includes the control number assigned to each schedule, and briefly describes the records proposed for disposal. The records schedule contains additional information about the records and their disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of the Air Force (N1– AFU–96–7). Medical waste management records at medical treatment facilities and base civil engineer offices.

2. Department of the Air Force (N1– AFU–97–4). Implant device and/or medical equipment log/database proposed for long-term retention.

3. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office (N1–241–96–5). Updated Chapter of a comprehensive schedule, covering records of the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and related program offices.

4. Department of Health and Human Services (N1–468–97–1). Pre-grant clearance files of the Office for Civil Rights.

5. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs (N1–59–97–10). Immigrant Control and Reporting System (ICARS) maintained by Visa Services.

6. Department of State, All Foreign Service Posts (N1–84–97–4). Diversity Visa Applicant System (DVACS).

7. U.S. Agency for International Development, Europe and New Independent States (N1–286–96–3). Routine, facilitative, and duplicative records.

8. Bonneville Power Administration (N1–305–96–2). Records covering billing source data.

9. General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service (N1–137–97–1 through 6). Electronic records relating to sales, transportation, and supplies.

10. Panama Canal Commission (N1– 185–96–2). Marine Traffic Control and Ship Data Bank electronic systems.

11. Panama Canal Commission (N1– 185–97–1). Communications and mail management records.

12. Susquehanna River Basin Commission (N1–220–96–11). Budget justifications, working papers to reports and comprehensive plans, and subject and intergovernmental affairs files.

13. United States Information Agency, Office of Research N1–306–96–3). Routine, facilitative, and duplicative records of the Office of Research and predecessor units. Policy records scheduled as permanent. Dated: December 30, 1996. James W. Moore, Assistant Archivist for Records Administration. [FR Doc. 96–33109 Filed 12–30–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7515–01–M

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-331]

IES Utilities, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application For Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of IES Utilities Inc. (the licensee) to withdraw its January 30, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. 50–331 for the Duane Arnold Energy Center, located in Palo, Iowa.

The proposed amendment would have revised the control rod scram insertion time testing requirements in the plant Technical Specifications.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on February 14, 1996 (61 FR 5814). However, by letter dated February 26, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 30, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated February 26, 1996, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Cedar Rapids Public Library, 500 First Street, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commissions. Glenn B. Kelly, Sr.,

Project Manager, Project Directorate III–3, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the licensee) to withdraw its November 23, 1994, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR–7 for the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3, located in Humboldt County, California.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to liquid radioactive effluent limitations.

The Commission has previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on March 1, 1995 (60 FR 11139). However, by letter dated December 9, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated November 23, 1994, and the licensee's letter dated December 9, 1996, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, California 95501.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Richard F. Dudley, Jr.,

Senior Project Manager, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. [FR Doc. 96–33247 Filed 12–30–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7590–01–P

[Docket No. 50-354]

Public Service Electric & Gas Company and Atlantic City Electric Company (Hope Creek Generating Station); Notice of Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Public Service Electric & Gas and Atlantic City Electric Company, (the licensees) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–57, issued to the licensee for operation of the Hope Creek Generating Station located in Lower Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was not published in the Federal Register.

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Hope Creek Generating Station (HCGS) Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 9.2.5, regarding the Station Service Water System and Ultimate Heat Sink.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated December 24, 1996.

By January 30, 1997, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to M. J. Wetterhahn, Esquire, Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–3502, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated August 30, 1996, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated December 24, 1996.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Pennsville Public Library, 190 S. Broadway, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. John F. Stolz,

Director, Project Directorate I–2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Seeking Qualified Candidates

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for résumés.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking qualified candidates for possible appointment to its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW). One opening is expected on the committee in mid-1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit résumés to: Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL: 1–800– 952–9678. Please refer to

Announcement Number 97–1002. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACNW is a part-time advisory group established by the NRC in 1988 to provide independent technical review and advice on the disposal of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This advice covers activities related to licensing, operation, and closure of high-level and low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities and associated rulemakings, regulatory guides and NRC staff technical

positions. The ACNW also reviews performance assessment evaluations of waste disposal facilities.

The committee interacts with representatives of the NRC, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Department of Energy, other Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian Nations, and private organizations as appropriate.

A wide variety of engineering and scientific skills are needed to conduct the broad-based reviews required in the committee's work. Engineers and scientists are needed with work experience in the high-level and lowlevel radioactive waste disposal programs coupled with broad experience in a pertinent technical field, such as nuclear engineering and technology, nuclear fuel cycle analysis, geoscience, chemistry, and materials science.

Applicants should have a minimum of 20 years' work experience in related fields, or fields that can be applied directly to the work of the committee, including graduate level education. In addition to the length of the work experience, applicants should have achieved a level of distinction in their discipline and must be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to committee business. Most meetings are held in Rockville, Maryland. Some additional travel is required to other sites.

NRC regulations and policies restrict the participation of members in areas where these members have conflicts of interest. The degree to which an individual's participation in ACNW activities will be restricted is considered in the selection progress. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinuance of industry-funded research contracts or grants.

A résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including special accomplishments, professional references, and current address and telephone number should be provided. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States. Applications will be accepted until February 20, 1997.

Dated: December 24, 1996.

Andrew L. Bates, *Advisory Committee Management Officer.* [FR Doc. 96–33246 Filed 12–30–96; 8:45 am]

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Proposed Generic Communication; Degradation of Steam Generator Internals

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to issue a generic letter concerning the degradation of steam generator internals at foreign pressurized-water reactor facilities. The purpose of the proposed generic letter is to (1) re-alert addressees to the previously communicated findings of damage to steam generator internals, namely, tube support plates and tube bundle wrappers, at foreign PWR facilities; (2) emphasize to addressees the importance of performing comprehensive examinations of steam generator internals to ensure steam generator tube structural integrity is maintained in accordance with the requirements of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50; and (3) request all addressees to submit information that will enable the NRC staff to verify whether or not the condition of addressees' steam generator