

specific selection criteria, is available by contacting the Corporation by letter,

phone or FAX. LSC will not FAX the solicitation package to interested

parties; however, solicitation packages may be requested by FAX.

State	Service area(s)
Arizona	AZ-1, NAZ-1.
Arkansas	AR-3.
District of Columbia	DC-1.
California	CA-9, CA-25.
Colorado	CO-2, CO-3, CO-5, NCO-1, MCO.
Florida	FL-11.
Guam	GU-1.
Illinois	IL-1.
Iowa	IA-1, IA-2.
Louisiana	LA-1.
Massachusetts	MA-4, MA-5, MA-10, MMA.
Mississippi	MS-4, NMS-1.
Missouri	MO-1.
Nebraska	NE-3, MNE.
New Jersey	NJ-1, NJ-2, NJ-3, NJ-4, NJ-5, NJ-6, NJ-7, NJ-8, NJ-9, NJ-10, NJ-11, NJ-12, NJ-13, NJ-14, MNJ.
New York	NY-1, NY-3, NY-4, NY-5, NY-6, NY-7, NY-8, NY-9, NY-10, NY-13, NY-14, NY-15, NY-16, NY-17, NY-18, MNY.
North Carolina	NC-1, NC-2, NC-3, NC-4, NNC-1, MNC.
North Dakota	ND-1, ND-2, NND-1, NND-2, MND.
Ohio	OH-4, OH-9, OH-10, OH-16.
Oklahoma	NOK-1.
Oregon	OR-1, OR-2, OR-3, OR-4, NOR-1, MOR.
Pennsylvania	PA-1, PA-2, PA-3, PA-4, PA-5, PA-6, PA-7, PA-8, PA-9, PA-10, PA-11, PA-12, PA-13, PA-14, PA-15, PA-16, PA-17, PA-18, PA-19, MPA.
Puerto Rico	PR-1, PR-2, MPR.
South Carolina	SC-1, SC-6, MSC.
South Dakota	SD-1, SD-2, SD-3, NSD-1, MSD.
Tennessee	MTN.
Texas	TX-7, TX-9.
Utah	UT-1.
Virginia	VA-1, VA-2, VA-3, VA-4, VA-5, VA-6, VA-7, VA-8, VA-9, VA-10, VA-11, VA-12, VA-13, MVA.
Virgin Islands	VI-1.
Wyoming	WY-4, NWY-1, MWY.

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Merceria L. Ludgood,

Deputy Director, Office of Program Operations.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 070-143; License SNM-124]

Consideration of License Renewal Request for the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Nuclear Fuel Manufacturing Facility in Erwin, Tennessee, and Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-124 (SNM-124), issued to Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., (the licensee), for continued operation of its nuclear fuel manufacturing facility in Erwin, Tennessee. The facility manufactures high-enriched uranium fuel for U.S. Navy nuclear reactors and processes

enriched uranium material and waste received from other facilities.

Prior to approving the renewal application, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment. The renewal of the license will be documented in the issuance of a renewed license for SNM-124.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for renewal of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Secretary at One

White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or

2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

1. The applicant, Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., P.O. Box 337, MS 123,

Erwin, Tennessee 37650-9718;
Attention: Dr. Thomas Baer; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

For further details with respect to this action, the license renewal request dated April 26, 1996, is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael F. Weber,

Chief, Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26708]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

April 18, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by May 12, 1997, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended,

may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

New Century Energies, Inc., et al. (70-9007)

New Century Energies, Inc., a Delaware corporation currently not subject to the Act ("NCE"),¹ Public Service Company of Colorado ("PSCo"), Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company ("Cheyenne"), New Century Services, Inc. ("NCE Services"), WestGas Interstate Inc. ("WGI"), New Century Enterprises, Inc. ("Enterprises"), PS Colorado Credit Corporation ("PSCCC"), Natural Fuels Corporation, PSRI Investments, Inc., Green & Clear Lakes Company, 1480 Welton, Inc., and e prime, inc. ("e prime") and its subsidiary companies, each of 1225 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), Quixx Corporation ("Quixx") and its subsidiary companies, and Utility Engineering Corporation ("UE") and its subsidiary companies, each of Tyler at Sixth, Amarillo, Texas 79101 (collectively, "Applicants"), have filed an application-declaration ("Application") under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), and 12(c) of the Act and rules 42, 43, 45, 53 and 54 under the Act. The Applicants seek authorization to engage in various financing and related transactions through December 31, 1999 (the "Authorization Period"), unless otherwise noted.

As described more fully below, the Applicants seek authority for: (i) External financings by NCE, the Utility Subsidiaries and certain Nonutility Subsidiaries; (ii) intrasystem financing, including guarantees, between NCE and its Subsidiaries; and between Subsidiaries; (iii) the issuance of types of securities not exempt under rules 45 and 52; (iv) the Utility Subsidiaries to enter into interest rate swaps and other risk management instruments; (v) the Subsidiaries to alter their capital stock; (vi) the Subsidiaries' formation of new financing entities and the issuance of securities and related guarantees by the new and one existing financing entities; and (vii) the retention of existing financing arrangements.

¹ NCE previously filed an application-declaration requesting authorization under section 9(a)(2) of the Act to acquire all of the outstanding voting securities of PSCo, SPS, and Cheyenne, each a public utility company (collectively, "Utility Subsidiaries"), and for related transactions (File No. 70-8787) ("Merger U-1"). Upon consummation of the transactions described in the Merger U-1, NCE will register as a holding company under the Act. Excluding the Utility Subsidiaries, NCE's direct and indirect subsidiaries are "Nonutility Subsidiaries." The Utility Subsidiaries, together with Nonutility Subsidiaries, are "Subsidiaries."

The proceeds from the financing will be used for general corporate purposes, including (i) Capital expenditures of NCE and its Subsidiaries, (ii) the repayment, redemption, refunding or purchase of debt and capital stock of NCE or its Subsidiaries without the need for prior Commission approval or pursuant to rule 42 or a successor rule, (iii) working capital requirements of the NCE system, (iv) investments in exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs") and foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"), as defined in sections 32 and 33 of the Act, respectively, and (v) other lawful corporate purposes. The Applicants also represent that proceeds from the proposed financings will be used only in connection with their respective existing businesses or to make an acquisition that is exempt from the requirement of prior Commission approval.

1. External Financing by NCE

a. Common Stock

NCE proposes during the Authorization Period to issue and sell shares of its common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, for an aggregate offering price of up to \$175 million. NCE also proposes to issue and sell additional shares of its common stock for an aggregate offering price of up to \$360 million, the proceeds of which will be used by NCE to purchase PSCo's interest in Yorkshire Electric Group, plc.² In addition, NCE proposes to issue up to an additional 30 million shares of its common stock (and awards or options for the common stock) to fund benefit and dividend reinvestment plans (collectively, "Stock Plans"), described below, for a period of ten years from the date of the Commission's order.

Securities may be sold through underwriters or dealers, through agents, directly to a limited number of purchasers or a single purchaser, or directly to employees (or to trusts established for their benefit) and other shareholders through NCE's Stock Plans.

NCE common stock may be issued and sold pursuant to underwriting agreements of a type generally standard in the industry. Public distributions may be pursuant to negotiation with underwriters, dealers or agents or effected through competitive bidding among underwriters. In addition, sales may be made through private

² New Century International, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of PSCo, owns a 50% interest in Yorkshire Power Group Limited which through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Yorkshire Holdings plc, has made a tender offer to acquire Yorkshire Electricity Group plc, a regional electric company operating in the United Kingdom.