

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 306-1125 x 2017 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* "National Science Foundation Applicant Survey."

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0096.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* August 31, 2000.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The current National Science Foundation Applicant survey has been in use for several years. Data are collected from applicant pools to examine the racial/sexual/disability composition and to determine the source of information about NSF vacancies.

*Use of the Information:* Analysis of the applicant pools is necessary to determine if NSF's targeted recruitment efforts are reaching groups that are underrepresented in the Agency's workforce and/or to defend the Foundation's practices in discrimination cases.

*Burden on the Public:* The Foundation estimates about 5,000 responses annually at 3 minutes per response; this computes to approximately 250 hours annually.

Dated: March 30, 2000.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*NSF Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board; Nominations for Membership

The National Science Board (NSB) is the policymaking body of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Board consists of 24 members appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for six-year terms, in addition to the NSF Director *ex officio*.

Section 4(c) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, states that: "The persons nominated for appointment as members of the Board: (1) Shall be eminent in the fields of the basic, medical, or social sciences, engineering, agriculture, education, research management, or public affairs; (2) shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service; and (3) shall be so selected as to provide representation of the views of scientific and engineering leaders in all areas of the Nation."

The Board and the NSF Director solicit and evaluate nominations for submission to the President. Nominations accompanied by biographical information may be forwarded to the Chairman, National Science Board, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, no later than April 28, 2000.

Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Staff Assistant, National Science Board Office (703/306-2000).

Dated: March 30, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Chemistry; 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 Chemistry (#1191).

*Date/Time:* May 1-3, 2000; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 320, 330 and 390—NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Joan Frye, Program Director, Chemical Instrumentation Program, Chemistry Division, Room 1055, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1849.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals for the Chemical Instrumentation Program 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.

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**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Social and Political Science; Notice of Meetings

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

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Social and Political Science (#1761).

*Date and Time:* May 4-5, 2000; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970; Arlington, VA 22230.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Frank Scioli and Dr. Marianne Stewart, Program Directors for Political Science, National Science Foundation. Telephone: (703) 306-1761.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the political science proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Date and Time:* April 22-23, 2000; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington VA 22230.

*Contact Person:* Dr. D. Marie Provine, Program Director, Law and Social Science, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1762.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the Law and Social Science Proposals as a part of the selection process for awards.

*Date and Time:* April 27-28, 2000; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 330 & Room 370, Arlington VA 22230.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Patricia White and Dr. Murray Webster, National Science Foundation, Telephone (703) 306-1756.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the Sociology proposals as a part of the selection process for awards.

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to the 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.

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**Karen J. York,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### ABB C-E Nuclear Power, Inc.

[Docket No. 70-36]

#### Hematite Fuel Operations, Notice of Consideration of Approval of Transfer of Facility License and Conforming Amendment and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an amendment pursuant to Part 70 to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations approving the transfer of Material License SNM-33 held by ABB C-E Nuclear Power, Inc. ("ABBCENP") as the owner and responsible licensee. The facility is authorized to use Special Nuclear Material (SNM) for research, development, and the fabrication of nuclear fuel pellets and fuel assemblies. The transfer would be to WAC LLC, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels ("BNFL"). The transfer is necessitated by the sale of the nuclear businesses of ABB Ltd. ("ABB") to BNFL. Included in the sale is the transfer to BNFL of all outstanding shares of ABBCENP stock, the United States based nuclear business of ABB. The Commission is also considering amending the license for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer. The facility is located in Festus, Missouri.

According to an application dated March 10, 2000, for approval filed by ABBCENP, a new company "NewCo" (with the formal name of NewCo to be provided later) would assume ownership of the facility. In a subsequent submittal dated March 16, 2000, the new company name was changed from NewCo to WAC LLC. In the March 10 application it stated that there will be no changes affecting the existing health and safety programs; qualifications of safety personnel; equipment and facilities; or any other existing license requirements.

The proposed amendment would replace references to ABBCENP in the license with references to WAC LLC and make other changes for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 70.36, no license granted under the regulations in Part 70

and no right to possess or utilize special nuclear material granted by any license issued pursuant to the regulations in Part 70 shall be transferred, assigned or in any manner disposed of, either voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of any license to any person unless the Commission shall give its prior consent in writing. The Commission will approve an application for the transfer of a license if the Commission determines that the proposed transferee is qualified to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Before issuance of the proposed conforming license amendment, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene, and written comments with regard to the license transfer application, are discussed below.

By April 24, 2000, any person whose interest may be affected by the Commission's action on the application may request a hearing and, if not, the applicant may petition for leave to intervene in a hearing proceeding on the Commission's action. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be filed in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice set forth in Subpart M, "Public Notification, Availability of Documents and Records, Hearing Requests and Procedures for Hearings on License Transfer Applications," of 10 CFR Part 2. In particular, such requests and petitions must comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 2.1306, and should address the considerations contained in 10 CFR 2.1308(a). Untimely requests and petitions may be denied, as provided in 10 CFR 2.1308(b), unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In addition, an untimely request or petition should address the factors that the Commission will also consider, in reviewing untimely requests or petitions, set forth in 10 CFR 2.1308(b)(1)-(2).

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene should be served upon: Mr. Robert S. Bell, Jr., Esq., Vice President and General Counsel, ABB C-E Nuclear Power, Inc.; 2000 Day Hill Road, Mail Stop 9515-426; Windsor, CT 06095; the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 (e-mail address for filings regarding license transfer

cases only: [OGCLT@NRC.gov](mailto:OGCLT@NRC.gov)); and the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1313.

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A Notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

As an alternative to requests for hearing and petitions to intervene, by May 4, 2000, persons may submit written comments regarding the license transfer application, as provided for in 10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of the **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated March 10, 2000, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 29th day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Charles Emeigh,**

*Section Chief, Licensing Section, Licensing and International Safeguards Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370]

#### Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its April 5, 1999, application for proposed amendment to Facility