

following topics: 10 CFR Part 40, entombment, transportation and Alloy C-22.

C. 1:00–1:15 P.M.: *Objectives of ACNW's CNWRA Review* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the objectives of this review of the CNWRA's research and technical assistance program.

D. 1:15–2:15 P.M.: *Program Overview: Developing Review Capability and Risk Information for Pre-and Post-Closure* (Open)—The Committee will discuss and hear presentations from representatives of the NRC staff, the CNWRA and consultants regarding a proposed regulatory framework, regulatory guidance for site 2 recommendation and license application reviews, analytical tools, and field and laboratory experimental facilities.

E. 2:30–4:00 P.M.: *Progress Toward Key Technical Issue Resolution* (Open)—The Committee will discuss and hear a presentation from the NRC staff regarding the issue resolution process and its current status.

F. 4:00–6:00 P.M.: *ACNW's Sufficiency Review Task Action Plan* (Open)—The Committee will discuss its Sufficiency Review Task Action Plan.

G. 6:00–7:00 P.M.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW Reports on Part 40, entombment, transportation, Alloy C-22 and other matters considered during this meeting.

Tuesday, November 28, 2000

H. 8:30–10:00 A.M.: *Yucca Mountain TPA Code and External Review* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the TPA external review and current and planned code capability.

I. 10:15–12:30 P.M.: *Capability of NRC Staff to Evaluate Risk-Significance of Information Submitted by DOE for Post-Closure* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations on the analytical tools and methods for evaluating the relative importance of issues and subissues, parameter-level sensitivity methods, post-processor techniques, philosophy for addressing uncertainty, and the use of the TPA code to support decision making for SR and LA.

J. 1:30–2:45 P.M.: *Pre-Closure Safety Analysis (PCSA) Tool* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the status of the PCSA and an example application.

K. 3:00–5:00 P.M.: *Alloy C-22 Studies* (Open)—The Committee will review the DOE waste package material selection and degradation studies and applicable CNWRA confirmatory studies.

L. 5:00–6:00 P.M.: *Draft NRC/RES Plan for Waste Research* (Open)—The Committee will discuss and review the

Draft Plan for Research Supporting the Nuclear Waste Safety Arena.

M. 6:00–7:00 P.M.: *Discussion of Proposed ACNW Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACNW reports.

Wednesday, November 29, 2000

N. 8:30–10:30 A.M.: *Tour of Experimental Facilities*—The Committee will tour selected CNWRA experimental facilities.

O. 10:30–12:00 Noon: *Investigation and Importance of Coupled Processes Related to Repository Design* (Open)—The Committee will discuss ongoing CNWRA coupled processes investigations.

P. 12:00–12:30 P.M.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2000 (65 FR 60475). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Howard J. Larson, ACNW, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Larson as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Howard J. Larson, ACNW (Telephone 301/415-6805), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

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The ACNW meeting dates for Calendar Year 2001 are provided below:

ACNW Meeting No. and Meeting Date

124th (Rockville, MD): January 16–18, 2001
 February 2001—No meeting
 125th (Rockville, MD): March 6–8, 2001
 April 2001—No meeting
 126th (Rockville, MD): May 15–17, 2001
 127th (Rockville, MD): June 19–21, 2001
 128th (Rockville, MD): July 17–19, 2001
 129th (Rockville, MD): August 28–30, 2001
 September 2001—No meeting
 130th (Las Vegas, NV): October 16–18, 2001
 131st (Rockville, MD): November 27–29, 2001
 December 2001—No meeting

Dated: November 7, 2000.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27268]

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

November 6, 2000.

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 under the Act. 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 amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch 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 November 30, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, 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 the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts 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 November 30, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

The Southern Company (70-8277)

The Southern Company ("Southern"), 270 Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, a registered holding company, has filed a post-effective amendment under sections 6(a) and 7 of the Act and rules 53 and 54 under the Act to an application-declaration previously filed under the Act.

By orders dated August 3, 1995 and December 22, 1999 (HCAR Nos. 26349 and 27119), Southern was authorized, among other things, to issue and sell in one or more transactions, through September 30, 2004 ("Authorization Period"), up to 25 million shares of its authorized but unissued common stock, \$5 par value ("Authorized Shares"). The number of Authorized Shares may be adjusted to reflect any share split or distribution authorized by the Commission. Southern now requests that the number of Authorized Shares that may be issued during the Authorization Period be increased from 25 million to 35 million.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-43520; File No. 4-208]

Intermarket Trading System; Order Approving Fifteenth Amendment to the ITS Plan Relating to Remote Specialists, the National Market System Test System, Trade Adjustment Procedures, and Technical Revisions

November 3, 2000.

On June 6, 2000, the Intermarket Trading System ("ITS") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an amendment to the restated ITS Plan pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 11Aa3-2 thereunder.² The Participants filed the proposal to recognize the implementation of remote specialists and the National Market Test System. In addition, the Participants proposed to codify procedures for trade adjustment and to make technical revisions. Notice of the proposal appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2000.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposal.

The proposal amends Sections 6(a)(ii)(B) and (E), 7(c) and 8(a) of the ITS Plan to reflect the changed manner in which the BSE and the PCX will interact with ITS, in particular that BSE and PCX specialists carry out their specialist operations off the floors of the BSE and the PCX.⁴

The proposal recognizes the National Market Test System ("NMTS") as a

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

² 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2. The ITS is a National Market System ("NMS") plan, which was designed to facilitate intermarket trading in exchange-listed equity securities based on current quotation information emanating from the linked markets. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 19456 (January 27, 1983), 48 FR 4938 (February 3, 1983).

The ITS participants include the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex"), the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE"), the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE"), the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX"), the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CSE"), the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"), the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX"), and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("PHLX") ("Participants").

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43240 (September 1, 2000), 65 FR 54571 (September 8, 2000).

⁴ The BSE and PCX filed proposed rule changes with the Commission to implement these changes. The Commission approved the BSE's proposal on August 8, 2000. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43127 (August 8, 2000), 65 FR 49617 (August 14, 2000), (SR-BSE-99-01). The Commission approved the PCX's proposal on May 5, 2000. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42759 (May 5, 2000), 65 FR 30654 (May 12, 2000), (SR-PCX-99-39).

stand-alone system that supports testing of the Consolidated Tape System, Consolidated Quotation System, ITS, and the Participants interfaced with these systems. The NMTS can be used during normal business hours and ITS will be responsible for one-third of the costs of the NMTS. The ITS Plan provisions for the NMTS equally divide the ITS costs among all Participants.

The proposal adds Section 6(b)(iv) to the ITS Plan, which codifies the trade adjustment process whereby, and circumstances under which, supervisors monitoring Participants' markets may request the ITS Control Center to enter agreed-upon adjustments to system trades (price, size, buy or sell side, cancel or insert trade "as of" a prior day).

The proposal makes several technical amendments dealing with the ITS/CAES Linkage as adopted by the Commission, eliminating the definition of the term "ITS/CAES security (stock)" and making other conforming changes. In addition, the revision reinserts text in the ITS Plan under Section 5(b)(ii) that the Commission inadvertently omitted.⁵ According to the Participants, the revisions are otherwise neutral as to their effect on the Commission's adopted amendment. Lastly, the revisions redesignate current Sections 12, 13, and 14 as Sections 13, 14, and 15 respectively, and current Section 15 as Section 12 (with other conforming changes), and amending Section 3(a) to reflect the change in the Amex's corporate name from "American Stock Exchange, Inc." to "American Stock Exchange LLC."

The Commission finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Act in general, and in particular, with Sections 11A(a)(1)(C)(ii) and (D),⁶ which provide for fair competition among the Participants and their members, and the linking of markets for qualified securities through communications and data processing facilities that foster efficiency, enhance competition, increase the information available to brokers, dealers, and investors, facilitate the offsetting of investors' orders, and contribute to the best execution of such orders. The Commission also finds that the amendment is consistent with Rule 11Aa3-2(c)(2),⁷ which requires the Commission to determine that the amendment is necessary and appropriate in the public interest, for

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42212 (December 9, 1999), 64 FR 70297 (December 16, 1999) (adopting amendments to expand the ITS/CAES linkage to all listed securities).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(ii) and (D).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2(c)(2).