

their jurisdiction and in their custody will be asked to provide information for the following categories: condemned inmates' demographic characteristics, legal status at the time of capital offense, capital offense for which imprisoned, number of death sentences imposed, criminal history information, reason for removal and current status if no longer under sentence of death, method of execution, and cause of death by other than by execution. The Bureau of Justice Statistics uses this information in published reports and for the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, State officials, international organizations, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice statistics.

(5) An estimate of the total number of responses and the amount of time estimated for an average response: 310 responses at 1 hour each for the NPS-8; 3,054 responses at 1/2 hour each of the NPS-8A; and 52 responses at 1/2 hour each for the NPS-8B or NPS-8C.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 1,863 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: October 2, 1997.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

NAME AND COMMITTEE CODE: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research #1203.

DATE AND TIME: October 27, 1997, 8 am-5 pm.

PLACE: Room 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Closed.

TYPE OF PROPOSAL: Career Proposals in Polymers.

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Andrew J. Lovinger, Senior Staff Associate, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, 703-306-1839.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice and recommendations concerning

proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

AGENDA: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Directorate as part of the selection process for awards.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The proposals being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NSB Public Service Award Committee; Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

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

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 28, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (PST).

PLACE: Stanford University, Stanford, California.

TYPE OF MEETING: Closed.

CONTACT PERSON: Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Executive Secretary, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1096.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice and recommendations in the selection of the NSB Public Service Award recipient.

AGENDA: To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting

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

NAME: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).

DATE: October 28-30, 1997.

PLACE: Room 112/114 East Bridge, California Institute of Technology 1201 E. California Boulevard, Pasadena, California.

TYPE OF MEETING: Closed.

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. David Berley, Program Manager, Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory, Physics Division, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1892.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To review the technical aspects and management of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project.

AGENDA: An overview of the project. Detailed examination of the technical aspects of the project and the management of the technical systems.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The Project plans being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

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

NAME: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (#1189).

DATE AND TIME: October 29-30, 1997; 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 580, Arlington, VA 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Closed.

CONTACT PERSON: Fred G. Heineken, Program Director, Biotechnology Engineering, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

AGENDA: To review and evaluate CAREER proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

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

NAME AND COMMITTEE CODE: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (#1209).

DATE AND TIME: October 30th and 31st, 1997: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

PLACE: Room 730, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Closed.

CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Odile de La Beaujardiere, Program Director, Arctic Natural Sciences, Office of Polar Programs, Room 740, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

AGENDA: to review and evaluate Arctic Natural Sciences multidisciplinary

proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

REASON FOR CLOSING: The proposals being reviewed include information of the proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-261]

Carolina Power & Light Company; Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity For a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-23 issued to the Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L or the licensee) for operation of the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (HBR) located in Darlington County, South Carolina.

By letter dated August 27, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated December 18, 1996, January 17, February 18, March 27, April 6, April 25, April 29, May 30, June 2, June 13, June 18, August 4, August 8, September 10, October 2 (RNP RA/97-0216), and October 2, 1997 (RNP RA/97-0207), the licensee applied for full conversion from the current HBR Technical Specifications (CTS) to a set of improved Technical Specifications (ITS) based on NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications Westinghouse Plants," Revision 0, dated September 1992 (including approved travellers used in the issuance of Revision 1, dated April 1995). A "Notice of Consideration of Issuance and Opportunity for Hearing" regarding conversion to the ITS was published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1996 (61 FR 55830). An "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" regarding the conversion to ITS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50409).

One of the ITS conversion changes proposed by the licensee in its August 27, 1996, application, and addressed in the April 29, and October 2, 1997, supplements, requires, as a part of ITS Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.6.4, that the pressure in containment be maintained greater than or equal to -0.8 psig. CTS require that containment pressure be maintained greater than or equal -1.0 psig; therefore, the ITS LCO is more restrictive than the CTS with regard to this parameter. This change in minimum allowable containment pressure is needed to make the ITS LCO consistent with a new licensee analysis of an inadvertent containment spray event.

In its letter dated October 2, 1997, the licensee provided justification for Commission issuance of the proposed change in minimum allowable containment pressure on an exigent basis. As defined in 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6), exigent circumstances exist when the licensee and the Commission must act quickly and time does not exist for the Commission to publish a **Federal Register** notice allowing 30 days for prior public comment and the Commission also determines that the proposed amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's October 2, 1997, letter and determined that exigent circumstances exist in that—

(1) Earlier issuance of this more restrictive change would be consistent with the most recent analysis and would enhance safety.

(2) As described below, there appear to be no significant hazards considerations associated with this change.

The licensee's ITS conversion application was prepared in accordance with appropriate industry guidance as provided in Nuclear Energy Institute Guidance document 96-06, "Improved Technical Specifications Conversion Guidance," dated August 1996. That guidance did not address the need for specific no significant hazards discussions other than for less restrictive changes. Therefore, the exigent circumstances could not reasonably have been avoided in that the licensee was not aware of the need for a specific no significant hazards discussion regarding the change in minimum allowable containment pressure.

Before issuance of the ITS conversion amendment, including the proposed change to ITS 3.6.4, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended