

extension of the comment period to permit sufficient time to reach consensus on a coordinated industry response. In response to this request, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period.

DATES: The comment period has been extended 30 days and will now expire on May 29, 1998. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSEES: Submit written comments to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T6-D59, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew A. Mitchell (301) 415-3303.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,

Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of April 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 1998.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 13

There are no meetings the week of April 13.

Week of April 20—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of April 20.

Week of April 27—Tentative

Wednesday, April 29

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

Thursday, April 30

9:00 a.m.

Briefing on Investigative Matters (Closed—Ex. 5 and 7)

2:00 p.m.

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2 and 6)

Friday, May 1

8:30 a.m.

Briefing on Selected Issues Related to Proposed Restart of Millstone Unit 3. (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Bill Travers, 301-415-1200) ¹

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1:00 p.m.

(Continuation of Millstone meeting.)

Week of May 4—Tentative

There are no meetings the week of May 4.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 4-0 on March 23, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.104(a)(1) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing by Executive Branch" (Closed—Ex. 1) be held on March 23, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 3-1 on April 3, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.104(a)(1) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Louisiana Energy Services—Review of LBP-96-25 (NEPA Issues); Review of LBP-97-8 (Environmental Justice)" be held on April 3, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an

¹ Note: A follow-on meeting to discuss the remaining issues related to Millstone Unit 3 restart will be held at a later date.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

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William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary, 4/10/98.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Form U-6B-2—File No. 270-169, OMB Control No. 3235-0163

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. Section 79a *et seq.*) requires the filing of an application and/or declaration on Form U-1 for prior Commission approval both for the issue and sale of a security and its acquisition by a company in a registered holding company system.¹ Section 6(b) provides that the Commission shall exempt from the requirement of filing a declaration on Form U-1, by rules and regulations or orders and subject to such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors or consumers, certain security issuances and sales.

Section 6(b) also contains a reporting requirement. It directs the issuer of securities exempted under section 6(b) to file with the Commission within 10 days of the issue or sale a certificate of notification and directs the Commission to prescribe the form of and information required in this certificate. Rule 20(d) prescribes Form U-6B-2 as the form of certificate of notification to be filed pursuant to section 6(b). Form U-6B-2 is also prescribed by rule 52(b) (17 CFR 250.52(b)) and rule 47(b) (17 CFR

¹ See section 6(a) (requiring prior Commission approval under the standards of section 7 for the issue and sale of securities) and section 9(a)(1) (requiring prior Commission approval under the standards of section 10 for the acquisition of securities).

250.47(b)) as the form of certificate of notification to be filed by a public-utility subsidiary company of a registered holding company to notify the Commission of exempt issuances and sales of securities under rules 52 (exemption for certain issuances and sales of securities approved by state commissions) and 47 (exemption for certain issuances and sales of securities to the Rural Electrification Administration). The Commission estimates that approximately 52 respondents file Form U-6B-2 each year for a total annual burden of 52 hours.

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

There is no recordkeeping requirement of this information collection. It is mandatory that qualifying companies provide the information required by the Form U-6B-2. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential because it is public information.

It should be noted that "an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number."

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"), Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB by May 14, 1998.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copy available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Extension

Rules 8b-1 to 8b-32—SEC File No. 270-135, OMB Control No. 3235-0176
Rule 604; Rule 605 and Form 1-E—SEC File No. 270-221, OMB Control No. 3235-0232

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") requests for extension of previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rules under section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Rules 8b-1 to 8b-32 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the Act), [17 CFR 270.8b-1 to 8b-32], are the procedural rules an investment company must follow when preparing and filing a registration statement. These rules were adopted to standardize the mechanics of registration under the Act and to provide more specific guidance for persons registering under the Act than the information contained in the statute. For the most part, these procedural rules do not require the disclosure of information. Two of the rules, however, require limited disclosure of information.¹ The information required by the rules is necessary to ensure that investors have clear and complete information upon which to base an investment decision. The Commission uses the information that investment companies provide on registration statements in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection and policy making roles. The respondents to the collection of information are investment companies filing registration statements under the Act.

The Commission does not estimate separately the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden associated with rules 8b-1 to 8b-32 because the burden associated with these rules are included in the burden estimates the Commission submits for the investment company registration statement forms (e.g., Form N-1A, Form N-2, Form N-3, and Form N-4). For example, a mutual fund that prepares a registration statement on Form N-1A must comply with the rules under section 8(b), including rules on riders, amendments, the form of the registration statement, and the number of copies to be submitted. Because the

¹ Rule 8b-3, 17 CFR 270.8b-3, provides that whenever a registration form requires the title of securities to be stated, the registrant must indicate the type and general character of the securities to be issued. Rule 8b-22, 17 CFR 270.8b-22, provides that if the existence of control is open to reasonable doubt, the registrant may disclaim the existence of control, but it must state the material facts pertinent to the possible existence of control.

fund only incurs a burden from the section 8(b) rules when preparing a registration statement, it would be impractical to measure the compliance burden of these rules separately. The Commission believes that including the burden of the section 8(b) rules with the burden estimates for the investment company registration statement forms provides a more accurate and complete estimate of the total burdens associated with the registration process.

Investment companies seeking to register under the Investment Company Act are required to provide the information specified in rules 8b-1 to -32 if applicable. Responses will not be kept confidential.

Rule 604—Filing of Notification on Form 1-E. Rule 604 of Regulation E [17 CFR 230.604] under the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*] ("Securities Act") requires a small business investment company ("SBIC") or a business development company ("BDC") claiming an exemption from registering its securities under the Securities Act to file a notification with the Commission on Form 1-E.

Rule 605—Filing and Use of the Offering Circular. Rule 605 of Regulation E [17 CFR 230.605] requires an SBIC or BDC claiming an exemption from registering its securities under the Securities Act to file an offering circular with the Commission that must also be provided to persons to whom an offer is made.

Form 1-E—Notification Under Regulation E. Form 1-E is the form that an SBIC or BDC uses to notify the Commission that it is claiming an exemption under Regulation E from registering its securities under the Securities Act. Form 1-E requires an issuer to provide the names and addresses of the issuer, its affiliates, directors, officers, and counsel; a description of events which would make the exemption unavailable; the jurisdiction in which the issuer intends to offer its securities; information about unregistered securities issued or sold by the issuer within one year before filing the notification on Form 1-E; information as to whether the issuer is presently offering or contemplating offering any other securities; and exhibits, including copies of the offering circular and any underwriting contracts.

The Commission uses the information provided in the notification on Form 1-E and the offering circular to determine whether an offering qualifies for the exemption under Regulation E. Each year approximately one issuer files a notification on Form 1-E and an offering circular. The Commission estimates that preparing Form 1-E and