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Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM).

Title of Collection: Information Collection Plan for GovBenefits Online.

OMB Control Number: 1290-0003.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,345,715.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 6,345,715.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 571,114.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Linda Watts Thomas,

Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Copyright Royalty Board

[Docket No. 2012-1 CRB Business Establishments II]

Determination of Rates and Terms for Business Establishment Services

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice announcing commencement of proceeding with request for Petitions to Participate.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges are announcing the commencement of the proceeding to determine the reasonable rates and terms for the making of an ephemeral recording of a sound recording for a later transmission by entities that transmit performances of a sound recording to business establishments. The Judges also are announcing the date by which a party who wishes to participate in this rate proceeding must file its Petition to Participate and the accompanying \$150 filing fee.

DATES: Petitions to Participate and the filing fee are due no later than February 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: An original, five copies and an electronic copy in Portable Document Format (PDF) on a CD of the Petition to Participate, along with the \$150 filing fee, may be delivered to the

Copyright Royalty Board by either mail or hand delivery. Petitions to Participate and the \$150 filing fee may not be delivered by overnight delivery service other than the U.S. Postal Service Express Mail. If by mail (including overnight delivery), Petitions to Participate and the filing fee must be addressed to: Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024-0977. If hand delivered by a private party, Petitions to Participate and the filing fee must be brought between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to the Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM-401, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559-6000. If delivered by a commercial courier, Petitions to Participate and the filing fee must be delivered between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to the Congressional Courier Acceptance Site, located at 2nd and D Street NE., Washington, DC. The envelope must be addressed to: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-403, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LaKeshia Keys, Program Specialist, by telephone at (202) 707-7658 or email at crb@loc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This Notice is issued pursuant to 17 U.S.C. 804(b)(2), which requires the commencement of proceedings “to determine reasonable terms and rates of royalty payments for the activities described in section 112(e)(1) relating to the limitation on exclusive rights specified by section 114(d)(1)(C)(iv).” Section 112(e)(1) of the Copyright Act, title 17 of the United States Code, authorizes entities that transmit performances of sound recordings to business establishments, pursuant to the limitations set forth in section 114(d)(1)(C)(iv), to make an ephemeral phonorecord of a sound recording for purposes of a later transmission. In accordance with section 804(b)(2) as amended by the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004, the first proceeding was commenced in 2007, 72 FR 584 (January 5, 2007); on March 27, 2008, the Copyright Royalty Judges published regulations that set the rates and terms for the license period 2009–2013. Section 804(b)(2) also requires that such proceedings “shall be repeated in each subsequent fifth calendar year.” Thus, in accordance with section 804(b)(2) of the Copyright Act, the Judges announce the commencement of the proceeding to set

rates and terms for the 2014–2018 license period. Section 803(b)(1)(A)(i)(II) directs the Judges to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice commencing this proceeding by no later than January 5, 2012. Today’s notice fulfills this requirement.

Petitions To Participate

Petitions to Participate must be filed in accordance with § 351.1(b) of the Judges’ regulations. *See* 37 CFR 351.1(b). Petitions to Participate must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. Parties must pay the filing fee with a check or money order made payable to the “Copyright Royalty Board.” If a check received in payment of the filing fee is returned for lack of sufficient funds, the corresponding Petition to Participate will be dismissed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 350.2 (Representation), only attorneys who are members of the bar in one or more states or the District of Columbia and in good standing will be allowed to represent parties before the Copyright Royalty Judges, unless a party is an individual who represents himself or herself.

Dated: December 28, 2011.

Stanley C. Wisniewski,

U.S. Copyright Royalty Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-213, 72-39; License No. DPR-61; NRC-2011-0158]

In the Matter of Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company; Northeast Utilities; NSTAR (Haddam Neck Plant); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Merger

I

Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (Connecticut Yankee or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-61, which authorizes possession, use, and operation of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at the Haddam Neck Plant. The facility is located at the licensee’s site in Haddam, Connecticut.

II

By application dated December 6, 2010, as supplemented on March 16, May 16, June 8, August 16, August 24, and August 25, 2011 (together, the “application”), Connecticut Yankee notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) of the pending merger of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR (each current

indirect minority co-owners of 49 percent and 14 percent, respectively, of Connecticut Yankee) and requested that, pursuant to Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.80, the NRC consent to the indirect transfer of control of License No. DPR-61 for the Haddam Neck Plant, to the extent effected by the pending merger of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR.

The increase in ownership by Northeast Utilities of Connecticut Yankee would be the result of several transactions to be executed pursuant to a Merger Agreement, dated October 16, 2010, as amended on November 1, 2010, among Northeast Utilities, NSTAR and certain subsidiaries of Northeast Utilities. The transactions involve mergers of NSTAR and special-purpose subsidiaries of Northeast Utilities, which will result in NSTAR merging into a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities and becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northeast Utilities. This subsidiary will be renamed "NSTAR LLC." The corporate organizational and ownership structure of all the other subsidiaries of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR will not be affected by the merger—those subsidiaries that are currently owned by Northeast Utilities will continue to be owned by Northeast Utilities and in the same ownership percentage after the merger, and those that are currently owned by NSTAR will be owned by the renamed entity, NSTAR LLC, and in the same ownership percentage after the merger as before the merger.

Following the proposed merger, Northeast Utilities, the surviving company, will have an indirect ownership of 63 percent of Connecticut Yankee through its subsidiaries, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and NSTAR Electric Company. Connecticut Yankee will continue to operate the facility and hold the license.

No physical changes to the Haddam Neck Plant facility or operational changes are being proposed in the application.

Approval of the transfer of the license is requested by the applicant pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of the request for license transfer, opportunity to comment, and opportunity to request a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2011 (76 FR 41530). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be

transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed indirect transfer of control of the subject license, to the extent which will result from the proposed merger of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR, will not affect the technical or financial qualifications of the licensee and is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and Orders issued by the NRC, pursuant thereto, subject to the condition set forth below.

The findings set forth above are supported by the NRC staff's safety evaluation (SE) dated December 20, 2011.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the AEA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application regarding the indirect license transfer related to the proposed merger of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR, as described herein, is approved, subject to the following condition:

Within thirty (30) days following consummation of the proposed merger, Northeast Utilities, via its post-merger subsidiaries, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, and NSTAR Electric Company, who together will exercise majority control, will call for votes directing that Connecticut Yankee approve a negotiation action plan consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.38 and implement said plan within 30 days of the vote, and directing that records of the votes, reflecting the vote of each representative and the stock holder company represented, be forwarded to the NRC within seven (7) days of the vote, and be made available to the public.

It is further ordered that Connecticut Yankee shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, in writing, of the date of closing of the merger between Northeast Utilities and NSTAR at least one business day before the closing. Should the transfer of the license not be completed within one year of this Order's date of issuance, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, that upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by Order.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated December 6, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML103490133), as supplemented by letters dated on March 16 (ML110770022), May 16 (ML11139A088), June 8 (ML11166A124), August 16 (ML11235A723), August 24 (ML11243A087), and August 25, 2011 (ML112490526), and the SE dated December 20, 2011 (ML113270127), which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21 (First Floor), Rockville, Maryland, and accessible electronically from the 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 email at pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of December, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Daniel H. Dorman,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-029, 72-31; NRC-2011-0159; License No. DPR-3]

In the Matter of Yankee Atomic Electric Company; Northeast Utilities; NSTAR (Yankee Nuclear Power Station); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Merger

I

Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Atomic or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-3, which authorizes possession, use, and operation of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at the Yankee Nuclear Power Station. The facility is located at the licensee's site in Rowe, Massachusetts.

II

By application dated December 6, 2010, as supplemented on March 16, May 16, June 8, August 16, August 24, and August 25, 2011 (together, the