

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–325 and 50–324]

Carolina Power & Light Company, Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplement 25 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement Regarding License Renewal for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has published a final plant-specific supplement to the “Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG–1437 for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants”, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR–71 and DPR–62 for an additional 20 years of operation at Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 (BSEP). BSEP is operated by Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L), now doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC). BSEP is located in Brunswick County in southeastern North Carolina, near the mouth of the Cape Fear River. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final Supplement 25, based on (1) The analysis and findings in the GEIS, (2) the CP&L Environmental Report; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff’s own independent review; and (5) the staff’s consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for BSEP are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision makers would be unreasonable. The final Supplement 25 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; a link is provided to access documents through the Internet-Based component of ADAMS. The accession number for the final Supplement 25 to the GEIS is ML060900480. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC’s PDR Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, or 301–415–4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. In addition, the William Madison Randall Library, located at 601 S. College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403, has agreed to

make the final Supplement 25 to the GEIS available for public inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Alicia R. Williamson, Environmental Branch B, Division of License Renewal, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Ms. Williamson may be contacted at 1–800–368–5642, extension 1878 or via e-mail at ARW1@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of April, 2006.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Division Director, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Public Hearing

April 20, 2006.

OPIC’s Sunshine Act notice of its Public Hearing in Conjunction with each Board meeting was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 71, Number 60, Page 15772) March 29, 2006. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC’s public hearing in conjunction with OPIC’s April 27, 2006 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. on April 20, 2006 has been cancelled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336–8438, via facsimile at (202) 218–0136, or via e-mail at cdown@opic.gov.

Dated: April 17, 2006.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17a-8, SEC File No. 270–53, OMB Control No. 3235–0092.

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”) is publishing the following summary of collection for public comment. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

● Rule 17a–8—Financial Recordkeeping and Reporting of Currency and Foreign Transactions.

Rule 17a-8 (17 CFR 240.17a-8) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (the “Act”) requires brokers and dealers to make and keep certain reports and records concerning their currency and monetary instrument transactions. The requirements allow the Commission to ensure that brokers and dealers are in compliance with the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (“Bank Secrecy Act”) and with the Department of the Treasury regulations under that Act.

The reports and records required under this rule initially are required under Department of the Treasury regulations, and additional burden hours and costs are not imposed by this rule.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Comments should be directed to (1) 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, DC, 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: David.Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: April 12, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 8676]
[Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 53641]

Order Approving Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Budget and Annual Accounting Support Fee for Calendar Year 2006

April 13, 2006.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Act”) established the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”) to oversee the audits of public companies and related matters, to protect investors, and to further the public interest in the preparation of informative, accurate and independent audit reports. The PCAOB is to accomplish these goals through registration of public accounting firms and standard setting, inspection, and disciplinary programs. Section 109 of the Act provides that the PCAOB shall establish a reasonable annual accounting support fee, as may be necessary or appropriate to establish and maintain the PCAOB. Section 109(h) amends Section 13(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to pay the allocable share of a reasonable annual accounting support fee or fees, determined in accordance with Section 109 of the Act. Under Section 109(f), the aggregate annual accounting support fee shall not exceed the PCAOB’s aggregate “recoverable budget expenses,” which may include operating, capital and accrued items. Section 109(b) of the Act directs the PCAOB to establish a budget for each fiscal year in accordance with the PCAOB’s internal procedures, subject to approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”).

The PCAOB adopted a budget for calendar year 2006 on November 22, 2005 and submitted it to the Commission for approval on January 24, 2006. In accordance with its responsibilities to oversee the PCAOB, the Commission reviewed the budget proposed by the PCAOB for 2006 and its aggregate accounting support fee for 2006, which will fund the PCAOB’s expenditures.

In an effort to address any issues relating to the PCAOB’s proposed

budget for 2006 before it was approved by the PCAOB and submitted to the Commission for review and approval, the Commission’s review of the PCAOB’s proposed budget for 2006 began in August 2005 with a meeting between Commission and PCAOB staffs to discuss the types of supporting information the Commission would need to begin its review of the PCAOB’s 2006 budget, including questions to be addressed by the PCAOB regarding its proposed budget and accounting support fee. Also, prior to the PCAOB’s final consideration of its 2006 budget estimates and approval of its proposed budget for 2006, the PCAOB board members met, either in person or by phone, with each Commissioner to discuss the PCAOB’s development of a strategic plan and other matters impacting the PCAOB’s budget. In December, shortly after the PCAOB approved its proposed budget for 2006, the PCAOB briefed the Commission staff on its inspection program for 2005 and its plans for 2006 and provided responses to the staff’s questions regarding its inspection program.

Over the course of the Commission’s review, staff from the Commission’s Offices of the Chief Accountant, Executive Director and Information Technology dedicated a substantial amount of time to the review and analysis of the PCAOB’s programs, projects and budget estimates, and attended several meetings with board members, management and staff of the PCAOB to develop an understanding of the PCAOB’s budget and operations. During the course of the Commission’s review, the Commission staff relied upon representations and supporting documentation from the PCAOB.

After considering the above, the Commission did not identify any proposed disbursements in the budget that are not properly recoverable through the annual accounting support fee, and the Commission believes that the aggregate proposed 2006 annual accounting support fee does not exceed the PCAOB’s aggregate recoverable budget expenses for 2006.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission has determined that the PCAOB’s 2006 budget and annual accounting support fee are consistent with Section 109 of the Act. Accordingly,

It is ordered, pursuant to Section 109 of the Act, that the PCAOB budget and annual accounting support fee for calendar year 2006 are approved.

By the Commission.

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 8677]
[Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 53642]

Order Regarding Review of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Support Fee for 2006 Under Section 109 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

April 13, 2006.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Act”) establishes criteria that must be met in order for the accounting standards established by an accounting standard-setting body to be recognized as “generally accepted” for purposes of the federal securities laws. Section 109 of the Act provides that all of the budget of an accounting standard-setting body satisfying these criteria shall be payable from an annual accounting support fee assessed and collected against each issuer, as may be necessary or appropriate to pay for the budget and provide for the expenses of the standard setting body, and to provide for an independent, stable source of funding, subject to review by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”). Under Section 109(f), the annual accounting support fee shall not exceed the amount of the standard setter’s “recoverable budget expenses.” Section 109(h) amends Section 13(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to pay the allocable share of a reasonable annual accounting support fee or fees, determined in accordance with Section 109 of the Act.

On April 25, 2003, the Commission issued a policy statement concluding that the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) and its parent organization, the Financial Accounting Foundation (“FAF”), satisfied the criteria for an accounting standard-setting body under the Act, and recognizing the FASB’s financial accounting and reporting standards as “generally accepted” under Section 108 of the Act.¹ As a consequence of that recognition, the Commission undertook a review of the FASB’s accounting support fee for calendar year 2006. In connection with its review, the Commission also reviewed the proposed

¹ Financial Reporting Release No. 70.