

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, August 11, 2008, at 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room M–07 at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. McDonald, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606–8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606–8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting of the Humanities Panel is to solicit and collect advice and comments on the Endowment's EDSITEMent program. EDSITEMent is an online educational partnership between the Endowment and the Verizon foundation, Thinkfinity.org and can be accessed at <http://edsitement.neh.gov/>. The meeting is open to the public. A 10-minute time slot is reserved for public comments at the end of the meeting.

Michael P. McDonald,
Advisory Committee Management Officer.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Request for Public Comment on Use of Cost Sharing in National Science Foundation-Funded Activities

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: On August 9, 2007, the America COMPETES Act directed the National Science Board (Board) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to “evaluate the impact of its [2004] policy to eliminate cost sharing for research grants and cooperative agreements for existing programs that were developed around industry partnerships and historically required industry cost sharing, such as the Engineering Research Centers [ERCs] and Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers [I/UCRCs].” The Act directed that the Board “also consider the impact that the cost sharing policy has on initiating new programs for which industry interest and participation are sought.”

In fall 2007, the Board charged a Task Force on Cost Sharing to evaluate the

impacts of its 2004 policy on the ERC and I/UCRC programs and also on the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), another NSF program with capacity-building goals. On February 8, 2008, the Board issued a report to Congress containing several recommendations regarding mandatory cost sharing policy at NSF (http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/rprt_congress_cs_policy.pdf). The Board is continuing its study, focusing now on voluntary cost sharing and the impact of both mandatory and voluntary cost sharing on broadening the participation of traditionally underrepresented groups and organizations in federally sponsored research. The Board's intent is to release a second, more comprehensive report on NSF cost sharing policy in early 2009. Qualitative input from the research community for this report will be drawn in part from responses to this notice and from two public roundtable discussions held in Arlington, VA on July 9 and 10, 2008.

The Board is soliciting public comment regarding community experiences in cost sharing with emphasis on the following: (1) The relationship between cost sharing and NSF program goals; (2) the relationship between cost sharing and institutional competitiveness in NSF grant funding; (3) the role of cost sharing in the NSF merit review process; (4) the importance of types, sources, and timing of voluntary cost sharing; (5) effort associated with tracking and reporting cost-shared resources; (6) the relationship between cost sharing and institutional strategic investment; (7) options for ensuring equity in NSF grant funding when cost sharing is either required or volunteered; (8) research resources from state providers; and (9) research resources from industry providers.

Full text of questions can be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/committees/cs/comment.jsp>. Additional background material about the Task Force can be found at http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/committees/tskforce_cs.jsp.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jennifer Richards, Executive Secretary, Task Force on Cost Sharing, National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1220, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone (703) 292–7000; FAX (703) 292–9008; e-mail nsbcostsharing@nsf.gov. Due to potential delays in NSF's receipt and

processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that comments mailed will be received before the comment closing date. Please include “Cost Sharing” in the subject line of the e-mail message, and your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of the e-mail message. Please also include the full body of your comments in the text of the e-mail message and as an attachment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Richards at the addresses noted above.

Ann Ferrante,
Writer-Editor, National Science Board Office.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52–027 and 52–028]

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company as Itself and Acting as Agent for the South Carolina Public Service Company (Also Referred to as Santee Cooper) Acceptance for Docketing of an Application for Combined License for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station Units 2 and 3

By letter dated March 27, 2008, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G), acting for itself and as an agent for South Carolina Public Service Company (also referred to as Santee Cooper) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors in accordance with the requirements contained in 10 CFR 52, “Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” These reactors will be identified as Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3 and located on the existing VCSNS site in Fairfield County, South Carolina. A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 39339) on July 9, 2008.

The NRC staff has determined that VCSNS has submitted information in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, “Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders,” and 10 CFR Part 52 that is acceptable for docketing. The docket numbers established for the VCSNS Units 2 and

3 COL application are 52-027 and 52-028, respectively.

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the application. Docketing of the application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application. The Commission will conduct a hearing in accordance with Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for NRC Adjudications," of 10 CFR Part 2 and will receive a report on the COL application from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in accordance with 10 CFR 52.87, "Referral to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)." If the Commission finds that the COL application meets the applicable standards of the Atomic Energy Act and the Commission's regulations, and that required notifications to other agencies and bodies have been made, the Commission will issue a COL, in the form and containing conditions and limitations that the Commission finds appropriate and necessary.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, the Commission will also prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.26, and as part of the environmental scoping process, the staff intends to hold a public scoping meeting. Detailed information regarding this meeting will be included in a future **Federal Register** notice.

Finally, the Commission will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of hearing, which will notice the opportunity to petition to intervene.

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 O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 1st day of August 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian Hughes,

Senior Project Manager, AP1000 Projects Branch 1, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of New Reactors;

Interim Staff Guidance on Evaluation and Acceptance Criteria for 10 CFR 20.1406 to Support Design Certification and Combined License Applications

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DC/COL-ISG-06 (ADAMS Accession No. ML081850160). This ISG is to clarify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) position on what is an acceptable level of detail and content for demonstrating compliance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 20.1406 (10 CFR 20.1406). Regulatory Guide (RG) 4.21, "Minimization of Contamination and Waste Generation: Life Cycle Planning," provides an acceptable method of demonstrating compliance. This ISG provides further clarification on the evaluation and acceptance criteria that will be used by NRC staff in reaching a reasonable assurance finding that a Design Certification (DC) or Combined License (COL) applicant has complied with the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1406. The NRC staff issues DC/COL-ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of the current staff guidance and to facilitate activities associated with review of applications for DC and COLs by the Office of New Reactors. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved DC/COL-ISG-006 into the next revision of the Standard Review Plan and related guidance documents.

DATES: Comments must be filed no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001.

Comments should be delivered to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T-6D59, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Persons may also provide comments via e-mail to Timothy J. Frye at timothy.frye@nrc.gov. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <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 Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Timothy J. Frye, Chief, Health Physics Branch, Division of Construction, Inspection, & Operational Programs, Office of the New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-3900 or e-mail at timothy.frye@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/>).

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the proposed COL/DC-ISG-006. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed COL/DC-ISG-006.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
William D. Reckley,

Branch Chief, Rulemaking, Guidance and Advanced Reactors Branch, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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DATES: Weeks of August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2008.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of August 4, 2008

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 4, 2008.