

filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-97-35 and should be submitted by October 31, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

1. Application for Retirement Insurance Benefits—0960-0007. The Social Security Administration uses the information on Form SSA-1 to determine an individual's entitlement to retirement insurance benefits. The respondents are applicants for retirement benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,600,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 280,000 hours.

2. Physician's/Medical Officer's Statement, Patient's Capability to Manage Benefits—0960-0024. The Social Security Administration uses the information on Form SSA-787 to determine whether an individual is capable of handling his/her benefits. The information is also used for leads in selecting a representative payee. The respondents are physicians of the beneficiaries or medical officers of institutions where beneficiaries reside.

Number of Respondents: 120,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

3. Claimant's Statement When Request for Hearing Is Filed and The Issue Is Disability—0960-0316. The Social Security Administration requires that applicants for disability benefits provide the updated medical information requested on Form HA-

4486, to facilitate processing their Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. This information also enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into the claimant's medical condition. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI Benefits.

Number of Respondents: 283,460.
Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 70,865 hours.

4. Representative Payee Report of Benefits and Dedicated Account—0960-0576. The Social Security Administration uses Form SSA-6233 to ensure that payment of SSI benefits is made to a relative, another person, or an organization when the best interests of the beneficiary would be served. The form is also used to ensure that the representative payee is using the benefits received for the beneficiary's current maintenance and personal needs and that expenditures of funds from the dedicated account are in compliance with the law. The respondents are individual and organizational representative payees required by law to establish a separate ("dedicated") account in a financial institution for certain past-due SSI monthly benefits.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.
Frequency of Response: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Date: October 6, 1997.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,
Reports Clearance Officer Social Security
Administration.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1498).

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (CDT), October 15, 1997.

PLACE: TVA Allen Fossil Plant Assembly Room, 2574 Plant Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on September 8, 1997.

New Business

B—Purchase Awards

B1. Increase in the amount of an existing Blanket Purchase Order with ABB Power T&D Company, Inc., from \$7.99 million to \$26 million.

B2. Approval to enter into a contract with Allied Welding & Safety, LLC, for welding supplies and equipment for all TVA locations.

C—Energy

C1. Approval to supplement engineering services contracts with Midpoint International Corporation (TV-95252V) and Martin-Williams International, Inc. (TV-95264V), to provide engineering services in a staff augmentation role for TVA Nuclear. The supplements will add a cumulative amount not to exceed \$8.5 million and extend the term of the contracts to September 30, 2000.

C2. Public auction sale of Cawood Branch Coal Lease, Red Bird Coal Reserves, Harlan and Leslie Counties, Kentucky (Tract No. XEKCR-39L) and delegation of authority to the Vice President, Fuel Supply and Engineering, or a designated representative, to administer, amend, or modify the terms of the lease.

E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Grant of permanent easement to the State of Alabama for a bridge project, affecting approximately 1.15 acres of land on Bear Creek in Marion County, Alabama (Tract No. XTBCSF-1H).

E2. Grant of permanent easement to the State of Tennessee for State Highway No. 306 improvement project,

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30(a)(12).

affecting 1.09 acres of land on Chickamauga Lake in Meigs County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTCR-192H).

E3. Sale of noncommercial, nonexclusive permanent easements to Robert K. Tallent (Tract No. XTELR-197RE) and John T. Smolik (Tract No. XTELR-198RE) for construction and maintenance of recreational water-use facilities affecting 0.42 acre of land on Tellico Lake in Loudon County, Tennessee.

E4. Grant of permanent easement to LaFollette Utilities for a powerline affecting approximately 5.02 acres of TVA land and former TVA land on Norris Lake in Campbell County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTNR-110PR).

E5. Sale of 40-year easement to Lighthouse Fuels, Inc., for industrial development, affecting approximately 37.5 acres of land on Pickwick Lake in Tishomingo County, Mississippi (Track No. XYECR-111E).

Unclassified

F1. Approval to file condemnation cases in connection with the following power transmission lines: Alpha-Loughridge, Murray County, Georgia; Batesville-West Batesville, Panola County, Mississippi; Savannah-North Adamsville, Hardin County, Tennessee; and Widows Creek-Fort Payne, Jackson County, Alabama.

Information Items

1. Approval for calculation adjustments to distributor retail rate schedules related to the price increase which became effective October 1, 1997.

2. Approval of completion of final contract negotiations with Southern Company Services, Inc., and execution of reciprocal network transmission service agreements to serve each company's isolated native loads located within the other company's control area.

3. Approval to abandon a portion of TVA's Chickamauga-Friendship transmission line right-of-way easement affecting 0.1 acre in Hamilton County, Tennessee (Tract No. 2CF-10).

4. Amended and restated agreement among TVA, Southeastern Power Administration, and Tennessee Valley Public Power Association regarding power supply from the Corps of Engineers' Cumberland River projects.

5. Approval to submit two proposals to the Department of Energy under which TVA would offer to provide DOE with irradiation services for the production of tritium.

6. Reformation of a contract between TVA and the TVA Retirement System.

7. Approval to amend the program for TVA contributions to the cost of medical coverage in TVA-sponsored

medical plans for current and future retirees and to count all Federal civilian service prior to coming to TVA as creditable service for persons who retire from TVA after January 1, 1997.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: October 8, 1997.

Edward S. Christenbury,
General Counsel and Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D-20]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding Japanese Varietal Testing and Quarantine Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that the United States has requested establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), to examine Japan's prohibition on imports of certain agricultural products. Specifically, for each agricultural product for which Japan requires quarantine treatment, Japan prohibits the importation of each variety of that product until the quarantine treatment has been tested for that variety even though the treatment has proven effective with respect to other varieties of the same product. This redundant testing requirement has no apparent scientific basis but serves as a significant barrier to market access. In this dispute the United States alleges that these Japanese measures are inconsistent with the obligations of Japan under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and the Agreement on Agriculture. USTR also invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in the dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before November 10, 1997 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by Ileana Falticeni, Litigation Assistant, Office of Monitoring and Enforcement, Room 501, Attn: Japan Fruit Quarantine Dispute, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Brinza, Senior Advisor and Special Counsel for Natural Resources, (202) 395-7305, Audra Erickson, Office of Agricultural Affairs, (202) 395-6127, or Elizabeth Hyman, Office of the General Counsel, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)), the USTR is providing notice that on October 3, 1997, the United States requested the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel to examine whether the import prohibition on agricultural products, in particular the varietal testing requirements, maintained by Japan are inconsistent with Japan's obligations under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the GATT 1994, and the Agreement on Agriculture. The WTO Dispute Settlement Body is likely to establish the panel no later than mid-November, 1997. Under normal circumstances, the panel, which will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations within nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States and Legal Basis of Complaint

For each agricultural product for which Japan requires quarantine treatment, Japan prohibits the importation of each variety of that product until the quarantine treatment has been tested for that variety, even though the treatment has proven effective with respect to other varieties of the same product. The relevant provisions of Japanese laws include the Plant Protection Law (Law No. 151) enacted May 4, 1950, as amended, and the Plant Protection Law Enforcement Regulation (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ordinance No. 73) of June 30, 1950, as amended.

For example, after years of effort by the United States, in January 1995 Japan agreed to permit imports of U.S. Red Delicious and Golden Delicious apples based on Japan's determination that treatment of fruit from inspected orchards both with methyl bromide fumigation and a cold storage treatment would be effective against codling moth, a plant pest. However, Japan has refused