stability and issues related to burnup credit. Burnup is the amount of energy produced in a nuclear reactor per unit weight of nuclear fuel. The Board will review U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) activities related to these and other issues as part of the Board’s ongoing technical evaluation of DOE’s proposed plans for disposing of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste (HLW) in a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

The Board was charged in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 with conducting an independent review of the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to the implementation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, including transporting, packaging, and disposing of spent nuclear fuel and HLW.

The Board meeting will be held at the Marriott Suites Convention Center; 325 Convention Center Drive; Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (tel) 702–650–2000, (fax) 702–6509466.

A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Board’s Web site, <http://www.nwtrb.gov>, approximately one week before the date of the meeting. The agenda also may be obtained by telephone request at that time. The meeting will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided.

Board Chairman B. John Garrick will call the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Dr. Garrick’s remarks will be followed by a DOE program overview and science update. The balance of the morning agenda will be devoted to discussions of drift stability, thermal conductivity of drift collapse material, and the effects of the presence of drift collapse material on waste package temperatures. After lunch, issues related to the allowance of burnup credit will be discussed, and an

update of the Welding-Closure Cell work will be presented.

Time will be set aside at the end of the day for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the “Public Comment Register” at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board’s Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board’s staff no later than February 16, 2009.

A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting attendees at the Marriott Suites. When making a reservation, please state that you will be attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting, Group Code: NWT. Reservations should be made by Monday, January 5, 2009, to ensure receiving the meeting rate. To make reservations, call 1–800–228–9290.

For more information, contact Karyn Severson, NWTRB External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201–3367; (tel) 703–235–4473; (fax) 703–235–4495.

Dated: December 12, 2008.

William D. Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension: Rule 15c2–1, SEC File No. 270–418, OMB Control No. 3235–0485.

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”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rule: Rule 15c2–1.

Rule 15c2–1 (17 CFR 240.15c2–1) prohibits the commingling under the same lien of securities of margin customers (a) with other customers without their written consent and (b) with the broker or dealer. The rule also prohibits the rehypothecation of customers’ margin securities for a sum

in excess of the customer’s aggregate indebtedness. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 2690 (November 15, 1940); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 9428 (December 29, 1971). Pursuant to Rule 15c2–1, respondents must collect information necessary to prevent the rehypothecation of customer securities in contravention of the rule, issue and retain copies of notices of hypothecation of customer securities in accordance with the rule, and collect written consents from customers in accordance with the rule. The information is necessary to ensure compliance with the rule and to advise customers of the rule’s protections.

There are approximately 126 respondents (*i.e.*, broker-dealers that carry or clear customer accounts that also have bank loans) that require an aggregate total of 2835 hours to comply with the rule. Each of these approximately 126 registered broker-dealers makes an estimated 45 annual responses. Each response takes approximately 0.5 hours to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 2835 burden hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to: (i) The Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to nfraser@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor

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Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Form 20-F; OMB Control No. 3235-0288; SEC File No. 270-156.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form 20-F (17 CFR 249.220f) is used by foreign private issuers to either register a class of securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to section 12(b) or 12(g) (15 U.S.C. 78l(b) or 78l(g)) or to satisfy their annual report obligation pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78m and 78o(d)). The information collected is intended to enable investors in foreign private issuers to make informed investment decisions. Form 20-F takes approximately 2,611 hours per response to prepare and is filed by 942 foreign private issuers annually. We estimate that 25% of the 2,611 hours per response (652.75 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 614,891 hours (652.75 hours per response × 942 responses).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or send an e-mail to nfraser@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Form N-54A, SEC File No. 270-182, OMB Control No. 3235-0237.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Form N-54A (17 CFR 274.53) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) (the "Act"); Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-54 through 64) Filed Pursuant to Section 54(a) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-53(a)).

Form N-54A is the notification to the Commission of election to be regulated as a business development company. A company making such an election only has to file a Form N-54A once.

It is estimated that approximately 6 respondents per year file with the Commission a Form N-54A. Form N-54A requires approximately 0.5 burden hours per response resulting from creating and filing the information required by the Form. The total burden hours for Form N-54A would be 3.0 hours per year in the aggregate. The estimated annual burden of 3.0 hours represents a decrease of 20.0 hours over the prior estimate of 23.0 hours. The decrease in burden hours is attributable to a decrease in the number of respondents from 46 to 6.

The estimate of average burden hours for Form N-54A is made solely for the purposes of the PRA and is not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms.

The collection of information under Form N-54A is mandatory. The information provided by the Form is not kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange

Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to: nfraser@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Regulation AC, OMB Control No. 3235-0575, SEC File No. 270-517.

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 Analyst Certification (AC) (17 CFR 242.500-505).

Regulation AC requires that research reports published, circulated, or provided by a broker or dealer or covered person contain a statement attesting that the views expressed in each research report accurately reflect the analyst's personal views and whether or not the research analyst received or will receive any compensation in connection with the views or recommendations expressed in the research report. Regulation AC also requires broker-dealers to, on a quarterly basis, make, keep, and maintain records of research analyst statements regarding whether the views expressed in public appearances accurately reflected the analyst's personal views, and whether any part of the analyst's compensation is related to the specific recommendations or views expressed in the public appearance. Regulation AC also requires that research prepared by