

Appendix G, footnote 2 to Table 1, "Pressure and Temperature Requirements for the Reactor Pressure Vessel," for the SQN.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated September 6, 2002, as supplemented on December 19, 2002, March 28, June 24, September 3, October 22, and December 18, 2003. The supplemental letters provided clarifying information that did not expand the scope of the original request.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The licensee's exemption request was made in support of an associated licensing action, submitted in the same letter, to adopt a Pressure-Temperature Limit Report for SQN, Units 1 and 2. Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR allows licensees to apply for an exemption from the requirements of Part 50 if, (1) the exemption will not present an undue risk to the protection of public health and safety and common defense and security and (2) the application of the regulation in the particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. The licensee has stated that compliance with the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) flange minimum temperature requirements of Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 is not necessary to meet the underlying purpose of the rule (*i.e.*, to provide adequate margins of safety with regard to pressure boundary integrity for any condition of normal operation for the service life of the RPV).

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption described above would continue to satisfy the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.68(b)(1). The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided with the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact.

Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 dated February 13, 1974.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On April 28, 2004, the staff consulted with the Tennessee State official, Elizebeth Flannagin of the Tennessee Bureau of Radiological Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated September 6, 2002, as supplemented on December 19, 2002, March 28, June 24, September 3, October 22, and December 18, 2003. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or

301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of June, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: SF 2802 and SF 2802A

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. SF 2802, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (Civil Service Retirement System) is used to support the payment of monies from the Retirement Fund. It identifies the applicant for refund of retirement contributions. SF 2802A, Current/Former Spouse's Notification of Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions, is used to comply with the legal requirement that any spouse or former spouse of the applicant has been notified that the former employee is applying for a refund.

Approximately 3,741 SF 2802 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately one hour to complete the form. The annual burden is 3,741 hours. Approximately 3,389 SF 2802A forms are processed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete this form. The annual burden is 847 hours. The total annual burden is 4,588 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received by July 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Group, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of

Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3425, Washington, DC 20415-3660.

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

For Information Regarding

Administrative Coordination—Contact: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection OPM 2809

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for the review of a revised information collection. OPM 2809, Health Benefits Registration Form, is used by annuitants and former spouses to elect, cancel or change health benefits enrollment during periods other than open season.

There are approximately 30,000 changes to health benefits coverage per year. Of these, 20,000 are submitted on form OPM 2809 and 10,000 verbally or in written correspondence. Each form takes approximately 45 minutes to complete; data collection by telephone or mail takes approximately 10 minutes. The annual burden for the form is 15,000 hours; the burden not using the form is 1,667 hours. The total burden is 16,667.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received by August 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Group, Retirement Services Program, Center for Retirement & Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349A, Washington, DC 20415-3540.

For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—Contact: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, Administrative Services Branch, (202) 606-0623.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

June 2, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by June 25, 2004, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at

law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After June 25, 2004, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Northeast Utilities, et al. (70-9755)

Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a registered holding company; Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO"), a wholly owned, direct public-utility company subsidiary of NU, both located at 174 Brush Hill Ave., West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090-0010; Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH"), a wholly owned, direct public-utility company subsidiary of NU; and North Atlantic Energy Corporation ("NAEC"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of NU, both located at Energy Park, 780 North Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03101; Yankee Energy System, Inc. ("YES"), a wholly owned, direct holding company subsidiary of NU that claims exemption under section 3(a)(1) by rule 2; Northeast Utilities Service Company ("NUSCO"), a direct, wholly owned service company subsidiary of NU; The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), a wholly owned, direct public-utility company subsidiary of NU; Northeast Nuclear Energy Company ("NNECO"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility company subsidiary of NU; Yankee Gas Services Company ("Yankee Gas"), a wholly owned, direct public-utility company subsidiary of YES; The Rocky River Realty Company ("RR"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of NU; The Quinnehtuk Company ("Quinnehtuk"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of NU, Properties, Inc. ("Properties"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of PSNH; Yankee Energy Financial Services Company ("Yankee Financial"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of YES; Yankee Energy Services Company ("YESCO"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of YES; NorConn Properties, Inc. ("NorConn"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of YES; NU Enterprises, Inc. ("NUEI"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of NU; Northeast Generation Company ("NGC"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of NUEI; Northeast Generation Services Company ("NGS"), a wholly owned, direct nonutility subsidiary of NUEI; E.S. Boulos Company ("Boulos"), a wholly