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Background

On August 16, 1995, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a final policy statement on the Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods in Nuclear Regulatory Activities (60 FR 42622). The policy statement included the following policy regarding expanded NRC use of PRA:

- The use of PRA technology should be increased in all regulatory matters to the extent supported by the state of the art in PRA methods and data and in a manner that complements the NRC's deterministic approach and supports the NRC's traditional defense-in-depth philosophy.

- PRA and associated analyses (e.g., sensitivity studies, uncertainty analyses, and importance measures) should be used in regulatory matters, where practical within the bounds of the state of the art, to reduce unnecessary conservatism associated with current regulatory requirements, regulatory guides, license commitments, and staff practices. Where appropriate, PRA should be used to support proposals for additional regulatory requirements in accordance with 10 CFR 50.109 (Backfit Rule). Appropriate procedures for including PRA in the process for changing regulatory requirements should be developed and followed. It is, of course, understood that the intent of this policy is that existing rules and regulations shall be complied with unless these rules and regulations are revised.

- PRA evaluations in support of regulatory decisions should be as realistic as practicable and appropriate

supporting data should be publicly available for review.

- The Commission's safety goals for nuclear power plants and subsidiary numerical objectives are to be used with appropriate consideration of uncertainties in making regulatory judgments on the need for proposing and backfitting new generic requirements on nuclear power plant licensees.

It was the Commission's intent that implementation of this policy statement would improve the regulatory process in three areas:

1. Enhancement of safety decisionmaking by the use of PRA insights,
2. More efficient use of agency resources, and
3. Reduction in unnecessary burdens on licensees.

In parallel with the development of Commission policy on uses of risk assessment methods, the NRC developed an agency-wide implementation plan for application of probabilistic risk assessment insights within the regulatory process (SECY-95-079). This implementation plan included tasks to develop the series of regulatory guides that is the subject of this notice. In June 1997, the regulatory guides and SRP sections were issued in draft for public comment. A discussion of the comments received and their disposition, as well as SECY-95-079, may be obtained from the NRC Public Document Room at 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC; the PDR's mailing address is Mail Stop LL-6, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (202) 634-3273; fax (202) 634-3343. (5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Margaret V. Federline,

Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Issuance of Final Design Approval and Final Safety Evaluation Report: Westinghouse Electric Company AP600 Standard Design

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a final design approval (FDA) to Westinghouse Electric Company for the AP600 standard design pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix O. This FDA allows the AP600 standard design to be referenced in an application for a construction

permit or operating license under 10 CFR Part 50, or an application for a combined license under 10 CFR Part 52. In addition, the Commission has issued the Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) that supports issuance of the FDA.

Issuance of this FDA signifies completion of the technical review phase of the application for certification of the AP600 design under Subpart B of 10 CFR Part 52. The NRC staff performed its technical review of the AP600 Standard Safety Analysis Report, Probabilistic Risk Assessment, and Tier 1 Material in accordance with the standards for review of design certification applications set forth in 10 CFR 52.48 that were applicable and technically relevant to the AP600 design or were modified by the exemptions identified in Section 1.6 of the NRC's FSER (NUREG-1512).

On the basis of its evaluation and independent analyses, as described in the FSER, the NRC staff concludes that Westinghouse's application for design certification meets the applicable portions of 10 CFR 52.47 and the review standards set forth above. In addition, the AP600 design is ready for the rulemaking phase, subject to satisfactory completion of the Enclosure 2 AP600 design control document (DCD). Therefore, the NRC staff and Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will utilize the AP600 DCD and will rely on it in the rulemaking phase of the design certification review process pursuant to 10 CFR 52.51.

A copy of the AP600 FSER and FDA have been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, for review and copying by interested persons.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Theodore R. Quay,

Director, Standardization Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Panama Canal Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163), the Panama Canal Commission hereby gives notice it

has forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance a Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I) for an extension of a currently approved collection of information entitled "Procurement-Related Forms and Contract Clauses," OMB No. 3207-0007. In accordance with sec. 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission published a notice in the **Federal Register** [63 FR 33419, June 18, 1998] requesting comment on this proposed collection. The comment period ended August 17, 1998. The Commission received no comments in response to that notice.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed action regarding the collection of information must be submitted by October 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Edward H. Clarke, Desk Officer for Panama Canal Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10202, New Executive Building, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Huff, Office of the Secretary, Panama Canal Commission, 202-634-6441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. Collection of information is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c). Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires Federal agencies to provide a notice in the **Federal Register** stating the agency has made such submission and setting forth the following information:

Title: Procurement-Related Forms and Contract Clauses.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information requested is authorized by the Panama Canal Commission Acquisition Regulation, codified at 48 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 35. The information is needed to procure supplies, services, and construction required by the Panama Canal Commission for the operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal.

On September 15, 1982, the Panama Canal Commission submitted to OMB a request for approval of the forms used by the Commission in connection with the procurement of supplies, services, and construction required by the Panama Canal Commission for the

operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal. OMB approved this collection for use through September 30, 1985, and assigned it OMB No. 3207-0007. On August 30, 1985, the Commission requested extension of the expiration date of the collection of information designated Procurement-Related Forms through September 30, 1988. Prior to the expiration, the Commission requested another extension and received approval through December 1992. On October 7, 1992, the Commission submitted to OMB for approval the collection "Procurement-Related Forms and Contract Clauses." OMB approved the collection through October 31, 1995. On July 12, 1995, the Commission submitted a request for revision of this collection and received approval through August 31, 1998. The forms are used to furnish the information required by solicitation provisions or contract clauses.

Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours: 19,853.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 69,092.

Estimated Total Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Jacinto Wong,

Chief Information Officer, Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Notice of Visit to Facilities

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of visit.

SUMMARY: Arrangements have been made for members of the Commission and certain advisory staff members to tour operations and discuss postal issues with the following organizations in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area: Scovill Press; Deluxe Corporation; Northwest Airlines; MacKay Envelope; Fingerhut Corporation; Gage Lettershop; the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Additionally, the Commission will tour the Postmark America store operated by the Postal Service. Information obtained during the visit will assist Commissioners and staff in the execution of their duties.

DATES: The visit has been scheduled for September 14-16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300,

1333 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001, (202) 789-6820.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-13986]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Bogen Communications International, Inc., Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value; Redeemable Warrants to Purchase One Share of Common Stock)

September 4, 1998.

Bogen Communications International, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified securities ("Securities") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Securities from listing and registration include the following:

The Company's Common Stock began trading on the National Market System of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq NMS") at the opening of business on August 5, 1998, and concurrently therewith, the Securities were suspended from trading on the Amex.¹ The Company seeks to withdraw the Securities from listing on the Amex because it believes that there will be increased liquidity by listing the Securities on the Nasdaq NMS.

The Company has complied with Rule 18 of the Amex by providing the Amex with a certified copy of the Unanimous Written Consent of the Executive Committee on the Board of Directors of the Company authorizing the withdrawal of its Securities from listing on the Amex.

The Exchange has informed the Company that it has no objection to the

¹ The Company's Securities, Common Stock and Warrants, are listed on the Nasdaq. Telephone conversation between Thomas R. Weinberger, McDermott, Will & Emery, and Terri L. Evans, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, on August 27, 1998.