

changes were to accommodate increased flow to the turbine building main sumps during condensate polishing system rinsing operations. SNC also requested related exemptions from the Commission's regulations.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemption met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in §§ 50.12, 52.7, and section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendment was found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17272A280.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to the licensee for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17272A278 and ML17272A279, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17272A275 and ML17272A276, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

## II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated December 22, 2015, as revised by letters dated July 27, 2016, May 19, 2017, and the response to the staff's request for additional information dated August 31, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company requested from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) an exemption to allow departures from Tier 1 information in the certified DCD incorporated by reference in 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design," as part of LAR 15-019, "Addition of New Turbine Building Sump Pumps."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1 of the NRC staff's safety evaluation, which can be found at ADAMS Accession No. ML17272A280, the Commission finds that:

- A. The exemption is authorized by law;
- B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;
- C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;
- D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;
- E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and
- F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, the licensee is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined Licenses as described in the request dated December 22, 2015, as revised by letters dated July 27, 2016, May 19, 2017, and the response to the staff's request for additional information dated August 31, 2017. This exemption is related to, and necessary for, the granting of License Amendment Nos. 96 and 95, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 6.0 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML17272A280, this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated December 22, 2015, as revised by letters dated July 27, 2016, May 19, 2017, and the response to the staff's request for additional information dated August 31, 2017 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML15356A655, ML16209A477, ML17139D394, and ML17243A459, respectively), the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the

Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2017 (82 FR 31089). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that the licensee requested on December 22, 2015, as revised by letters dated July 27, 2016, May 19, 2017, and the response to the staff's request for additional information dated August 31, 2017.

The exemption and amendment were issued on November 6, 2017, as part of a combined package to the licensee (ADAMS Accession No. ML17272A272).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of December 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**Submission for Review: Survivor Annuity Election for a Spouse, RI 20-63; Cover Letter Giving Information About the Cost To Elect Less Than the Maximum Survivor Annuity, RI 20-116; Cover Letter Giving Information About the Cost To Elect the Maximum Survivor Annuity, RI 20-117**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other

Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection, Survivor Annuity Election for a Spouse, RI 20–63; Cover Letter Giving Information About the Cost to Elect Less Than the Maximum Survivor Annuity, RI 20–116; Cover Letter Giving Information About the Cost to Elect the Maximum Survivor Annuity, RI 20–117.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 10, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3316–L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to [Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov](mailto:Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov) or faxed to (202) 606–0910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection (OMB No. 3206–0174) was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2017, at 82 FR 21433, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. 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;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submissions of responses.

Form RI 20–63 is used by annuitants to elect a reduced annuity with a survivor annuity for their spouse. Form RI 20–116 is a cover letter for RI 20–63 giving information about the cost to elect less than the maximum survivor annuity. This letter is used to supply the information requested by the annuitant about the cost of electing less than the maximum annuity. Form RI 20–117 is a cover letter for RI 20–63 giving information about the cost to elect the maximum survivor annuity.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

*Title:* Survivor Annuity Election for a Spouse; Cover Letter Giving Information about the Cost to Elect Less Than the Maximum Survivor Annuity; Cover Letter Giving Information about the Cost to Elect the Maximum Survivor Annuity.

*OMB Number:* 3206–0174.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individual or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* RI 20–63 = 2,400; RI 20–116 & RI 20–117 = 200.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 55 Minutes [RI 20–63 = 45 minutes; RI 20–116 & RI 20–117 = 10 minutes].

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,834.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kathleen M. McGettigan,**

*Acting Director.*

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#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

##### Submission for Review: Marital Status Certification Survey, RI 25–7

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection request (ICR), Marital Status Certification Survey, RI 25–7.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Retirement Services, U.S. Office of

Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Alberta Butler, Room 2347–E, or sent via electronic mail to [Alberta.Butler@opm.gov](mailto:Alberta.Butler@opm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3316–L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to [Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov](mailto:Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov) or faxed to (202) 606–0910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB No. 3206–0033). The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submissions of responses.

Form RI 25–7 is used to determine whether widows, widowers, and former spouses receiving survivor annuities from OPM have remarried before reaching age 55 and, thus, are no longer eligible for benefits.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

*Title:* Marital Status Certification Survey.

*OMB Number:* 3206–0033.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 24,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,000 hours.