

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, Burke County, Georgia

Date of amendment request: May 24, 2017, as supplemented by letter dated August 17, 2017.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revised Surveillance Requirement 3.3.1.3 to change the thermal power at which the surveillance may be performed.

Date of issuance: February 7, 2018.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 90 days of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 194 (Unit 1) and 177 (Unit 2). A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18012A068; documents related to these amendments are listed in the Safety Evaluation enclosed with the amendments.

Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-68 and NPF-81: Amendments revised the Renewed Facility Operating Licenses and Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: July 18, 2017 (82 FR 32883). The supplemental letter dated August 17, 2017, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the NRC staff's original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination as published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated February 7, 2018.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN), Units 1 and 2, Hamilton County, Tennessee

Date of amendment requests: March 13, 2017, as supplemented by letter dated August 7, 2017.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments deleted the Note associated with Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.8.1.17 to allow the performance of the SR in Modes 1 through 4.

Date of issuance: February 2, 2018.

Effective date: As of its date of issuance and shall be implemented no later than 60 days from the date of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 340 (Unit 1) and 333 (Unit 2). A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession

No. ML17296A133; documents related to these amendments are listed in the Safety Evaluation (SE) enclosed with the amendments.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79: The amendments revised the Renewed Facility Operating Licenses and TSs.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: July 5, 2017 (82 FR 31102). The supplemental letter dated August 7, 2017, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the NRC staff's original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination as published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in an SE dated February 2, 2018.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Virginia Electric and Power Company, Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281, Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Surry County, Virginia

Date of amendment request: January 20, 2017, as supplemented by letter dated September 7, 2017.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revised the Technical Specification (TS) 3.5, "Residual Heat Removal (RHR) System," requirements, as well as the TS 3.13, "Component Cooling System," RHR support requirements for consistency with the design basis of the RHR system. In addition, an RHR surveillance requirement is added in TS Table 4.1-2A, "Minimum Frequency for Equipment Tests," to test the RHR system in accordance with the inservice testing program, since a TS surveillance does not currently exist for this system.

Date of issuance: February 9, 2018.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 291 and 291. A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17326A225; documents related to these amendments are listed in the Safety Evaluation enclosed with the amendments.

Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-32 and DPR-37: Amendments revised the Renewed Facility Operating Licenses and TSs.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: March 14, 2017 (82 FR 13672). The supplemental letter dated September 7, 2017, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the NRC staff's

original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination as published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated February 9, 2018.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, on February 20, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Sunshine Act Cancellation Notice—OPIC'S March 8, 2018 Annual Public Hearing

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its Annual Public Hearing was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 83, Number 13, Page 2823) on January 19, 2018. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's Annual Public Hearing scheduled for 10 a.m., March 8, 2018 has been cancelled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Catherine F.I. Andrade at (202) 336-8768, or via email at Catherine.Andrade@opic.gov.

Dated: February 22, 2018.

Catherine F.I. Andrade,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Cancellation Notice—OPIC February 28, 2018 Public Hearing

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its Public Hearing in Conjunction with each Board meeting was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 83, Number 25, Page 5284) on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing scheduled for 2 p.m., February 28, 2018 in conjunction with OPIC's March 8, 2018 Board of Directors meeting has been cancelled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Catherine F.I. Andrade at (202) 336-8768, or via email at Catherine.Andrade@opic.gov.

Dated: February 22, 2018.

Catherine F.I. Andrade,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Revise the General Securities Representative (Series 7) Examination

February 21, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 12, 2018, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as “constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule” under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing revisions to the content outline and selection specifications for the General Securities Representative (Series 7) examination as part of the restructuring of the representative-level examination program.⁵ The proposed revisions also

update the material to reflect changes to the laws, rules and regulations covered by the examination. In addition, FINRA is proposing to make changes to the format of the content outline. FINRA is not proposing any textual changes to the By-Laws, Schedules to the By-Laws or Rules of FINRA.

The revised Series 7 content outline is attached.⁶ The revised Series 7 selection specifications have been submitted to the Commission under separate cover with a request for confidential treatment pursuant to SEA Rule 24b-2.⁷

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s website at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room. [sic]

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Section 15A(g)(3) of the Act⁸ authorizes FINRA to prescribe standards of training, experience, and competence for persons associated with FINRA members. In accordance with that provision, FINRA has developed examinations that are designed to establish that persons associated with FINRA members have attained specified levels of competence and knowledge, consistent with applicable registration requirements under FINRA rules. FINRA periodically reviews the content of the examinations to determine whether revisions are necessary or

filing for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder, and is not filing the question bank. See Letter to Alden S. Adkins, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, NASD Regulation, from Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC, dated July 24, 2000. The question bank is available for SEC review.

⁶ The Commission notes that the content outline is attached to the filing, not to this Notice.

⁷ 17 CFR 240.24b-2.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(g)(3).

appropriate in view of changes pertaining to the subject matter covered by the examinations.

The SEC recently approved a proposed rule change to restructure the FINRA representative-level qualification examination program.⁹ The rule change, which will become effective on October 1, 2018,¹⁰ restructures the examination program into a new format whereby all new representative-level applicants will be required to take a general knowledge examination (the Securities Industry Essentials or SIE™) and a tailored, specialized knowledge examination (a revised representative-level qualification examination) for their particular registered role.

The restructured program eliminates duplicative testing of general securities knowledge on the current representative-level qualification examinations by moving such content into the SIE examination.¹¹ The SIE examination will test fundamental securities-related knowledge, including knowledge of basic products, the structure and function of the securities industry, the regulatory agencies and their functions and regulated and prohibited practices, whereas the revised representative-level qualification examinations will test knowledge relevant to day-to-day activities, responsibilities and job functions of representatives.¹²

As part of the restructuring process and in consultation with a committee of industry representatives, FINRA undertook a review of the General Securities Representative (Series 7) examination to remove the general securities knowledge currently covered on the examination and to create a tailored examination to test knowledge relevant to the day-to-day activities, responsibilities and job functions of a General Securities Representative. As a result of this review, FINRA also is

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81098 (July 7, 2017), 82 FR 32419 (July 13, 2017) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2017-007).

¹⁰ See *Regulatory Notice* 17-30 (SEC Approves Consolidated FINRA Registration Rules, Restructured Representative-Level Qualification Examinations and Changes to Continuing Education Requirements) (October 2017).

¹¹ Each of the current representative-level examinations covers general securities knowledge, with the exception of the Research Analyst (Series 86 and 87) examinations.

¹² FINRA filed the SIE content outline with the SEC for immediate effectiveness. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82578 (January 24, 2018), 83 FR 4375 (January 30, 2018) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2018-002). In addition to the proposed rule change relating to the revised Series 7 examination, FINRA is filing with the Commission for immediate effectiveness the content outlines for the other revised representative-level qualification examinations.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

⁵ FINRA also is proposing corresponding revisions to the Series 7 question bank. Based on instruction from SEC staff, FINRA is submitting this