

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**[Docket No. 50-391]****In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2); Order**

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the permittee) is the current holder of Construction Permit No. CPPR-92, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on January 23, 1973, for construction of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 2. (CPPR-91 for construction of WBN Unit 1 was also issued on January 23, 1973, and Facility Operating License NPF-90 was issued for operation of Unit 1 on February 7, 1996.) Unit 2 is currently partially completed and is being maintained in a construction layup status. These facilities are at the permittee's site on the west branch of the Tennessee River approximately 50 miles northeast of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On October 13, 1999, the Tennessee Valley Authority filed a request pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(b) for an extension of the completion date for Unit 2 to December 31, 2010. This request was supplemented by letter dated July 14, 2000. The permittee requested this extension for Unit 2 for the following reasons, as stated in its application:

At this time, WBN Unit 2 is being maintained in a construction layup status. TVA plans to maintain the unit in this status pending the determination of new generation (supply-side) options to meet future electric power demands. TVA's integrated resource plan—Energy Vision 2020—identified the need for a flexible range of options and alternatives required to meet, among other things, the Tennessee Valley region's new base-load power supply needs through the year 2020. Recent record breaking energy demand in the Tennessee Valley reinforced TVA's obligation to provide ample safe, economic, reliable, and environmentally responsible sources of electric power. Fulfilling this responsibility in light of the many uncertainties associated with the future electric utility industry makes it imperative that TVA maintain a robust and flexible range of generating options. The extension of WBN Unit 2's construction permit will help TVA maintain a full scope of competitive energy production choices.

In support of this request, the permittee stated that

[WBN Unit 2 meets] * * * NRC's definition for deferred nuclear plant units as described in Generic Letter (GL) 87-15, "Policy Statement on Deferred Plants." Consideration of these units in a deferred status does not constitute a reduction in commitment in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(f)(3)(i).

The current quality assurance requirements applicable to the subject units, particularly the maintenance, preservation, and documentation requirements, will continue in accordance with the Nuclear Quality Assurance Plan * * * (NQA Plan). Future changes to the NQA Plan may be submitted commensurate with the site activities and expected length of delay, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(f)(3).

TVA has established maintenance and lay-up programs that are described and controlled in accordance with approved plant procedures. No changes have been made to these programs as a result of considering these units in accordance with GL 87-15. These programs have been inspected periodically since their inception. NRC conducted the last inspection of * * * WBN Unit 2 in July 1999* * *, and no findings or violations were identified.

Consistent with GL 87-15 * * * and 10 CFR 2.109, "Effect of Timely Renewal Application," TVA is maintaining * * * [the WBN Unit 2] construction permit * * *. At this time, no projected date for the resumption of construction activities for * * * [WBN Unit 2] is available.

The NRC's Policy Statement on Deferred Plants addresses extension of construction permits for plants in deferred status and states that the staff will consider such extensions in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(b). Section 50.55(b) does not specify any limit on the duration of an extension that the staff may grant, but states that "Upon good cause shown the Commission will extend the completion date for a reasonable period of time." The staff has concluded that the permittee's stated bases for the requested duration of the extension represent good cause and are reasonable, and that this action involves no significant hazards consideration.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that extending the construction completion date will have no significant impact on the environment.

The NRC staff has prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 10, 2000.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated October 13, 1999, as supplemented by letter dated July 14, 2000, and the NRC staff's letter and Safety Evaluation of the request for extension of the construction permit, dated October 24, 2000.

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and are accessible electronically through the ADAMS public Electronic Reading

Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

It Is Hereby Ordered That the latest completion date for Construction Permit No. CPPR-92 is extended from December 31, 1999, to December 31, 2010.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of October 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian W. Sheron,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request; Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 12g3-2, OMB Control No. 3235-0119, SEC File No. 270-104;
Rule 7a-15 thru 7a-37, OMB Control No. 3235-0132, SEC File No. 270-115;
Rule 13e-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0305, SEC File No. 270-255.

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") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 12g3-2 (OMB 3235-0119; SEC File No. 270-104) provides an exemption from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for foreign private issuers. Rule 12g3-2 is designed to provide investors in foreign securities with information about such securities and the foreign issuer. It affects approximately 1,800 foreign issuer respondents at an estimated one burden hour per response for a total annual burden of 1,800 hours. All information required by Rule 12g3-2 is available to the public. All information provided under Rule 12g3-2 is mandatory.

Rules 7a-15 through 7a-37 (OMB 3235-0132; SEC File No. 270-115) sets forth the general requirements relating to applications, statements and reports that must be filed under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 by issuers and

trustees qualifying indentures for offerings of debt securities. Rules 7a–15 through 7a–37 are disclosure guidelines and do not directly result in any collection of information. The respondents are persons and entities subject to Trust Indenture Act requirements. No information collection burdens are imposed directly by these rules so they are assigned only one burden hour for administrative convenience.

Rule 13e–1 (OMB 3235–0305; SEC File No. 270–255) makes it unlawful for an issuer who has received notice that it is the subject of a tender offer made under 14(d)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that has commenced under Rule 14d–2 to purchase any of its equity securities during the tender offer unless it first files a statement with the Commission containing information required by the rule. This rule is in keeping with the commission's statutory responsibility to prescribe rules and regulations that are necessary for the protection of investors. Public companies are the respondents. An estimated 20 respondents file Rule 13e–1 submissions annually at an estimated 13 hours per response for a total annual burden of 260 hours. All information provided is made available to the public.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: October 20, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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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.

SEC Investor Complaint Forms, SEC File No. 270–485, OMB Control No. 3235–new.

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 (“SEC”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval of three proposed forms. The titles of the forms are SEC Investor Complaint Form (two versions) and SEC Investor Question Form.

The SEC receives annually over 150,000 letters, e-mails, faxes, and phone calls from investors who have complaints and questions on a wide range of investment-related issues. The SEC proposes to place on its website two online forms, and to make available a hard-copy complaint form, to be used by investors to submit complaints and questions to the SEC through the Internet, by mail, or by fax. The SEC will use the information supplied on the forms to respond to general investor queries, process investor complaints, or initiate enforcement investigations in appropriate matters. The information that is captured automatically in the online forms and through manual data entry of the hard-copy form will allow the SEC to employ automation to direct a complaint or question to the appropriate division or office at the SEC (primarily the Division of Enforcement or the Office of Investor Education and Assistance) for review and processing, to maintain a record of the complaint or question, and to track the volume of complaints and questions received. Investors are not required to use the online or hard-copy Investor Complaint Form or the Investor Question Form and may continue to submit written complaints and questions by letter (sent by mail or fax), e-mail messages, and telephone calls. However, investors who complete the forms enable the SEC to process their complaints and questions more quickly and efficiently.

The respondents to the Investor Complaint Forms and the Investor Question Form will be investors who want the SEC's assistance with their complaints against entities that the SEC regulates, who want to report companies or individuals who may be violating the federal securities laws, or who want to

ask questions or request information about the statutes and rules the SEC administers or about specific companies the SEC regulates.

Investors will use the Investor Complaint Forms to send complaints to the SEC about entities that are regulated by the SEC, about issuers of securities, and about individuals and companies whose activities may violate the federal securities laws. Investors who submit the Investor Complaint Forms are asked to provide information on, among other things, their names, how they can be contacted, the names of the financial institutions, companies, or individuals they are complaining about, the nature of their complaints, what documents can be provided, and what legal actions they have taken. The online version asks for general information about the investor's complaint and then poses follow-up questions based on previous answers. Most questions on the Investor Complaint Forms are asked in a multiple-choice style that allows the investor to provide an answer simply by checking a box. Some questions require the investor to provide more detailed full-text responses about the facts of his complaint.

Investors will use the Investor Question Form to ask general questions about the SEC's programs, rules, and other matters that are not appropriate for the Investor Complaint Form.

Investors who submit the Investor Question Form are asked to provide their names, how they can be contacted, and their questions.

The total reporting burden of using the Investor Complaint Forms or Investor Question Form is estimated to 23,750 hours. This was calculated by multiplying the total number of investors whom the SEC expects to use the forms times how long it will take to complete each form (95,000 respondents × 15 minutes = 23,750 burden hours).

Use of the Investor Complaint and Question Forms is voluntary. The SEC will continue to accept questions and complaints submitted in letters (sent by mail or fax), e-mail messages, and telephone calls. However, if an investor chooses to submit an Investor Complaint Form or Investor Question Form through the Internet, the investor must respond to certain questions about the nature of the complaint or the form will not be accepted electronically.

Responses to the Investor Complaint or Investor Question Forms are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which generally allows the SEC to make information available to the public upon request. An investor who submits an Investor Complaint or Investor Question Form may request