

Virginia Electric and Power Company, et al., Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339, North Anna Power Station, Units No. 1 and No. 2, Louisa County, Virginia

Date of application for amendments: November 5, 1997.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise the Technical Specifications (TS) Sections 3.9.7, 4.9.7.1, 4.9.7.2, and 3/4.9.7 for Unit 1, and 3.9.7, 4.9.7.1, 4.9.7.2, and 3/4.9.7 for Unit 2, allowing the movement of the spent fuel pit gate over the irradiated fuel.

Date of issuance: August 3, 1998.

Effective date: August 3, 1998.

Amendment Nos.: 213 and 194.

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7: Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66146).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 3, 1998.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Elinor G. Adensam,

Acting Director, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP) Performance Criteria for Information Based Indicia and Security Architecture for IBI Postage Metering Systems (PCIBISAIBIPMS)

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of USPS response to public comments and availability of Performance Criteria with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service has published a set of draft specifications for the Information-Based Indicia Program (IBIP). In an effort to comply with comments received regarding those specifications we have compiled a set of

functional Performance Criteria as defined in this release. The following published specifications are hereby superseded by this Performance Criteria release:

IBIP Open System Indicia Specification dtd July 23, 1997

IBIP Open System PSD Specification dtd July 23, 1997

IBIP Open System Host Specification dtd October 9, 1996

IBIP Key Management Plan dtd April 25, 1997

The Postal Service also seeks comments on intellectual property issues raised by IBIP Performance Criteria, policy, and procedures if adopted in present form. If an intellectual property issue includes patents or patent applications covering any implementations of the Performance Criteria, the comment should include a listing of such patents and applications and the license terms available for such patents and applications.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Performance Criteria noted above may be obtained from Edmund Zelickman, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 1P-801, Washington DC 20260-2444. Copies of all written comments may be inspected, by appointment, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

DATES: All written comments must be received on or before October 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmund Zelickman at (202) 268-3940.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 17 Ad-6, SEC File No. 270-151, OMB Control No. 3235-0291

Rule 17 Ad-7, SEC File No. 270-152, OMB Control No. 3235-0136

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of previously approved collections of information discussed below:

• Rule 17Ad-6 Recordkeeping Requirements for Transfer Agents

Rule 17 Ad-6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78b *et seq.*) requires every registered transfer agent to make and keep current records about a variety of information, such as: (1) specific operational data regarding the time taken to perform transfer agent activities (to ensure compliance with the minimum performance standards in Rule 17Ad-2 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-2)); (2) written inquiries and requests by shareholders and broker-dealers and response time thereto; (3) resolutions, contracts or other supporting documents concerning the appointment or termination of the transfer agent; (4) stop orders or notices of adverse claims to the securities; and (5) all canceled registered securities certificates.

These recordkeeping requirements ensure that all registered transfer agents are maintaining the records necessary to monitor and keep adequate control over their own performance and to examine registered transfer agents on an historical basis for compliance with applicable rules.

It is estimated that approximately 1,248 registered transfer agents will spend a total of 599,040 hours per year complying with Rule 17Ad-6. Based on average cost per hour of \$50, the total cost of compliance with Rule 17Ad-6 is \$29,952,000.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-6 is six months to one year. In addition, such records must be retained for a total of two to six years or for one year after termination of the transfer agency, depending on the particular record or document. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-6 is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

• Rule 17Ad-7 Recordkeeping Requirements for Transfer Agents

Rule 17Ad-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. § 78b *et seq.*) requires each registered transfer agent to retain, in an easily accessible place for a period of six months to one year, all the records required to be made and kept current under the Commission's rules regarding registered transfer agents. Rule 17Ad-7 also requires such records to be retained for a total of two to six years or for one year after termination of the transfer agency, depending on the particular record or document.

These recordkeeping requirements ensure that all registered transfer agents are maintaining the records necessary to monitor and keep adequate control over their own performance and to examine registered transfer agents on an historical basis for compliance with applicable rules.

It is estimated that approximately 1,248 registered transfer agents will spend a total of 142,272 hours per year complying with Rule 17Ad-7. Based on average cost per hour of \$50, the total cost of compliance with Rule 17Ad-7 is \$7,113,600.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-7 is six months to one year. In addition, such records must be retained for a total of two to six years or for one year after termination of the transfer agency, depending on the particular record or document. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-7 is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General Comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
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Extension:

Rule 53, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB
Control No. 3235-0426
Rule 54, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB
Control No. 3235-0427
Rule 55, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB
Control No. 3235-0430
Rule 57(a) and Form U-57, SEC File No.
270-376, OMB Control No. 3235-0428
Rule 57(b) and Form U-33-S, SEC File No.
270-376, OMB Control No. 3235-0429
Rule 1(c) and Form U5S, SEC File No. 270-
168, OMB Control No. 3235-0164
Rule 2 and Form U-3A-2, SEC File No.
270-83, OMB Control No. 3235-0161

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Sections 32 and 33 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), and rules 53, 54, 55 and 57 thereunder, permit holding companies registered under the Act to make direct or indirect investments in exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs") and foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"), as defined in sections 32 and 33 of the Act, respectively, without the prior approval of the Commission, if certain conditions are met. Rules 53, 54 and 55 do not create a reporting burden for respondents. These rules, do, however, contain a recordkeeping and retention requirement. The purpose of requiring the availability of books and records identifying investments in and earning from any subsidiary EWG or FUCO is to allow the Commission to monitor the extent and the effect of registered holding companies' investments in these new entities. This criterion was specifically cited by Congress as an appropriate item for inclusion in the Commission's rulemaking. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under each of rules 53, 54 and 55 is 110 hours per rule (e.g., 11 responses per rule \times 10 hours per rule = 110 burden hours per rule).

Rule 57 imposes two reporting requirements, First, and pursuant to rule

57(a), companies seeking FUCO (status must file a notification on Form U-57 on the occasion of each transaction involving the acquisition of a FUCO. In instances where non-utility entities acquire a FUCO, Form U-57 is the Commission's sole source of information regarding such projects. Even when public-utility companies make the acquisition, Form U-57 may provide the only prospective data available to the Commission with respect to such acquisition. The Commission estimates that the total reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under rule 57(a) is 144 hours (e.g., 48 responses \times 3 hours = 144 burden hours).

The second reporting requirement of Rule 57 is the filing of Form U-33-S, which imposes an annual reporting requirement on any public-utility company that acquires one or more FUCOs. The information form Form U-33-S allows the Commission to monitor overseas investments by public-utility companies. The Commission estimates that the total reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under rule 57(b) is 267 hours (e.g., 89 responses \times 3 hours = 267 burden hours).

Section 3 of the Act and rule 2 under the Act require the Commission to monitor exempt holding companies to make sure that exemptions are not detrimental to the public interest or the interest of investors or consumers. Form U-3A-2 is the single uniform periodic submission which allows the staff to effectively accomplish this task. The Commission estimates that the total reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under rule 2 is 319 hours (e.g., 91 responses \times 3.5 hours = 319 burden hours).

Section 5 of the Act imposes similar duties on the Commission with respect to registered holding companies. The Form U5S allows the staff to gather an annual "snapshot" of each registered system for review and comparison with other systems. Relying on the fragmented information submitted with applications on Form U-1 for Commission approval of certain transactions, or other submissions by registered holding companies or their subsidiaries, would not be an appropriate substitute for the comprehensive and timely information provided on Form U5S. The Commission estimates that the total reporting and recordkeeping burden of collections under Form U5S is 4,142 hours (e.g., 19 responses \times 218 hours = 4,142 burden hours).

These estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes