

wishes to adopt a contention proposed by another requester/petitioner must do so in writing within ten days of the date the contention is filed, and designate a representative who shall have the authority to act for the requester/petitioner.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.309 (g), a request for hearing and/or petition for leave to intervene may also address the selection of the hearing procedures, taking into account the provisions of 10 CFR 2.310.

### I. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the applications for renewals and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this Notice are: ML040630549, which contains Xcel Energy's February 17, 2004 application for license amendment and the DP for the Pathfinder Site; ML041910319, which contains the July 16, 2004 NRC acceptance review letter; ML041900197, which contains Attachment 1-4 to the Characterization Survey Report; and ML041960307, which contains the Final Status Survey design for the Pathfinder site. 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 by telephone at (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737, or by email to [hdr@nrc.gov](mailto:hdr@nrc.gov). These documents may also be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (First Floor), Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. Xcel Energy's amendment request and Pathfinder DP may also be examined at the Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. To view this information at the Siouxland Libraries, request access to the "Pathfinder Decommissioning Plan" prepared by Xcel Energy, dated February 2004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of July, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Daniel M. Gillen,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Postponed

The meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena scheduled to be held on August 17-18, 2004 in Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland has been postponed at the request of the NRC staff due to delays in the completion of certain technical reviews. Notice of this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, July 26, 2004 (69 FR 44553). Rescheduling of this meeting will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice.

For further information contact: Mr. Ralph Caruso, cognizant ACRS staff engineer (telephone 301-415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (ET) or by e-mail [rxr@nrc.gov](mailto:rxr@nrc.gov).

Dated: July 28, 2004.

**Michael R. Snodderly,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### NUREG-1792, Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA), Draft Report for Comment

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft NUREG-1792 "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA) for comment, and notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the availability of and is seeking comments on NUREG-1792, "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA), Draft Report for Public Comment."

**DATES:** Comments on this document should be submitted by October 4, 2004.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. To ensure efficient and complete comment resolution, comments should include references to the section, page, and line numbers of the document to which the comment applies, if possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit written comments to Michael Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments attention to Michael Lesar, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be sent electronically to [NRCREP@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCREP@nrc.gov).

This document is available at the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under Accession No. ML041980358; on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/docs4comment>; and at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205; fax (301) 415-3548; e-mail [PDR@NRC.GOV](mailto:PDR@NRC.GOV).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### NUREG-1792, "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA), Draft Report for Comment"

The purpose of Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA) Draft Report for Comment is to provide guidance for performing HRA and reviewing HRAs to assess the quality of analyses. This report supports the NRC's activities for addressing probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) quality issues and supports the implementation of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.200, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results For Risk-Informed Activities."

The HRA good practices described in NUREG-1792 are generic; that is, they

are not tied to any specific methods or tools that could be used for doing HRAs. The document provides guidance for implementing the RG 1.200 when performing a Level 1 and a limited Level 2 PRA for internal events (excluding fire) with the reactor at full power. The good practices are directly linked to RG 1.200, which reflects and endorses, with certain clarifications and substitutions, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standard RA-Sa-2003, "Addenda to ASME Standard for Probabilistic Risk Assessment for Nuclear Power Plant Applications," and Revision A3 of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) document "Probabilistic Risk (PRA) Peer Review Process Guidance" (NEI-00-02).

The NRC will hold a public meeting on August 16, 2004, at the NRC headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-10A1 (8:30 am—5 pm, preliminary agenda attached). The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the HRA good practices and to allow stakeholders to address issues needing clarification. The NRC is not soliciting comments on the draft NUREG as part of this meeting. Public comments on the draft NUREG can be provided as discussed above.

The NRC is seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing this document is available to the NRC staff. This document is issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. The NRC will review public comments received on the document, incorporate suggested changes as necessary, and issue the final NUREG-1792 for use.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 28th day of July 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Charles Ader,**  
*Director, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

#### Attachment

*Public Meeting on NUREG-1792: "Good Practices for Implementing Human Reliability Analysis (HRA), Draft Report for Comment"*

U.S. NRC Headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, Room T-10A1  
August 16, 2004

Preliminary Agenda

Time and Topic

9 to 9:15 a.m.—Introduction and Overview of HRA Good Practices  
9:15 to 9:30 a.m.—General HRA Good Practices  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.—Post-Initiator Human Events  
10:30 a.m.—to 10:45 a.m.—BREAK

10:45 a.m.—to 11:45 a.m.—Post-Initiator Human Events (continued)  
11:45 to 1 p.m.—LUNCH  
1 to 2:45 p.m.—Pre-Initiator Human Events  
2:45 to 3 p.m.—BREAK  
3 to 3:45 p.m.—Errors of Commission  
3:45 to 4:30 p.m.—HRA Documentation  
4:30 to 5 p.m.—Wrap-up

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER:** Citation of Previous Announcement:

[69 FR 45856, July 30, 2004].

**STATUS:** Closed Meeting.

**PLACE:** 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEETING:** Additional meeting.

A Closed Meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2004 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matter may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(5), (7), (9) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(5), (7), 9(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Goldschmid, as duty officer, voted to consider the item listed for the closed meeting in a closed session, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2004 will be:

Institution and settlement of an administrative proceeding of an enforcement nature; and

Settlement of an injunctive action;

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27879]

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

July 29, 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 August 23, 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 August 23, 2004, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### Columbia Energy Group (70-9421)

Columbia Energy Group ("Columbia Energy"), a registered holding company, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc., also a registered holding company, of 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410, and Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., ("Columbia Ohio") a wholly-owned public utility subsidiary of Columbia Energy, of 200 Civic Center Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43215, (Columbia Energy and Columbia Ohio together referred to as "Columbia"), have filed with the Commission a post-effective amendment ("Amendment") to an application-declaration previously filed under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, and 12(b) of the Act and rules 45 and 54 under the Act.

Columbia Energy's public utility subsidiaries are Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc., Columbia Ohio,