

Effective date for renewal is April 19, 2004. For more information, please contact Susanne Bolton, NSF, at (703) 292-7488.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences: 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: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: April 28-30, 2004.

Time: 1:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2004.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Spence, Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230, Phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for research, education, and human resources development in the geosciences.

Agenda:

Day 1: Directorate Activity Reports; Education and Diversity Subcommittee Meeting.

Day 2: Division Subcommittee Meeting; Future Directorate Initiatives.

Day 3: Planning and Coordination Activities; Intersessional Activities.

Dated: March 31, 2004.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date/Time: May 10, 2004: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11, 2004: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room: 1235 Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Altie Metcalf, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8030.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person list above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities on the polar research community; to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long range planning, and to form ad hoc subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

Agenda: Staff presentations on program updates; discussions of International Polar Year; and planning for 2004 Committee of Visitors.

Dated: March 31, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2004.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 5, 2004

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 5, 2004.

Week of April 12, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Alan Levin, 301-415-6656).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of April 19, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 19, 2004.

Week of April 26, 2004—Tentative

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Week of May 3, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Results of the Agency Action Review Meeting (Public Meeting) (Contact: Bob Pascarelli, 301-415-1245).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

1:30 p.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

Week of May 10, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Office of International Programs (OIP) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Ed Baker, 301-415-2344).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.nrc.gov.

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Dave Gamberoni, (301) 415-1651.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 3-0 on March 29, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and section 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2)" be held March 29, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 3-0 on March 30, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and section 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2)" be held March 31, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html.

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schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: April 1, 2004.

Dave Gamberoni,

Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27826]

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

March 31, 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 April 26, 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 April 26, 2004, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Alliant Energy Corporation (70-10207)

Notice of Proposal to Amend Articles of Incorporation; Order Authorizing the Solicitation of Proxies

Alliant Energy Corporation ("Alliant Energy"), a registered holding company, 4902 N. Biltmore Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53718, has filed a declaration ("Declaration") under sections 6(a), 7, and 12(e) of the Act and rules 54, 62, and 65 under the Act.

Alliant Energy requests authority to: (1) Amend its Restated Articles of

Incorporation, as amended ("Restated Articles"), to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock that it may issue; and (2) solicit shareholder consents in connection with that proposed amendment ("Proxy Solicitation") for use at its annual shareholders' meeting ("Annual Meeting"), which is scheduled to take place May 21, 2004.

Alliant Energy is authorized under its Restated Articles to issue 200 million shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Currently, there are only 21,004,131 authorized shares of Alliant Energy available for issuance for future business purposes.¹ Alliant Energy's board of directors has approved for submission to its shareowners at its 2004 Annual Meeting an amendment to the Restated Articles that would increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 200,000,000 to 240,000,000.

Alliant Energy anticipates that it will require in the future a greater number of authorized shares of common stock than is currently available under its Restated Articles to issue new equity to fund its capital expenditure program, including its recently announced domestic regulated generation build-out program. By this Declaration, Alliant Energy is not requesting any new or additional financing authority.

For the proposed amendment to the Restated Articles to be approved, the number of shareholder votes cast in favor of the proposal must exceed the number of votes cast against it at the Annual Meeting.

Alliant Energy has requested that an order be issued authorizing commencement of the Proxy Solicitation. It appears that, regarding the Proxy Solicitation, the Declaration should be permitted to become effective immediately under rule 62(d).

The proposed transaction is subject to rule 54 under the Act. Rule 54 provides that, in determining whether to approve any transaction that does not relate to an "exempt wholesale generator" ("EWG") or "foreign utility company" ("FUCO"), as defined in sections 32 and 33, respectively, the Commission shall not

¹ As of December 31, 2003, 110,962,910 shares of its common stock were issued and outstanding. In addition, Alliant Energy reserved, as of December 31, 2003, the following number of shares for the purposes specified: 1,914,047 shares were reserved for issuance under the company's Shareowner Direct Plan; 2,433,182 shares were reserved for issuance under the company's Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan; 3,800,000 shares were reserved for issuance under the company's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan; 220,440 shares were reserved for issuance under the company's 401(k) Plan; and 59,665,290 shares were reserved for issuance under the company's Rights Agreement.

consider the effect of the capitalization or earnings of any subsidiary which is an EWG or FUCO upon the registered holding company system if paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of rule 53 are satisfied.

Currently, Alliant Energy does not meet all of the conditions of rule 53(a). As of December 31, 2003, Alliant Energy's "aggregate investment," as defined in rule 53(a)(1), in EWGs and FUCOs was approximately \$517.5 million, or approximately sixty-six percent of Alliant Energy's average "consolidated retained earnings," also as defined in rule 53(a)(1), for the four quarters ended December 31, 2003 (\$784.6 million). Although this exceeds the 50% "safe harbor" limitation contained in rule 53(a), it is within the investment limit previously authorized by the Commission. See Holding Company Act Release No. 27448 (October 3, 2001) ("EWG/FUCO Order") (authorizing Alliant Energy to increase its "aggregate investment" in EWGs and FUCOs to an amount equal to 100% of its average consolidated retained earnings). Alliant Energy satisfies all of the other conditions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of rule 53, and none of the adverse conditions specified in rule 53(b) exist.

Since September 30, 2001, the end of the quarterly period immediately preceding the issuance of the EWG/FUCO Order, Alliant Energy has experienced an increase in consolidated common stock equity.² Alliant Energy states that the proposed transactions will have no impact on its consolidated capitalization.

With regard to earnings attributable to its investments in EWGs and FUCOs, Alliant has experienced losses from its portfolio of FUCOs in calendar years 2000, 2001 2002, and 2003 (\$17.7 million, \$25.3 million, and \$26.7 million, respectively). The company's losses on its Brazil investments were unexpectedly large in 2002, resulting primarily from the impact of a decline in currency translation rates, as well as from charges related to recovery of the impacts of electricity rationing in Brazil and other prior costs. Since then, energy demand has increased and several rate increases have been approved. In fiscal year 2003, Alliant Energy's FUCO

² As of December 31, 2003, Alliant Energy's consolidated capitalization consisted of 47.5% common equity, 4.9% preferred stock, 43.6% long-term debt (including variable rate demand bonds classified as current), and 4.0% short-term debt (including current maturities of long-term debt); as of September 30, 2001, its consolidated capitalization consisted of 36.3% common equity, 2.6% preferred stock, 51.2% long-term debt (including variable rate demand bonds classified as current), and 9.9% short-term debt (including current maturities of long-term debt).