

2 lead rod burnup restriction of 60,000 megawatt days per metric ton uranium (MWD/MTU).

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption of September 4, 1996 as supplemented February 3, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption to 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 is needed because these regulations specifically refer to light-water reactors containing fuel consisting of uranium oxide pellets enclosed in zircaloy or ZIRLO tubes. Zircaloy and ZIRLO are zirconium-based alloys currently in use as cladding for fuel pellets. A new zirconium-based cladding has been developed which is not the same chemical composition as zircaloy or ZIRLO, and which the licensee wants to test in reactor operation. Since 10 CFR 50.46 and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, limit Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) calculations to zircaloy and 10 CFR 50.44 relates to the generation of hydrogen gas from a metal-water reaction with zircaloy or ZIRLO, an exemption is required in order to place four demonstration assemblies in the reactor core(s).

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The proposed action will allow the use of the new cladding with chemical composition not significantly different from zircaloy or ZIRLO. Use of the demonstration assemblies with the new zirconium-based cladding does not affect the Emergency Core Cooling Systems calculations and has no significant effect on the previous assessment of hydrogen gas generation following a loss-of-coolant accident. With regard to potential radiological impacts to the general public, the proposed exemption involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect the potential for radiological accidents and does not affect radiological plant effluents. The demonstration assemblies meet the same design bases as the fuel which is currently in the reactors. No safety limits have been changed or setpoints altered as a result of the use of these assemblies. The Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) analyses are bounding for the demonstration assemblies as well as the remainder of the core. The advanced zirconium-based alloys have been shown through testing to perform satisfactorily under conditions representative of a reactor environment. In addition, the relatively small number

of fuel rods involved does not represent a prohibitively large inventory of radioactive material which could be released into the reactor coolant in the event of cladding failure. The only credible consequence of this change would be a failure of the demonstration claddings. Even in the case of gross fuel failure, the number of rods involved is less than 3% of the core and, thus, sufficiently small that environmental impact would be negligible and is bounded by previous assessments. The small number of fuel rods involved in conjunction with the chemical similarity of the demonstration cladding to zircaloy cladding ensures that hydrogen production would not be significantly different from previous assessments. As a result, the proposed exemption does not affect the consequences of radiological accidents. No changes are being made in the types or amounts of any radiological effluent that may be released offsite. There is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational exposure. Consequently, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

With regard to the potential environmental impacts associated with the transportation of the demonstration assemblies, the advanced claddings have no impact on previous assessments determined in accordance with 10 CFR 51.52.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed exemption does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Because the Commission's staff has concluded that there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed exemption, any alternative to the proposed exemption will have either no significantly different environmental impact or greater environmental impact. The principal alternative would be to deny the requested exemption. This would not reduce environmental impacts as a result of plant operations.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in connection with the Final Environmental Statement related to the

operation of North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, issued by the Commission in April 1973.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, the NRC staff consulted with Mr. Foldesi of the Virginia Department of Health on April 24, 1997, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. Mr. Foldesi had no comments on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the request for exemption dated September 4, 1996, as supplemented February 3, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555 and at the local public document room located at the Alderman Library, Special Collections Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903-2498.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of April, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Acting Director, Project Directorate II-1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

1997 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: This notice provides a list of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities, as required by the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act), as subsequently amended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Murrin (telephone: 202-395-1040), Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice provides a copy of the 1997 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities, which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to publish annually under the IG Act.

The List is divided into two groups: Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities. The Designated Federal Entities are required to establish and maintain Offices of Inspector General. The 29 Designated Federal Entities are as listed in the IG Act, except that those agencies which have ceased to exist have been deleted from the list.

Federal Entities are required to annually report to each House of the Congress and the OMB on audit and investigative activities in their organizations. Federal Entities are defined as "any Government corporation (within the meaning of section 103(1) of title 5, United States Code), any Government controlled corporation (within the meaning of section 103(2) of such title), or any other entity in the Executive Branch of the government, or any independent regulatory agency" other than the Executive Office of the President and agencies with statutory Inspectors General. There are 4 deletions and 2 additions in the 1997 Federal Entities list from the 1996 list published in the September 26, 1996, **Federal Register**.

The 1997 Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities List was prepared in consultation with the U.S. General Accounting Office.

G. Edward DeSeve,

Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management.

Herein follows the text of the 1997 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities:

1997 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities

The IG Act, as subsequently amended, requires OMB to publish a list of "Designated Federal Entities" and "Federal Entities" and the heads of such entities. Designated Federal Entities were required to establish Offices of Inspector General before April 17, 1989. Federal Entities are required to report annually to each House of the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget on audit and investigative activities in their organizations.

Designated Federal Entities and Entity Heads

1. Amtrak—Chairperson
2. Appalachian Regional Commission—Federal Co-Chairperson

3. The Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System—Chairperson
4. Commodity Futures Trading Commission—Chairperson
5. Consumer Product Safety Commission—Chairperson
6. Corporation for Public Broadcasting—Board of Directors
7. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission—Chairperson
8. Farm Credit Administration—Chairperson
9. Federal Communications Commission—Chairperson
10. Federal Election Commission—Chairperson
11. Federal Housing Finance Board—Chairperson
12. Federal Labor Relations Authority—Chairperson
13. Federal Maritime Commission—Chairperson
14. Federal Trade Commission—Chairperson
15. Legal Services Corporation—Board of Directors
16. National Archives and Records Administration—Archivist of the United States
17. National Credit Union Administration—Board of Directors
18. National Endowment for the Arts—Chairperson
19. National Endowment for the Humanities—Chairperson
20. National Labor Relations Board—Chairperson
21. National Science Foundation—National Science Board
22. Panama Canal Commission—Chairperson
23. Peace Corps—Director
24. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation—Chairperson
25. Securities and Exchange Commission—Chairperson
26. Smithsonian Institution—Secretary
27. Tennessee Valley Authority—Board of Directors
28. United States International Trade Commission—Chairperson
29. United States Postal Service—Postmaster General

Federal Entities and Entity Heads

1. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation—Chairperson
2. African Development Foundation—Chairperson
3. American Battle Monuments Commission—Chairperson
4. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board—Chairperson
5. Armed Forces Retirement Home—Board of Directors
6. Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation—Chairperson

7. Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation—Chairperson
8. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad—Chairperson
9. Commission of Fine Arts—Chairperson
10. Commission on Civil Rights—Chairperson
11. Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled—Chairperson
12. Court of Veterans Appeals—Chief Judge
13. Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board—Chairperson
14. Export-Import Bank—President and Chairperson
15. Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation—Chairperson
16. Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation—Board of Directors
17. Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Appraisal Subcommittee—Chairperson
18. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service—Director
19. Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission—Chairperson
20. Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board—Chairperson
21. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission—Chairperson
22. Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation—Chairperson
23. Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development—Chairperson
24. Institute for Museum and Library Services—Board of Directors
25. Inter-American Foundation—Chairperson
26. James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation—Chairperson
27. Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission—Chairperson
28. Marine Mammal Commission—Chairperson
29. Merit Systems Protection Board—Chairperson
30. Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation—Chairperson
31. National Bankruptcy Review Commission—Chairperson
32. National Capital Planning Commission—Chairperson
33. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science—Chairperson
34. National Council on Disability—Chairperson
35. National Education Goals Panel—Chairperson
36. National Endowment for Democracy—Chairperson
37. National Mediation Board—Chairperson
38. National Science Foundation/Arctic Research Commission—Chairperson

39. National Transportation Safety Board—Chairperson
40. Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation—Chairperson
41. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board—Chairperson
42. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission—Chairperson
43. Office of Government Ethics—Director
44. Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation—Chairperson
45. Office of Special Counsel—Special Counsel
46. Office of the Nuclear Waste Negotiator—Negotiator
47. Offices of Independent Counsel—Independent Counsels
48. Ounce of Prevention Council—Chairperson
49. Overseas Private Investment Corporation—Board of Directors
50. Postal Rate Commission—Chairperson
51. Selective Service System—Director
52. Smithsonian Institution/John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Chairperson
53. Smithsonian Institution/National Gallery of Art—Board of Trustees
54. Smithsonian Institution/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars—Board of Trustees
55. State Justice Institute—Director
56. Trade and Development Agency—Director
57. U.S. Enrichment Corporation—Chairperson
58. U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council—Chairperson
59. U.S. Institute of Peace—Chairperson

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Request for Comment on Proposed Collection of Information Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Locating and Paying Participants

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of submission for OMB review; comment request

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has requested that the Office of Management and Budget approve a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of the information collection is to enable the PBGC to pay benefits to participants and beneficiaries in plans covered by the PBGC insurance program.

DATES: All written comments should be sent to the address below within 30 days of April 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval and copies of the proposed collection of information will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc L. Jordan, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024 (202-326-4179 for TTY and TDD). (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PBGC has requested OMB approval of a collection of information needed to pay participants and beneficiaries who may be entitled to pension benefits under a defined benefit plan that has terminated. The collection consists of information participants and beneficiaries are asked to provide in connection with an application for benefits. In addition, in some instances, as part of a search for participants and beneficiaries who may be entitled to benefits, the PBGC requests individuals to provide identifying information that the individual would provide as part of an initial contact with the PBGC. All requested information is needed to enable the PBGC to determine benefit entitlements and to make appropriate payments.

The PBGC estimates that it will request that 62,720 individuals submit applications for benefits and that the associated burden is 30,360 hours (an average of slightly less than 30 minutes per individual). The PBGC further estimates that 5,000 individuals will provide the PBGC with identifying information as part of an initial contact and that the associated burden is 1,250 hours (15 minutes per individual). Thus, the total estimated burden associated with this collection of information is 31,610 hours.

Issued at Washington, D.C., this 25th day of April, 1997.

John Seal,

Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 22632; 811-2094]

United Continental Income Investment Programs; Notice of Application

April 23, 1997.

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

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

APPLICANT: United Continental Income Investment Programs.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Order requested under section 8(f).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on July 26, 1996, and amended on November 26, 1996, and March 12, 1997.

HEARING OF 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 applicant 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 19, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing request 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, D.C. 20549. Applicant 6300 Lamar Avenue, P.O. Box 29217, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-9217.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Y. Greenless, Senior Counsel, (202) 942-0581 or Mercer E. Bullard, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch.

Applicants Representations

1. Applicant is a unit investment trust that has variously offered Monthly Investment Program ("MIPs") and