

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director of 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.

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

(1) the interest of the requestor 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 requestor'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).

The request must also set forth the specific aspect or aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes a hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mohammad Haque, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T7-J8, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone 301/415-6640.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
N. King Stablein,

*Acting Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch,
Division of Waste Management, Office of
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: Weeks of March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of March 15

Tuesday, March 16

1:00 p.m.

Briefing on Status of DOE High Level Waste Viability Assessment (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Mike Bell, 301-415-7252)

Wednesday, March 17

9:00 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Public Meeting)

Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)

*(Please Note: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a: Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities.

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Part 50 Decommissioning Issues (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Seymour Weiss, 301-415-2170)

Thursday, March 18

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Design Basis Threat (Closed—ex. 1)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing by Executive Branch (Closed—ex. 1)

Friday, March 19

9:00 a.m.

Briefing on Status of External Regulation of DOE Facilities (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Charlie Haughney, 301-415-7198)

Week of March 22—Tentative

Thursday, March 25

1:00 p.m.

Briefing on Part 35 Rulemaking (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Patricia Holahan, 301-415-8125)

Friday, March 26

9:00 a.m.

Briefing on Proposed Reactor Oversight Process Improvements & Enforcement (Public Meeting)

(Contact: William Dean, 301-415-2240)

12:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

Week of March 29—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 29.

Week of April 5—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 5.

*The Schedule for Commission meeting is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

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Additional Information

By a vote of 5-0 on March 5, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of North Atlantic Energy Service Corp., et

al. (Seabrook Station Unit 1) Docket No. 50-443, Draft Commission Memorandum and Order Addressing Intervention Petitions and Hearing Requests of New England Power Company (NEPCO) and United Illuminating Co." (Public Meeting) be held on March 5, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections; the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are Invited On

(a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Application for Reimbursement for Hospital Insurance Services in Canada; OMB 3220-0086.

Under section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. Payments are provided under section 7(d)(4) of the RRA for medical services furnished in Canada to the same extent as for those furnished in the United States. However, payments for the services furnished in Canada are made from the Railroad Retirement Account rather than from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, with the payment limited to the amount by which insurance benefits under Medicare exceed the amounts payable under Canadian Provincial plans.

Form AA-104, Application for Canadian Hospital Benefits Under Medicare—Part A, is provided by the RRB for use in claiming benefits for covered hospital services received in Canada. The form obtains information needed to determine eligibility for, and the amount of any reimbursement due the applicant. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. No changes are proposed to Form AA-104.

Number of respondents: 35.

Estimated Completion Time: 10 minutes.

Estimated annual burden hours: 6.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41153; File No. SR-GSCC-99-02]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Government Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change Regarding Year 2000 Testing

March 10, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Security Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on February 5, 1999, the Government Securities Clearing corporation ("GSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared primarily by GSCC. The Commission is publishing this notice and order to solicit comments from interested persons and to grant accelerated approval of the proposal.

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

The propose of the proposed rule change is to clarify that GSCC's rules on operational capability include certain reporting and testing requirements such as the requirement that all GSCC members conduct Year 2000 testing with GSCC.

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

In its filing with the Commission, GSCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule changes. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. GSCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.²

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change requires all GSCC members to participate in Year 2000 testing with GSCC. GSCC believes that its rules on operational requirements for members provide

GSCC with the authority to require such testing. Nonetheless, GSCC proposes to supplement its rules on operational capability standards to clarify that these standards include the fulfillment of testing and related reporting requirements that may be imposed on members by GSCC from time to time to ensure the continuing operational capability of each member. The scope of such Year 2000 testing and reporting requirements have been determined by GSCC in its sole discretion and have been conveyed to members through Important Notices. GSCC believes that the rule change is broad enough to cover Year 2000 testing without specifically referring to Year 2000 in order to alleviate the need to rescind the rule when Year 2000 testing is no longer relevant and also to enable GSCC to apply it to other contexts in which testing might be required.

GSCC expressly reserves the right to take remedial action against members that do not fulfill the testing and related reporting requirements referred to above within the time frames established by GSCC. The proposed rule change provides generally that GSCC may take the remedial actions already available to it in its rules (*i.e.*, increased clearing fund deposit and termination of membership) in the event a member does not fulfill the operational testing and related reporting requirements within the time frames specified by GSCC. GSCC has specified these time frames in an Important Notice to members.

GSCC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. In particular, the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act³ which requires that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

GSCC does not believe that the proposed rule change will have an impact, or impose a burden, on competition.

(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not yet been solicited or received. GSCC will notify

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by GSCC.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).