

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. This form is used to petition for temporary workers and for the admission of treaty traders and investors. It is also used in the process of an extension of stay or for a change of nonimmigrant status.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 368,948 responses at 2 hours and 45 minutes (2.75) hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 1,014,607 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the reestimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection under Review: Petition for Nonimmigrant Filing Fee Exemption.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 2000 at 65 FR 17309, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. Comments were received by one commenter. The comments have been addressed and reconciled by the INS in the accompanying supporting statement for this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 14, 2000. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Stuart Shapiro, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530; 202-395-7316. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(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 submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: H-1B Data Collection and Filing Fee Exemption.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Forms I-129W.

Adjudications, Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. This addendum to form I-129 will be used by the INS to determine if an H-1B petitioner is exempt from the additional filing fee of \$500, as provided by the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 128,092 respondents 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 64,046 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 99-3 CARP DD 95-98]

Distribution of 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998 Digital Audio Recording Technology Royalties

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Suspension of proceeding; Resumption of initiation of arbitration.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is announcing the suspension of the proceeding to distribute the 1995–98 digital audio recording technology (“DART”) royalties in the Musical Works Funds from May 16, 2000, to June 16, 2000. The 180-day arbitration period for the proceeding will resume on June 16, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All hearings and meetings for the 1995–98 DART distribution proceeding shall take place in the James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM–414, First and Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Tanya M. Sandros, Senior Attorney, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (“CARP”), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707–8380. Telefax: (202) 252–3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 10, 2000, the Copyright Office published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that the initiation of the 180-day arbitration period for the distribution of the 1995–98 digital audio recording technology (“DART”) royalties in the Musical Works Funds would begin on April 10, 2000. 65 FR 19025 (April 10, 2000). The notice also announced the two arbitrators selected by the Librarian to serve on the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (“CARP”) for the proceeding. In accordance with 17 U.S.C. 802(b), the two arbitrators selected a third arbitrator to serve as the chairperson of the panel. However, on May 25, 2000, the third arbitrator resigned from the position of chairperson out of concern that potential conflicts of interest, which were not known to the arbitrator at the time of selection, may exist under § 251.32. Because of these concerns, the Copyright Office canceled the initial meeting between the parties and the original panel of arbitrators that had been set for May 16, 2000.

Section 251.6(f) provides that when an arbitrator is unable to continue to serve on a CARP before the commencement of hearings in a proceeding, the Librarian “will suspend the proceeding.” The notice published today serves as notice that the proceeding is suspended from May 16, 2000, to June 16, 2000. The 180-day arbitration period will resume on June 16, 2000. Section 251.6(f) further provides that if the resulting vacancy was “previously occupied by the

chairperson, the two remaining arbitrators shall select, the replacement from the arbitrator list, and the person chosen shall serve as chairperson.” Accordingly, the remaining two arbitrators selected a new chairperson.

Selection of Arbitrators

In accordance with § 251.64 of the CARP rules, the arbitrators selected for this proceeding are: The Honorable Cheryl I. Niro (Chairperson), The Honorable John B. Farmakides, The Honorable Harold Himmelman.

Initiation of the Proceeding

In accordance with § 251.8(a) of the CARP rules, which provides that a suspended proceeding will resume “from the time and point at which it was suspended,” the 180-day period to determine the distribution of the 1995–98 digital audio recording technology (“DART”) royalties in the Musical Works Funds, resumes on June 16, 2000. Thus, the 180-day period arbitration period recommences on June 16, 2000, and the arbitrators shall file their written report with the Librarian of Congress by November 13, 2000, in accordance with § 251.53 of 37 CFR.

A meeting between the participants in the distribution proceeding and the arbitrators shall take place on Monday, June 19, 2000, at 1 p.m. at the Library of Congress, James Madison Building, LM–414, First and Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, to discuss the hearing schedule and any other procedural matters. The meeting is open to the public. Scheduling of the 1995–98 DART royalty distribution proceedings, as required by 37 CFR 251.11(b), as soon as it is available.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

David O. Carson,
General Counsel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–458]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–47, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), for operation of the River Bend Station, Unit 1, located approximately two miles east of the

Mississippi River in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed amendment would allow an increase in power level from 2894 megawatts thermal to 3039 megawatts thermal.

Before issuance of the proposed 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.

By July 14, 2000, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission’s “Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings” in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available 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>). If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner’s right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner’s property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner’s interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been