

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: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (#1209).

Date and Time: September 22-23, 1999, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 730, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Southern U.S. Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics 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: August 5, 1999.

Karen J. York,

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: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Program (#1209).

Date and Time: September 20-21, 1999, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 730, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Antarctic Biology and Medicine 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: August 5, 1999.

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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, November 15, 1999, 9:00 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 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: August 5, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: New.

2. The title of the information collection: Voluntary Reporting of Performance Indicators.

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.

4. How often the collection is required: One-time collection and quarterly thereafter.

5. Who is required or asked to report: Power reactor licensees.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 264.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 66 reactor sites.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 13,860 hours (210 hours per site), and a one-time start-up effort of 13,200 hours.

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

10. Abstract: As part of a joint industry-NRC initiative, the NRC plans to receive information submitted voluntarily by power reactor licensees regarding selected performance attributes known as performance indicators (PIs). PIs provide objective measures of the performance of licensees' systems or programs. The NRC is revising its reactor oversight process to use PI information, along with the results of selected audits and inspections, as the basis for NRC conclusions regarding plant performance and necessary regulatory response. PIs will be transmitted electronically to reduce burden on licensees and the NRC as part of the NRC's revised oversight process which

is scheduled for implementation beginning in April 2000.

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC Home Page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by September 10, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Erik Godwin,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Beth C. St. Mary,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of amendment of the Charter of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP).

SUMMARY: The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel was established by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Federal Advisory Committee in 1989. Its purpose was to provide advice to (1) the Department of Energy (DOE) on the fundamental issues of design and development of an electronic information management system to be used to store and retrieve documents relating to the licensing of a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste, and (2) the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the operation and maintenance of the

system. This electronic information management system was known as the Licensing Support System (LSS). In 1998 the Commission approved amendments to 10 CFR Part 2 to provide for a Network based electronic information management system and the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel was renamed as the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel and the Charter was amended to reflect other changes made in the rule.

The Commission recently decided to place the LSN Administrator under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Judge (CAJ) of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel and to have the LSNARP report to the CAJ. To accommodate the change minor modifications to the Charter have been made.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that amendment of the charter is in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by law. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew L. Bates, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555: Telephone 301-504-1963.

Dated: August 5, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446]

Texas Utilities Electric Company; Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of license amendments to Facility Operating License (FOL) Nos. NPF-87 and NPF-89, issued to Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric or the licensee), for operation of the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES), Units 1 and 2, located in Somervell County, Texas.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed license amendments would allow the licensee to increase the licensed thermal power level of CPSES,

Unit 2, from 3411 to 3445 megawatts thermal (MWt), which represents a 1 percent increase in allowable thermal power. This facility was authorized for power production at 3411 MWt with issuance of the FOL on April 6, 1993.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for license amendment dated December 21, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated April 23 and May 14, 1999. Section V, of Attachment 2, to the licensee's May 14, 1999, supplement, contains the licensee's detailed environmental evaluation of the proposed licensing action.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action will allow an increase in power generation at CPSES, Unit 2, to provide additional electrical power for distribution to the grid. Power uprate has been widely recognized by the industry as a safe and cost-effective method to increase generating capacity.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has previously evaluated the environmental impact of operation of CPSES, Units 1 and 2, as described in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2," NUREG-0775, September 1981. With regard to consequences of postulated accidents, the licensee has reanalyzed the design-basis accident doses for the exclusion area boundary, low population zone, and the control room dose to the operators and determined that there will be a small increase in these doses; however, the analysis presented in NUREG-0775 postulates these doses resulting from releases at 104.5 percent of the currently licensed power level. Thus, the increase in postulated doses due to design-basis accidents is bounded by the previous evaluation presented in NUREG-0775. No increase in the probability of these accidents is expected to occur.

With regard to normal releases, calculations have been performed that show the potential impact on the radiological effluents from the proposed 1 percent increase in power level of CPSES Unit 2. For the 1 percent uprating calculations, the offsite doses from normal effluent releases remain significantly below the bounding limits of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 50, Appendix I. Normal annual average gaseous release remains limited to a small fraction of 10 CFR Part 20 limits for identified mixtures. Solid and liquid waste processing systems are expected