

Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before November 30, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

Carol J. Jones,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Dance Section (Heritage & Preservation and Education & Access categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on November 17-20, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 18th and 19th, and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 20th, in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on November 20th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field issues and needs, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 18th and 19th, and from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 20th, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if

time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Art Advisory Panel Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Local Arts Agencies Section (Heritage & Preservation, Education & Access, and Planning & Stabilization categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on November 18-19, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 18th and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 19th, in Room 730 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on November 19th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field issues and needs, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 18th and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 19th, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed

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Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; Notice of Meetings

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems (1196).

1. *Date and Times:* November 16, 1998; 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Contact: Dr. Usha Varshney, Program Director, Division of Electrical Communications Systems, Room 675, 703-306-1340.

2. *Dates and Times:* November 16-17, 1998; 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Contact: Dr. Magdy Iskander, Program Director, Division of Electrical Communications Systems, Room 675, 703-306-1340.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate CAREER-ECS proposals submitted to the Division as part of the selection process for awards.

Reasons 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 USC 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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 Geosciences (1756).

Date and Time: November 23, 1998; 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Michael Mayhew, Program Director, Education and Human Resources Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1557.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate REU-Sites Panel proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposal 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 ten proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; 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: President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

Date and Time: Monday, December 7, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Program Manager, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1096.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the National Medal of Science recipients.

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.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; 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 of the Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (#1766).

Date and Time: December 3-4, 1998; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Room: 320.

Contact Person: Ms. Bonney Sheahan, Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-306-1733.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

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 26, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455, STN 50-456, STN 50-457]

Commonwealth Edison Co.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois and Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77, issued to ComEd for operation of Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

The proposed amendments present a full conversion from the current Technical Specifications (TS) to TS based on NUREG-1431, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications—Westinghouse Plants," dated April 1995. NUREG-1431 has been developed through working groups composed of both NRC staff members and industry representatives and has been endorsed by the staff as part of an industry-wide initiative to standardize and improve TS. The December 13, 1996, application was supplemented by letters dated February 24, September 2, October 10, October 28 and December 8, 1997 and January 27, January 29, February 6, February 13, February 24, February 26, April 13, April 16, June 1, June 2, July 2, July 8, July 30, July 31, August 11, August 12, September 21, September 25, October 1, October 2, October 5 and October 15, 1998. As part of this submittal, ComEd has applied the criteria contained in the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors (final policy statement)," published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), to the current Byron and Braidwood TSs and using NUREG-1431 as a basis, developed a proposed set of improved TSs for Byron and Braidwood. The criteria in the final policy statement were subsequently added to 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications," in a rule change which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953) and became effective on August 18, 1995.

The licensee has categorized the proposed changes to the existing TSs into five general groupings. These groupings are characterized as