

analysis issue task force. As part of this task force's efforts, a series of cable fire tests were performed. The results of these tests were reviewed by a panel of technical experts and their work was assembled by a technical integrator into a coherent overall evaluation. The final report, "Spurious Actuation of Electrical Circuits Due to Cable Fires: Results of an Expert Elicitation," was issued by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in May 2002 (Report No. 1006961). EPRI also developed a document titled, "Characterization of Fire-Induced Circuit Faults, Results of Cable Fire Testing," December 2002 (Report No. 1003326), that provides the results of the EPRI/NEI initiative examining circuit failures. These EPRI reports are EPRI Licensed Material and are available through EPRI, www.epri.com. (a fee may be applicable).

NEI has also been preparing a guidance document for a risk based evaluation method as part of the industry initiative. This document is currently in Draft Revision D, NEI 00-01, "Guidance for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown Analysis, 10/15/2002" (ADAMS Accession No. ML023010376).

The NRC has contracted with Brookhaven National Laboratory to develop a NUREG/CR that will assemble all NRC positions concerning post-fire safe-shutdown circuit analysis into one source document. A preliminary draft copy is being made available for purposes of this meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML023430533). The NUREG/CR will also identify successful strategies used by licensees and identify how risk-informed techniques can be used to inspect this program area.

The purpose of this workshop is to identify: (1) The most risk significant associated circuit configurations for inspection so the Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) EGM-98-002 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003710123) may be withdrawn and inspections resumed in a risk-informed manner, (2) other associated circuit configurations that require further research before focusing inspection in these areas, and (3) the least risk significant associated circuit configurations so that inspection resources will not be expended on low risk/small consequence items. The meeting may gather other information and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns and to provide advice.

The facilitated workshop will be conducted in a "roundtable" format to encourage a dialogue on the safe shutdown circuit analysis issues among the broad spectrum of stakeholders affected by and concerned about these issues. To have a manageable

discussion, the number of participants around the table will, of necessity, be limited. Other members of the public are welcome to attend, and will be given the opportunity to comment on each agenda item to be discussed by the roundtable participants. All questions regarding participation should be directed to the workshop facilitator, Francis "Chip" Cameron by phone at 301-415-1642 or e-mail fxc@nrc.gov.

If participants need to provide more detailed explanations than time in the workshop permits, written comments may be delivered before or up to 10 days after the workshop to Joseph Birmingham, MS 11F1, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail to jlb4@nrc.gov for consideration by the NRC staff.

All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and from the Public Access Record System (PARS) component of ADAMS.

Persons may pre-register to attend the facilitated workshop by contacting Joseph Birmingham (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Individual oral comments will be limited by the time available and at the discretion of the facilitator. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Birmingham's attention no later than February 1, 2003, to provide the NRC time to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may register to attend or present oral comments at this workshop by contacting Mr. Birmingham, no later than January 15, 2003. Those who wish to make comments may also register outside the Public Meeting Room within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Participants who do not have adequate time to fully express their views during the workshop may submit written comments to Mr. Birmingham up to 10 days following the meeting.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of December 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Notice of Meeting

Board Meeting: January 28, 2003—Las Vegas, Nevada: The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a meeting to discuss DOE technical and scientific activities related to the proposed development of a repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste disposal at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Issues to be discussed include the Yucca Mountain science program, materials testing, and barrier analyses.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, to discuss U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) technical and scientific activities related to a proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The meeting is open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The Board meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel; 4255 South Paradise Road; Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. The telephone number is (702) 369-4400; the fax number is (702) 369-4330. The meeting will start at 8 a.m.

Following the call to order and introductory statements, a general overview of the DOE program and a briefing on the Yucca Mountain project will be presented. The DOE will then discuss its plans related to operating a waste management system, including waste acceptance, packaging, transportation, repackaging, and emplacement. This presentation will be followed by an update on the DOE's science and engineering activities. After lunch, a contractor for the State of Nevada will present a status report on state-sponsored corrosion studies, and the DOE will update the Board on its materials testing activities, followed by a presentation on waste package

manufacturing and closure welds. That presentation will be followed by discussions of barrier analyses.

Two public comment periods have been scheduled: a short period just before lunch for those who are unable to attend the entire meeting and a second session at the end of the day. Those wanting to speak during the public comment periods are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at <http://www.nwtrb.gov>. Beginning on March 2, 2003, transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board staff.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza. Reservations must be made by January 10, 2003, to obtain the meeting rate. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact the NWTRB; Karyn Severson, External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; telephone 703-235-4473; fax 703-235-4495; or by "contact form" at <http://www.nwtrb.gov>.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board's purpose is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for permanently disposing of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

William D. Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

December 20, 2002.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of December, 2002. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on January 16, 2003, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0506.

Principal Partners LargeCap Growth Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-9757], Principal European Equity Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-9801], Principal Pacific Basin Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-9803]

Summary: Each applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. By October 31, 2002, each applicant had transferred its assets to Principal International Fund, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$42,721, \$3,314 and \$3,314, respectively, incurred in connection with the reorganizations and were paid by Principal Management Corporation, investment adviser to each applicant.

Filing Date: The applications were filed on November 22, 2002, and amended on December 17, 2002.

Applicants' Address: The Principal Financial Group, 711 High St., Des Moines, IA 50392-0200.

Stockback Fund [File No. 811-9587]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 16, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$11,450 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Stockback Holdings, Inc. on behalf of Stockback Advisers, LLC, applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 18, 2002, and amended on December 13, 2002.

Applicant's Address: 11 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

Waddell & Reed Advisors Municipal Money Market Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-10137]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On May 2, 2002, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$15,590 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Waddell & Reed, Inc., applicant's underwriter and distributor.

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 26, 2002.

Applicant's Address: 6300 Lamar Ave., Overland Park, KS 66202.

FirstMerit Funds [File No. 811-6224]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 16, 2002, applicant transferred its assets to Federated Capital Appreciation Fund and Automated Government Cash Reserves, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the reorganization.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 5, 2002, and amended on December 6, 2002.

Applicant's Address: Federated Investors Tower, 5800 Corporate Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15237-7010.

LMCG Funds [File No. 811-10069]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 29, 2002, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$5,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Lee Munder Investments Ltd., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 19, 2002.

Applicant's Address: 60 State St., Suite 1300, Boston, MA 02109.