

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems(#1200).

Dates of Meetings and Locations:
February 7–8, 2000—National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA.
February 10–11, 2000—Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA.
February 10–11, 2000—Hyatt Rosemont, Chicago, IL.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contract Persons: Michael Lesk and Richard Hilderbrandt, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems, Room 1115, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1930.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact persons listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Information Technology Research (ITR) proposals submitted to the Information Technology Research Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings:

Name: Special Emphasis Panels in Materials Research (1203).

Dates/Time: 14 February, 18 February, 21–22 February 25 February 2000; 8:00 am–5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation; 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Va; Room 1060.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Liselotte J. Schioler, Program Director, Ceramics Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306–1836.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: Review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process to determine finalists considered for Ceramic Program awards.

Reason for Closing: The activity being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the activity. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting

Name: Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology (1160).

Date/Time: February 14–15, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: NSF, Room 330, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Persons: Dr. Zoe Eppley, Program Director, Ecological & Evolutionary Physiology, and Dr. John Byers, Program Director, Animal Behavior, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306–1421.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Agenda: Open Session: February 15th, 2000; 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—discussion on research trends, opportunities and assessment procedures in Integrative Biology and Neuroscience with Dr. James L. Edwards, Deputy Assistant Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Closed Session: February 14th, 2000, 8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; February 15th, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To review and evaluate the Ecological & Evolutionary Physiology & Animal Behavior DDIG proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–423]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al., Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3; Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Conforming Amendment, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80 approving certain indirect transfers and a direct transfer of Facility Operating License No. NPF–49 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MP3), to the extent held by Montaup Electric Company (Montaup), one of 14 joint owners of MP3. The direct transfer would be to New England Power Company (NEP), and the indirect transfers would be to New England Electric System (NEES) and the National Grid Group, plc. The Commission is also considering amending the license for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed direct transfer. MP3 is located in Waterford, Connecticut.

According to an application filed by Montaup, holder of a 4% ownership interest in MP3, and NEP, currently a 12.2% owner of MP3, for approval of the indirect and direct transfers, on February 1, 1999, NEES entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Consent Agreement (Merger Agreement) with Eastern Utilities Associates (EUA), a Massachusetts business trust, which is the indirect parent of Montaup. Under the Merger Agreement, certain transactions will occur which will ultimately result in the indirect transfer of Montaup's interest in MP3's Facility Operating License No. NPF–49 to NEES and the direct transfer of that interest to NEP, a subsidiary of NEES. In addition, by virtue of a separate merger agreement between NEES and the National Grid Group, plc, there would be an indirect transfer of Montaup's MP3 license to the National Grid Group, plc. Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), the sole licensed operator of the facility, would remain as the managing agent for the joint owners of the facility and would continue to have exclusive responsibility for the management, operation, and maintenance of MP3.

The application does not propose a change in the rights, obligations, or interests of the other joint owners of MP3. In addition, no physical changes to MP3 or operational changes are being proposed.

The proposed amendment, submitted by NNECO on behalf of NEP, would remove references to Montaup in the license and change the number of license holders as stated in the license from 14 to 13. NEP is currently referenced in the license as a licensee, given its existing ownership interest in MP3, and therefore, would not need to be added to the license. These changes are necessary to reflect the proposed transfer.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the direct transfer of a license, if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto. An application for approval of an indirect license transfer will be approved if the Commission determines that the underlying transaction effecting the indirect transfer will not affect the qualifications of the holder of the license, and that the indirect transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.1315, unless otherwise determined by the Commission with regard to a specific application, the Commission has determined that any amendment to the license of a utilization facility which does no more than conform the license to reflect the transfer action involves no significant hazards consideration. No contrary determination has been made with respect to this specific license amendment application. In light of the generic determination reflected in 10 CFR 2.1315, no public comments with respect to significant hazards considerations are being solicited, notwithstanding the general comment procedures contained in 10 CFR 50.91.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and

written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By February 7, 2000, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing, and, if not the applicants, may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon Edward Berlin, Esq., Kenneth G. Jaffe, Esq., and Scott P. Klurfeld, Esq., Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, 3000 K Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20007-5116, attorneys for New England Power Company; Thomas G. Dignan, Jr., Esq., Ropes & Gray, One International Place, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110-2624, attorney for Montaup Electric Company; Lillian M. Cuoco, Esq., Senior Nuclear Counsel, Northeast Utilities Service Company, 107 Selden Street, Berlin, Connecticut, 06037, attorney for Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer cases only: OGCLT@NRC.gov); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by February 17, 2000 persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated June 15, 1999, as supplemented July 20, September 3, and November 29, 1999, submitted under cover of letters dated June 15, July 20, September 3, and November 29, 1999, respectively, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of January 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362]

Southern California Edison Company, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15 issued to Southern California Edison Company (SCE, the licensee) for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, located in San Diego County, California.

The proposed amendments would revise the SONGS, Units 2 and 3,