

the Arts will be held on January 22–23, 2004. The panel will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on January 22nd and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 23rd in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting will be open to the public on a space available basis. Topics will include review of the State Partnership Agreement applications, discussion of guidelines and policy issues, and other business as necessary.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY–TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: December 11, 2003.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–348 and 50–364]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Alabama Power Company, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its December 3, 2003, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–2 and NPF–8 for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Houston County, Alabama.

The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specifications to extend the completion time for the 1C Emergency Diesel

Generator from 10 days to 13 days. This change would have allowed the continued operation of Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 with the inoperable diesel generator until December 13, 2003.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Dothan Eagle* newspaper on December 5 and 6, 2003. However, by letter dated December 9, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 3, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated December 9, 2003, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (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 by telephone at 1–800–397–4209, or 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of December 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sean E. Peters,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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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 3 and Form U–3A3–1, SEC File No. 270–77, OMB Control No. 3235–0160.

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 soliciting comments

on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form U–3A3–1, Part 259.403 [17 CFR 259.403] under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (“Act”), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, is an application for exemption from regulation, under Rule 3 of the Act, filed annually by banks that are incidentally public utility holding companies by virtue of holding utility securities in their capacity as a bank.

Rule 3 requires the information collection prescribed by Form U–3A3–1. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and record keeping burden of collections for Form U–3A3–1 is 10 hours (5 responses × 2 hours = 10 hours).

The estimate of average burden hours are made for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or representative survey or study of the costs of complying with the requirements of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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