

submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title: Impact of Industry-Engineering Research Center (ERC) Interaction and Effectiveness of ERC-Trained Industrially Employed Engineers.

OMB Control Number: 3145-0153.

Summary of Collection

Proposed Project: NSF's Directorate for Engineering established the Engineering Research Center (ERC) Program in 1985 to address concerns of industry regarding declining U.S. industrial competitiveness. The mission of the Program as defined by the National Academy of Engineering was to strengthen competitiveness by bringing new approaches and goals to academic engineering research and education, and by forging vital new links between universities and industry. The proposed study repeats one

conducted when the Program was 10 years old, which studied the outcomes and impacts of ERC involvement upon firms involved with first generation centers. The report study would involve firms formally participating with the eight second-generation centers, which were initiated from FY 1994-96. Data will be collected from the representatives to the ERCs of these firms. Data will NOT be used to evaluate individual centers, but, rather, to study the Program's on-going as a whole.

Use of the Information: The resulting information will be used to identify program-wide patterns of outcomes and impacts on organizations that are members of ERCs. Results will be used for continuous program performance improvement and external reporting, e.g., for the Government Performance and Results Act.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Form: One.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 291.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 146 hours.

Frequency of Responses: One time.

Dated: February 4, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 72, Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste (3150-0132).

3. *The form number if applicable:* NA.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur; submittal of reports varies from less than one per year under some rule sections to up to an average of about 100 per year under other rule sections. Applications for new licenses, certificates of compliance (CoCs), and amendments may be submitted at any time; applications for renewal of licenses would be required every 20 years for an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) and every 40 years for a Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) facility. Application for renewal of a CoC would be required every 20 years.

5. *Who is required or asked to report:* Certificate holders of casks for the storage of spent fuel, licensees and applicants for a license to possess power reactor spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in an ISFSI, and the Department of Energy for licenses to receive, transfer, package and possess power reactor spent fuel, high-level waste, and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel and high-level waste storage in an MRS.

6. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 201.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 33.

8. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 41,283 hours (27,777 hours for reporting plus 13,506 hours for recordkeeping) or approximately 1,251 hours per respondent.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* NA

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 72 establishes requirements, procedures, and criteria for the issuance of licenses to receive, transfer, and possess power reactor spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in an ISFSI, and requirements for the issuance of licenses to the Department of Energy to receive, transfer, package, and possess power reactor spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste, and other associated radioactive materials, in an MRS. The information in the applications, reports and records is used by NRC to make licensing and other regulatory determinations. The revised estimate of burden reflects and increase primarily because of live rulemakings completed (and approved by OMB) since the last

extension and an increase in the number of licensees.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by March 11, 2002. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Bryon Allen, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0132), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of January 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Budget Analysis Branch; Final Sequestration Report

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Budget Analysis Branch.

ACTION: Notice of transmittal of the Final Sequestration Report for fiscal year 2002 to the President and Congress.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 254(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985, as amended, the Office of Management and Budget hereby reports that it has submitted its Final Sequestration Report for fiscal year 2002 to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Lee, Budget Analysis Branch—202/395-3674.

Dated: January 31, 2002.

Cynthia A. Christian,

Assistant Director for Administration.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27491]

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

February 1, 2002.

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 February 26, 2002, 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 February 26, 2002, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Ameren Corporation, et al.

[70-9965]

Ameren Corporation ("Ameren"), a registered holding company, and its direct and indirect wholly owned nonutility subsidiaries, Union Electric Development Corporation ("UEDC") and CIPSCO Investment Company ("CIC"),¹ all located at 1901 Chouteau

¹ Ameren's public utility subsidiaries are Union Electric Company and Central Illinois Public Service Company, which together serve approximately 1.5 million electric and 300,000 retail gas customers in portions of Missouri and Illinois, including St. Louis.

Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, have filed an application ("Application") under section 9(c)(3) of the Act.

Ameren, through UEDC and CIC, or one or more other nonutility subsidiaries formed specifically for this purpose, requests authority to invest up to \$125 million in total from time to time through December 31, 2006 in existing or new low income housing tax credit ("LIHTC") projects, historic building or other qualified rehabilitated building projects, and/or "brownfield" remediation projects ("Tax Credit Projects") that qualify or are expected to qualify for Federal and/or State tax credits.² Ameren will not take any active role in the development, management or operation of any Tax Credit Project and will not acquire any interest in any venture holding a Tax Credit Project if, as a result, the venture would become an "affiliate" of Ameren as defined under section 2(a)(11) of the Act. Ameren and its subsidiaries will, however, conduct appropriate due diligence activities in connection with making investments and manage the investments in order to protect the tax credits that each Tax Credit Project is entitled to and to assure that the physical properties are properly maintained. These activities will include reviewing and analyzing financial statements generated by the general partners, the managing member, or third-party property manager against the approved budget for the investments and conducting due diligence assessments to determine that the properties remain in compliance with the provisions of all applicable Federal and State regulations. Investment management in this context may also include on site inspections to determine that the physical structures and grounds are maintained as quality affordable housing. Accordingly, Ameren will invest in ventures as a limited partner in one or more limited partnerships and/or as a non-member in one or more LLCs, with rights that are substantially the same as rights typically accorded limited partners under limited partnership statutes.

The applicants state that, in general, a separate limited partnership or manager-managed LLC would be

² As of December 31, 2000, Ameren, through UEDC and CIC, held passive investments totaling \$6,923,708 in various separate limited partnerships or limited liability companies (LLCs) that own or manage low-income housing properties. In a 1997 merger order, the Commission directed Ameren to sell or reduce its ownership in certain low income housing tax credits properties held through investments in manager-managed LLCs to below 5%. By order dated June 27, 2001 (HCR No. 27421), the Commission subsequently eliminated this requirement.