

Results of the evaluation will be presented to HCFA and to Congress, who will use the results to determine whether the demonstration should be extended to other sites.

The research questions to be addressed by the surveys focus on access, quality, and product selection. Our collection process will include fielding a survey for oxygen users and a survey for non-oxygen users before the demonstration begins and again once the new demonstration prices have been put into effect. The same data collection process will be followed in the comparison site (Brevard County). In the analysis of the data, we will also control for socioeconomic factors. This will allow us to separate the effects of the demonstration from beneficiary- or site-specific effects.

In the survey, we will also ask beneficiaries about the types of equipment that they use. This will allow us to determine if certain users are affected while others are not. For example, we will be able to evaluate whether oxygen users experience a greater increase or decrease in access and quality than beneficiaries who receive enteral nutrition.

The information that this survey will provide about access, quality, and product selection will be very important to the future of competitive bidding within the Medicare program. This is the first Medicare demonstration that allows competitive bidding for services and equipment provided to beneficiaries. A negative impact on access, quality, or product selection would have significant implications for the future of competitive bidding within the Medicare program.

Frequency: Two times for each affected beneficiary.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 2,560.

Total Annual Responses: 2,560.

Total Annual Hours: 724.4.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, OR E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, and HCFA form number(s) referenced above, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be

mailed and/or faxed to the designee referenced below, by January 8, 1999:

Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Room: N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, Fax Number: (410) 786-0262, Attn: John Burke; and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974 or (202) 395-5167, Attn: Allison Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Importation of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application

Pursuant to Section 1008 of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 958(I)), the Attorney General shall, prior to issuing a registration under this Section to a bulk manufacturer of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and prior to issuing a regulation under Section 1002(a) authorizing the importation of such a substance, provide manufacturers holding registrations for the bulk manufacture of the substance an opportunity for a hearing.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 1301.34 of Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that on November 16, 1998, B.I. Chemical, Inc., 2820 N. Normandy Drive, Petersburg, Virginia 23805, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as an importer of phenylacetone (8501), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to import the phenylacetone for the bulk manufacture of amphetamine.

Any manufacturer holding, or applying for, registration as a bulk manufacturer of this basic class of controlled substance may file written comments on or objections to the application described above and may, at the same time, file a written request for a hearing on such application in

accordance with 21 CFR 1301.43 is such form as prescribed by 21 CFR 1316.47.

Any such comments, objections or requests for a hearing may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than (30 days from publication).

This procedure is to be conducted simultaneously with and independent of the procedures described in 21 CFR 1301.34(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f). As noted in a previous notice at 40 FR 43745-46 (September 23, 1975), all applicants for registration to import a basic class of any controlled substance in Schedule I or II are and will continue to be required to demonstrate to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration that the requirements for such registration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 958(a), 21 U.S.C. 823(a), and 21 CFR 1301.34(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are satisfied.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistance Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting January 28, 1999.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463), the U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC), which was established by the Secretary of Labor.

The Committee was established to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Labor on matters pertaining to the implementation and further elaboration of the NAALC, the labor side accord to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Committee is authorized under Article 17 of the NAALC.

The Committee consists of 12 independent representatives drawn

from among labor organizations, business and industry, educational institutions, and the general public.

DATES: The Committee will meet on January 28, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-5437-A, Washington, D.C. 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irasema Garza, designated Federal Officer, U.S. NAO, U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone 202-501-6653 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64713) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 23, 1998.

Irasema T. Garza,

Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Change of Date and Location of Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH); Change of Date and Location of Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the date and address of the previously announced MACOSH meeting has been changed. The location of this meeting, which was announced in the **Federal Register** of December 1, 1998 (63 FR 66202) has had to be changed due to the unavailability of the previously announced facility where the meeting was to take place. The meeting will now be held at the Hotel S. Marie, 827 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112; Telephone (504) 561-8951. The meeting dates have also been changed (from the originally scheduled January 13 and 14) to January 12 and 13, 1999 due to facility availability. On

January 12, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.; on January 13, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 5:00 P.M. on both days. The new address for the meeting is a few blocks from the original location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Liberatore, Maritime Facilitator, Office of Maritime Standards; telephone (202) 693-2042.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 22nd day of December, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265]

Commonwealth Edison Company and Midamerican Energy Company (Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Application Regarding Proposed Merger of Midamerican Energy Holdings Company With Calenergy Company

I

MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) owns a 25-percent interest in Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2. Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) owns the remaining 75-percent share of the facilities. MEC and ComEd hold Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30 issued by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50) on December 14, 1972. Under these licenses, only ComEd, acting for itself and as agent and representative of MEC has the authority to operate the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2. Quad Cities is located in Rock Island County, Illinois.

II

By application accompanied by cover letters dated September 10, 1998, from CalEnergy Company, Inc. (CalEnergy) and MEC, through counsel Roy P. Lessy, Jr., and from ComEd, MEC and CalEnergy informed the Commission of a proposed merger of CalEnergy with MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MEHC), the parent of MEC, which would effectively result in CalEnergy becoming the parent corporation and sole owner of MEHC. MEHC would continue to be the parent of MEC. MEC would continue to remain a 25-percent minority owner and

possession-only licensee of the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, and would remain an "electric utility" as defined in 10 CFR 50.2, engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy for wholesale and retail, according to the application. The application was supplemented by letters dated September 16 and November 20, 1998, and attachments thereto, from counsel for the applicants. MEC and CalEnergy requested the Commission's approval of the indirect license transfers to CalEnergy to the extent effected by the proposed corporate merger, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of this request for approval was published in the **Federal Register** on October 27, 1998 (63 FR 57324).

Upon review of the information submitted in the application, including the supplemental information provided by the applicants, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed merger will not affect the qualifications of MEC as a holder of the license, and that the transfer of control of the licenses, to the extent effected by the proposed merger is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a Safety Evaluation dated December 22, 1998.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission approves the application regarding the proposed merger of MEHC with CalEnergy, subject to the following: (1) MEC shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from MEC to its parent or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding ten percent (10%) of MEC's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on MEC's books of account, and (2) should the merger of CalEnergy and MEHC not be completed by December 31, 1999, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, on application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.