

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on November 13–14, 2000, Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Most of the November 13, 2000 meeting session will be closed to public attendance to discuss proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) pertinent to General Electric (GE) Nuclear Energy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Monday, November 13, 2000—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business
Tuesday, November 14, 2000—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will (1) begin review of the GE Nuclear Energy TRACG thermal-hydraulic code, and (2) continue review of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research thermal-hydraulic research program pursuant to development of the ACRS annual report to the Commission on NRC safety research. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of General Electric Nuclear Energy, the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting

has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301–415–8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

James E. Lyons,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Severe Accident Management; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Severe Accident Management will hold a meeting on November 15, 2000, in Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, November 15, 2000—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will: (1) Continue its review of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research severe accident management research program in accordance with the development of the ACRS annual report to the Commission on NRC safety research, and (2) continue review of the activities of the NRC staff and the nuclear industry under the auspices of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) pursuant to revision of the NEI guideline document NEI, 99–03, "Control Room Habitability Assessment Guidance." The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its

consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute, the nuclear industry, the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301–415–8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

(1) *Collection title:* Employer Reporting.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G–251a, G–251b.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220–0193.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 12/31/2000.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents*: Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents*: 430.

(8) *Total annual responses*: 430.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours*: 144.

(10) *Collection description*: The collection obtains information used by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) to assist in determining whether a railroad employee is disabled from his or her regular occupation. It provides, under certain circumstances, railroad employers with the opportunity to provide the information to the RRB regarding the employee applicant's job duties.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Joe Lackey (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Realease No. 35-27249]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1945, as Amended ("Act")

October 13, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 7, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant application(s)

and/or at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 7, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

GPU, Inc (70-8695)

GPU, Inc., 300 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 ("GPU"), a registered holding company, has filed with the Commission a post-effective amendment to its declaration under sections 6(a) and 7 and rules 53 and 54 of the Act.

By prior Commission order in this proceeding dated December 8, 1995 (HCAR No. 26426) ("1995 Order"), GPU, formerly General Public Utilities Corporation, was authorized to issue and sell from time to time through December 31, 2000 up to 250,000 authorized by unissued or previously reacquired shares of GPU common stock, \$2.50 par value ("Common Stock"), to certain GPU system employees ("Participants") under the GPU, Inc. and Secondary System Companies Employee Savings Plan for Nonbargaining Employees and the Employee Savings Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees for each of GPU's electric utility subsidiaries, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (collectively, "Savings Plans").

To date, GPU has not issued any shares of Common Stock under the 1995 Order in connection with the Savings Plans. GPU requests an extension to December 31, 2005 of the time during which it may issue and sell the 250,000 authorized by unissued or previously reacquired shares of Common Stock under the Savings Plans, in order to maintain the flexibility the 1995 order affords.

GPU currently has 350 million authorized shares of Common Stock of which 121,332,510 shares were outstanding at September 30, 2000. At October 11, 2000, the reported closing price of GPU Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$32.38. GPU will use the net proceeds from the sale of additional stock to the Savings Plans to make cash capital contributions to its subsidiaries, for working capital, to repay outstanding indebtedness and for other corporate purposes.

GPU states the Savings Plans are designed to encourage and assist savings and investment by eligible employees through voluntary contributions by employees of a portion of their compensation and by the matching of certain of these contributions by the Participant's employer.

Amounts contributed to the Savings Plans by or on behalf of each Participant are held by a trustee. Separate plan accounts and, as necessary, sub-accounts are maintained for each Participant. The trustee invests the amounts held in plan accounts and sub-accounts in the investment fund or funds selected by the Participant. The investment funds from which Participants may choose currently consist of eleven funds including the "GPU Stock Fund" which is designed to provide employees with a convenient way to invest in GPU common stock by providing participants the opportunity to direct that all or a portion of their plan accounts be invested in the GPU Stock Fund.

The Savings Plans currently provide that GPU Common Stock acquired for the GPU Stock Fund by the trustee be purchased in open market transactions through brokers. In order to provide additional equity capital, GPU proposes that shares of its Common Stock acquired by Participants through the GPU Stock Fund may be either purchased by the trustee, directly from GPU or in open market transactions, as is now the case.

The purchase price per share paid by Participants would be the New York Stock Exchange closing price for GPU Common Stock for the date on which the purchase of the share is executed.

The Southern Company, et al. (70-9727)

The Southern Company ("Southern"), 270 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, a registered holding company, and its subsidiaries, Southern Energy, Inc. ("Southern Energy," formerly SEI Holdings, Inc.) and Southern Energy Resources, Inc. ("SERI," formerly Southern Electric International, Inc.), both of 900 Ashwood Parkway, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30338 (collectively, "Applicants"), have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12, 13, 32 and 33 and rules 43, 44, 45, 53, 54, 90 and 91 of the Act.

Applicants request authority in order: (1) To extend and renew the organizational and operational authority previously conferred by the Commission, (described below as "Existing Organizational and