

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (#1119).

Date/Time:

May 9, 2012; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 10, 2012; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: NSF Headquarters, Room 375, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: YeVonda McIlwaine, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292–8600, ymcilwai@nsf.gov.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice with respect to the Foundation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and human resources programming.

Agenda

May 9, 2012

Morning Refreshments/Introductions, 2013 Budget and Planning, EHR's R&D Core Launch, E2 Joint Committee with MPS, Moving Forward—New Direction, Committee Business with Director and Deputy Director, Reception

May 10, 2012

STEM Education: A Matter of Priority, Program Review, Discussion with Director.

Dated: April 17, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Business and Operations Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

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

Name: Business and Operations Advisory Committee (9556).

Dates: Date/Time:

May 8, 2012; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (EST),

May 9, 2012; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EST).

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Joan Miller, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 292–8200.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF's business operations.

Agenda

May 8, 2012

Welcome/Introductions; BFA/OIRM Overview; Challenges to Reduce Costs and Identify Efficiencies—Introduction, Panel/Discussion; Change Management/Effect on Employee Morale.

May 9, 2012

Business System Review Subcommittee; Recompensation of Major Research Facilities Subcommittee; Update on Sub Committees; Prepare for Meeting with NSF Deputy Director; Discussion with Deputy Director; Closing Discussion.

Date: April 17, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by May 21, 2012. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292–7420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and

certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application: 2013–002

1. *Applicant:* Paul Morin, Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Minnesota, 310 Pillsbury Drive SE., Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPA's), The applicant plans to enter ASPA 116–New College Valley, Cape Bird; ASPA 121–Cape Royds; ASPA 124–Cape Crozier; and, ASPA 155–Cape Evans to collect ground control points with highly precise GPS equipment. Their activity will include hiking within each area to readily-identify boulders, peaks, etc., gathering precise GPS coordinates of that location, and taking notes and pictures of the surrounding area. Other activities would include delineating boundaries of penguin colonies, ASPAs, and important environmental features. The data collected will be used to create updated and accurate maps of areas of important scientific and environmental importance within the Ross Sea region. The collected imagery will be used for further scientific analysis.

Location

ASPA 116–New College Valley, Cape Bird; ASPA 121–Cape Royds; ASPA 124–Cape Crozier; and, ASPA 155–Cape Evans.

Dates

October 10, 2012 to January 31, 2013.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–269, 50–270, and 50–287; NRC–2012–0093]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the licensee) to withdraw its November 15, 2010, application for proposed amendment to

Renewed Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55, for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, located in Oconee County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would approve changes to the updated final safety analysis report to allow operation of a reverse osmosis system during normal plant operation to remove silica from the borated water storage tank and the spent fuel pool.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2010 (75 FR 77911). However, by letter dated April 3, 2012 (Agencywide Documents and Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12095A184), the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 15, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML103220101), as supplemented by letters dated February 18, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML110550616), May 12, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11137A112), August 2, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11215A198), October 10, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11285A302), and December 15, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11354A253), and the licensee's letter dated April 3, 2012, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of April 2012.

John Stang,

Senior Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch II-1, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-66812; File No. SR-CBOE-2012-037]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fees Schedule

April 16, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 10, 2012, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.org/legal>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to waive the CMI and FIX Login ID fees through September 30, 2012 for CMI and FIX Login IDs used to access the Exchange's

FLEX Hybrid Trading System (the "CFLEX System") for FLEX Options³ trading (the "Waiver"). CMI Client Application Servers and FIX Ports are used by Exchange Trading Permit Holders ("TPHs") to access CBOEdirect, which is the platform provided by the Exchange to connect to Exchange systems. The Exchange assesses a fee of \$500 per month for each CMI or FIX Login ID that a TPH uses to access CBOEdirect (and \$1000 per month for each CMI or FLEX Login ID that a Sponsored User uses to access CBOEdirect). The Exchange is in the process of enhancing the CFLEX System in order to further integrate it with the Exchange's existing CBOEdirect technology platform.⁴ As part of these enhancements, TPHs will connect to the CFLEX System through CBOEdirect, and will need to get either a CMI or FIX Login ID to do so.⁵ As such, the Exchange proposes the Waiver in order to encourage TPHs to trade on the CFLEX System.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁶ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁷ which provides that Exchange rules may provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its TPHs and other persons using its facilities. The Waiver is reasonable because it will allow all TPHs trading FLEX Options on the CFLEX System to avoid having to

³ Flexible Exchange Options ("FLEX Options") provide investors with the ability to customize basic option features including size, expiration date, exercise style, and certain exercise prices. FLEX Options can be FLEX Index Options or FLEX Equity Options. In addition, other products are permitted to be traded pursuant to the FLEX trading procedures. For example, credit options are eligible for trading as FLEX Options pursuant to the FLEX rules in Chapters XXIVA and XXIVB. See CBOE Rules 24A.1(e) and (f), 24A.4(b)(1) and (c)(1), 24B.1(f) and (g), 24B.4(b)(1) and (c)(1), and 28.17. The rules governing the trading of FLEX Options on the FLEX Request for Quote ("RFQ") System platform (which is limited to open outcry trading only) are contained in Chapter XXIVA. The rules governing the trading of FLEX Options on the FLEX Hybrid Trading System platform (which combines both open outcry and electronic trading) are contained in Chapter XXIVB. The Exchange notes that, currently, all FLEX Options are traded on the FLEX Hybrid Trading System platform.

⁴ See, e.g., SR-CBOE-2012-033.

⁵ TPHs may also access the CFLEX System using an internet-based application. There is currently no login fee associated with the internet-based application.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.