

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Plan administrators, participants and beneficiaries, the FAA, the SSA, labor organization officials, firms or agencies providing locator services, and USPS licensees.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Emergency Clearance of the Revised Information Collections: OPM 2809-EZ1 & OPM 2809-EZ2

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 has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for emergency clearance of the revised information collections: OPM 2809-EZ1 & OPM 2809-EZ2. OPM 2809 EZ1, Enrollment Change and Brochure Request & OPM 2809-EZ2, Open Season HB Enrollment Change, are used by annuitants, survivor annuitants, and former spouses of retirees during Open Season to request an enrollment change, insurance plan brochures, and other informational materials. If OPM Form 2809-EZ1 is used to request plan brochures, an OPM Form 2809-EZ2 is furnished to the enrollee for use if a plan change is desired.

Approximately 74,200 OPM Forms 2809-EZ1 are completed annually. Each form requires approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 37,100 hours. Approximately 35,345 OPM Forms 2809-EZ2 are completed annually. Each form requires approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 17,672 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 16, 1996. OMB will have 5 calendar days to act after the close of this Federal Register Notice.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of

Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415 and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
Lorraine A. Green,
Deputy Director.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Information Based Indicia Program

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Extension of time period for comments on IBIP draft specifications (PSD and Indicum).

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is extending the time period for comments on its draft IBIP specification documents. The time period will be extended to one month from publication of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Goss, (202) 268-3757.

Stanley F. Mires,
Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-19 and Form X-17A-19, SEC File No. 270-148, OMB Control No. 3235-0133

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rule and form:

Rule 17a-19 requires National Securities Exchanges and Registered

National Securities Associations to file Form X-17A-19 with the Commission whenever a change in membership status occurs in order to notify the Commission that a change in designated examining authority is necessary.

It is anticipated that approximately 8 National Securities Exchanges or Registered National Securities Associations will make 3,600 total annual responses pursuant to Rule 17a-19. The total annual burden is estimated to be 900 hours.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Release No. 35-26587]

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

October 4, 1996.

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 thereunder. 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 amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office 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 October 28, 1996, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, 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 case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact 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 said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Northeast Utilities, et al. (70-8507)

Northeast Utilities ("NU"), 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089, a registered holding company, and its wholly owned subsidiary companies, Charter Oak Energy, Inc. ("Charter Oak") and COE Development Corporation ("COE Development"), both located at 107 Seldon Street, Berlin, Connecticut 06037, (collectively, "Applicants") have filed a post-effective amendment to its application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), 13(b), 32 and 33 of the Act and rules 45, 53, 83, 86, 87, 90 and 91 thereunder.

By orders dated December 30, 1994 (HCAR No. 26213) and August 7, 1995 (HCAR No. 26345) (collectively, "Orders"), the Commission authorized NU, among other things, to invest directly in Charter Oak and indirectly in COE Development up to an aggregate principal amount of \$400 million through December 31, 1996. In addition, the Applicants were authorized: (1) to form intermediate subsidiary companies ("Intermediate Companies") to acquire an interest in, finance the acquisition and hold the securities of exempt wholesale generators, as defined by section 32 of the Act ("EWGs"), and foreign utility companies, as defined by section 33 of the Act ("FUCOs"), through the issuance of equity securities and debt securities to third parties; (2) for Intermediate Companies to make partial sales of qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities as defined in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("QF"), independent power production facilities that would constitute a part of NU's "integrated public utility system" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(29)(A) of the Act, EWGs and FUCOs ("Exempt Projects"); (3) to participate in joint ventures engaged exclusively in Exempt Project activities and to dissolve Intermediate Companies under specified circumstances; and (4) for Charter Oak's employees and employees of other NU service companies to provide a *de minimis* amount of services to affiliated

Intermediate Companies, EWGs (both foreign and domestic) and FUCOs. To date, NU has invested approximately \$70 million in Charter Oak and expects to invest an additional \$60 million through December 31, 1996.

The Applicants now propose to extend their period of authorization to invest the remaining \$330 million of funding authority through December 31, 1999, substantially, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Orders. However, the Applicants request certain modifications to their existing authority as it relates to: (1) The number of service company and NU system employees engaged in rendering services to affiliated Intermediate Companies, and Exempt Projects; and (2) the provision of services at fair market prices to other Intermediate Companies and associated Exempt Projects under certain circumstances.

The Commission, pursuant to the Orders, authorized Charter Oak employees (who are employees of NU Service Company) or other NU Service Company employees (collectively, "Service Company Employees") to provide a *de minimis* amount of services to affiliated Intermediate Companies, EWGs (both foreign and domestic) and FUCOs, subject to certain limitations.¹ The Applicants now request that the total number of Service Company Employees engaged in rendering services to affiliated Intermediate Companies and Exempt Projects may not exceed, in the aggregate, 1% of the total NU system employees and no more than 2% of the total of Service Company Employees at any one time.

The Applicants were also authorized, under the Orders, to provide the above-mentioned service activities at market rates to affiliated foreign EWGs, foreign Intermediate Companies and FUCOs, which are companies that do not derive, directly or indirectly, any material part of their income from sources within the United States and are not public-utility companies operating in the United States. The Applicants now request an exemption from the "at cost" provisions of section 13(b) and the requirements of rules 90 and 91 under the following specific conditions: (1) Such associate is a FUCO or an EWG which derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or

distribution of electric energy for sale within the United States; (2) such associate is an EWG which sells electricity at market-based rates which have been approved by the FERC or the appropriate state public utility commission, provided the purchaser of such electricity is not an associate of NU within the NU system; (3) such associate is a QF that sells electricity to industrial or commercial customers, for their own use, at negotiated rates or to electric utility companies that are not associated with the NU system, at the purchasers avoided cost; (4) such associate is an EWG that sells electricity at rates based upon its cost of service, as approved by the FERC or any state public utility commission, provided that the purchaser of such electricity is not an associate of NU within the NU System; or (5) such associate is an Intermediate Company, the sole business of which is developing, owning and/or operating FUCOs or EWGs described in clauses 1, 2 or 4 above.

The Commission, pursuant to the Orders, further authorized the Intermediate Companies to issue equity securities and debt securities. The Applicants propose that the Intermediate Companies continue to issue equity securities and debt securities, with or without recourse to the Applicants, up to an aggregate principal amount of \$600 million, to persons other than the Applicants including banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions, exclusively for the purpose of financing investments in Exempt Projects. Within the \$600 million authorization, the aggregate principal amount of recourse debt will not exceed \$150 million at any one time outstanding. The resource to the Applicants will be in the form of guarantees and assumptions of liability and will be included within the Applicants overall investment authorization limit of \$400 million.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Security First Life Insurance Company et al.; Exemption Application

October 4, 1996.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

¹ The Orders provide that, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission or expressly permitted under the Act, the total number of Service Company Employees engaged in rendering services to affiliated Intermediate Companies and Exempt Projects may not exceed, in the aggregate, 0.5% of the total NU holding company system's employees and no more than 1% of the total of Service Company Employees at any one time.