

Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 510, Washington, DC 20506—(202) 606-8536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Museum Services Board is established under the Museum Services Act, Title II of the Arts, Humanities, and Cultural Affairs Act of 1976, Public Law 94-462. The Board has responsibility for the general policies with respect to the powers, duties, and authorities vested in the Institute under the Museum Services Act.

The meeting of Friday, May 9 will be open to the public.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact: Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506—(202) 606-8536—TDD (202) 606-8636 at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

69th Meeting of the National Museum Services Board, The Madison Hotel, Mt. Vernon Salon A, Friday May 9, 1997, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Chairman's Welcome and Approval of Minutes
- II. Director's Report
- III. Appropriations Report
- IV. Legislative/Public Affairs Report
- V. Office of Museum Services, Program Reports
- VI. Board Discussion of IMLS Joint Museum—Library Grants

Dated: April 15, 1997.

Linda Bell,

Director of Policy, Planning and Budget, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Baseline Data Collection for FastLane Project

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Gail A. McHenry by email at gmchenry@nsf.gov or Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 245, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project that is described below or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1125 x2010 or email at gmchenry@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) designed this new collection effort to assemble baseline information from research institutions about the administrative burden (time and cost measurements) and workflow processes associated with the preparation, submission, and post-award administration of proposals to NSF and other federal research funding agencies. The collection effort will involve approximately 55 institutions and will be conducted as a telephone survey. In the course of the survey, both administrative and research staff will be contacted at each institution.

II. Use of the Information

The NSF FastLane project is a 3-year experimental program using advanced information technology to re-design and streamline the way NSF does business with the research community. The long-term goals of Fast Lane are to reduce administrative burden, lower costs, and increase access to information for the research and education communities. The purpose of this study is to collect baseline data about administrative processes that NSF expects to improve with FastLane. NSF will then be able to gauge the impact of FastLane on specific administrative processes at research institutions by comparing out-year measurements to these baselines. The results of these comparisons will help to guide future FastLane development efforts.

III. Burden on the Public

The Foundation estimates that a total of 363 hours will be required to complete the survey.

IV. Request for Comments

We invite comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of

the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

Gail A. McHenry,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

Order Approving Application Regarding the Formation of an Operating Company and Transfer of Operating Authority

In the Matter of: Housing Lighting and Power Company; City Public Service Board of San Antonio; Central Power and Light Company; City of Austin, Texas; (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2).

I

Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P), City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Central Power and Light Company, and City of Austin, Texas, are the owners of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (STP). The owners hold Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50) on March 22, 1988, and March 28, 1989, respectively. Under these licenses, HL&P is authorized to act for the owners and has exclusive responsibility for and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of STP. STP is located in Matagorda County, Texas.

II

By letter dated August 23, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 1 and 15, 1996, and January 28, 1997, HL&P requested approval of the transfer of operating authority under the licenses to a new operating company and issuance of conforming amendments. HL&P proposes to transfer operating authority under the licenses to a new operating company to allow it to use

and operate STP and to possess and use related licensed nuclear materials in accordance with the same conditions and authorizations included in the current operating licenses. HL&P has also requested the issuance of license amendments reflecting the transfer of operating authority. The new operating company would be formed by the owners to become the licensed operator for STP and would have exclusive control over the operation and maintenance of the facility. The present plant organization, the oversight organizations, and the engineering and support organizations would be transferred essentially intact from HL&P to the new operating company. The technical qualifications of the new operating company organization, therefore, would be at least equivalent to those of the existing organization.

Under the proposed arrangement, ownership of STP would remain unchanged, with each owner retaining its current ownership interest. The new operating company would not own any portion of STP. Likewise, the owners' entitlement to capacity and energy from STP would not be affected by the proposed change in operating responsibility for STP from HL&P to the new operating company. The owners would continue to provide all funds for operation, maintenance, and decommissioning by the operating company of STP. The responsibility of the owners would include funding for any emergency situations that might arise at STP.

HL&P requested the Commission's approval of the transfer of operating authority to a new operating company and issuance of conforming license amendments pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80 and 50.90. Notice of this application for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 1996 (61 FR 57719), and an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 1996 (61 FR 58710).

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the letters of August 23, October 1 and 15, 1996, and January 28, 1997, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed new operating company is qualified to hold the licenses to the extent and for the purposes described above, and that the transfer of the

licenses as described above is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission. These findings are supported by a Safety Evaluation dated April 8, 1997.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 105, 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2135, 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234, and 10 CFR 50.80, *It is hereby ordered* that the Commission consents to the transfer of the licenses as described herein to the proposed new operating company, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The new operating company, hereafter referred to as STPNOC [STP Nuclear Operating Company], shall not market or broker power or energy from South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. The Owners are responsible and accountable for the actions of STPNOC to the extent that said actions affect the marketing or brokering of power or energy from South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, and, in any way, contravene the antitrust conditions in Appendix C of the licenses; and

(2) Should the formation of the new operating company and transfer of operating authority not be completed by March 31, 1998, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, on application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

Action on the proposed conforming license amendments will be taken upon implementation of the transfer approved by this Order.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the licensee's application dated August 23, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated October 1 and 15, 1996, and January 28, 1997, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Wharton County Junior College, J. M. Hodges Learning Center, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, TX 77488.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 22616; 812-10290]

Merrill Lynch Asset Management, L.P., et al.; Notice of Application

April 14, 1997.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an Order under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANTS: Merrill Lynch Asset Management, L.P. ("MLAM"), and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLP").

RELEVANT ACT SECTIONS: Order of exemption requested pursuant to (a) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a); (b) section 6(c) for an exemption from section 17(e) and rules 10f-3 and 17e-1; and (c) section 10(f) for an exemption from section 10(f).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit MLP to engage in certain principal and brokerage transactions with "multi-manager" investment companies that are subadvised by its affiliated person, Hotchkis & Wiley ("H&W"). The transactions would be between MLP and those portions of the investment companies that are not subadvised by H&W.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on August 12, 1996, and amended on November 4, 1996, February 20, 1997, and April 9, 1997. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is incorporated herein.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on May 9, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549. Applicants, 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536.