

recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: January 22, 2007.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,  
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference from the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows (ending time is approximate):

*State & Regional* (Regional Partnership Agreement application review): February 6, 2007. This meeting, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time, will be open.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for

the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: January 23, 2007.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting**

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 176th meeting on February 13-15, 2007, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

#### **Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

*ACNW Working Group on the Igneous Activity White Paper (Open)*

Day 1: Discussion of the Nature and Probability of Igneous Activity

*8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks and Introductions (Open)*—

The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions. ACNW Member Dr. Bill Hinze will provide an overview of the first day of the Working Group Meeting, including the meeting purpose, scope, anticipated results, and introduce invited subject matter experts.

*8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.:* Representatives from University of Bristol, England, Battelle Corporation, University of South Florida, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, NRC staff and Department of Energy—Yucca Mountain Project Operations (YMPO) will discuss the global view of igneous activity and general challenges associated with estimating volcanism recurrence and the current state of the science. During this Session, panel discussions by Committee members and invited subject matter experts will take place.

#### **Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

*ACNW Working Group on the Igneous Activity White Paper (Open)*

Day 2: Discussion of Consequences of Igneous Activity

*8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks and Introductions*—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions. ACNW Member Dr. Bill Hinze will provide an overview of the second day of the Working Group Meeting, including the meeting purpose, scope, anticipated results, and introduce invited subject matter experts.

*8:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m.:* Representatives from Johns Hopkins University, University of California-Los Angeles, NRC staff, University of Utah, Clark County, Nevada, and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) will discuss magma/repository/canister processes in both eruptive and intrusive scenarios and implication for risk from igneous activity at the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. During this Session, panel discussions by the Committee members and invited subject matter experts will take place. A round table wrap up discussion will follow, when all participants will be able to provide their comments. Committee members will discuss their impressions of the WGM and a possible letter report to the Commission.

#### **Thursday, February 15, 2007**

*10 a.m.-10:05 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open)*—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

*10:05 a.m.-11 a.m.: Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) Workshop on Cementitious Materials Used in Waste Determination Activities (Open)*—The Committee will be briefed by a representative from Penn State University on the SRNL workshop on cementitious materials for waste treatment, disposal, remediation and decommissioning, which was held in Aiken, SC on December 12-14, 2006.

*11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Semi-Annual Briefing by the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) (Open)*—The FSME Office and Division Directors will brief the Committee on recent and future activities of interest within their respective programs.

*1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Briefing on International Conferences on Decommissioning and Low Level Waste Subjects (Open/Closed)*—FSME representatives will brief the Committee on their participation in (1) The

International Conference on Lessons Learned from the Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and the Safe Termination of Nuclear Activities, December 2006, Athens, Greece and (2) a Technical Meeting on a Safety Guide on Classification of Radioactive Waste at the IAEA, in November and December 2006, Vienna, Austria.

[**Note:** A portion of the session briefing may be closed to discuss IAEA confidential information.]

*2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.: Possible use of Moderator Exclusion for Transportation Packages (Open)*—Representatives from the NRC Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation (SFST), will brief the Committee on preliminary views surrounding the development of a Commission Paper addressing both technical and regulatory issues for allowing Moderator Exclusion for transportation packages.

*4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)*—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include the ACNW Action Plan as well as future Committee Meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2006 (71 FR 60196). 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. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Antonio F. Dias (Telephone 301–415–6805), between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, 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. Dias as to their particular needs.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) Pub. L. 92–463, I have determined that

it may be necessary to close a portion of this meeting noted above to discuss IAEA confidential information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

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. Dias.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov), or by calling the PDR at 1–800–397–4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Video Teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301–415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: January 22, 2007.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Information Collection: SF–15 Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of an expiring information collection,

Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference. The Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference (SF 15) is used by agencies, OPM examining offices, and agency appointing officials to adjudicate individuals' claims for veterans' preference in accordance with the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944.

Approximately 11,252 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 1,875 hours.

OPM invites comments on: whether this information is necessary for OPM to properly perform its functions; whether the information will have practical utility; whether OPM's estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which OPM can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** We will consider comments received on or before 60 calendar days from the date of this publication: January 26, 2007.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606–8358, Fax (202) 418–3251 or e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please be sure to include a mailing address with your request.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver written comments to: Mark E. Doboga, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Talent and Capacity, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street, NW., Room 6551, Washington, DC 20415.

For Administrative Coordination Contact: Scott A. Wilander by telephone at (202) 606–0960; by fax at (202) 606–0390; TTY at (202) 606–3134; or by e-mail at [swilander@opm.gov](mailto:swilander@opm.gov).

Office of Personnel Management.

**Tricia Hollis,**

*Chief of Staff, & Director of External Affairs.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 27669; 812–13308]

### American Capital Strategies, Ltd.; Notice of Application

January 19, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”).