

*Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Houston County, Alabama*

*Date of amendments request:* March 21, 2003.

*Brief description of amendments:* The proposed Technical specifications (TS) amendments revise TS Section 5.5.1 "Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM)." The proposed change will remove reference to the Plant Operations Review Committee review and acceptance of licensee initiated changes to the ODCM.

*Date of issuance:* July 14, 2003.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* 160 & 152.

*Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-2 and NPF-8:* Amendments revise the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* May 27, 2003 (68 FR 28857). The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated July 14, 2003.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

*South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, South Carolina Public Service Authority, Docket No. 50-395, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, Fairfield County, South Carolina*

*Date of application for amendment:* September 24, 2002, as supplemented April 8, 2003.

*Brief description of amendment:* This amendment revises the Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement 4.0.3, to incorporate the approved consolidated line item improvement program change associated with the TS Task Force traveler TSTF-358, "Change to Surveillance Requirement 3.0.3 Regarding Missed Surveillances." Additionally, a change to the administrative controls section, Section 6.8, is included, to incorporate a new TS requirement for a Bases control program, consistent with the Bases control program presented in Section 5.5 NUREG 1431, "Improved Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants," Revision 2.

*Date of issuance:* July 11, 2003.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days from the date of issuance.

*Amendment No.:* 163.

*Facility Operating License No. NPF-12:* Amendment revises the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* November 26, 2002 (67 FR 70768). The April 8, 2003, letter provided clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination or expand the scope of the application. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated July 11, 2003.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of July 2003.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Cornelius F. Holden,**

*Acting Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, 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:

Form T-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0110, SEC File No. 270-121  
Form T-2, OMB Control No. 3235-0111, SEC File No. 270-122  
Form T-3, OMB Control No. 3235-0105, SEC File No. 270-123  
Form T-4, OMB Control No. 3235-0107, SEC File No. 270-124

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 approval.

Form T-1 (OMB 3235-0110; SEC File No. 270-121) is a statement of eligibility and qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of a corporation designated to act as a trustee. The information is used to determine whether the trustee is qualified to serve under the indenture. Form T-1 takes approximately 15 hours to prepare and is filed by 13 respondents. It is estimated that 25% of the 195 total burden hours (49 hours) is prepared by the company. The remaining 75% of the

burden hours is attributed to outside cost.

Form T-2 (OMB 3235-0111; SEC File No. 270-122) is a statement of eligibility of an individual trustee to serve under an indenture relating to debt securities offered publicly. The information is used to determine whether the trustee is qualified to serve under the indenture. Form T-2 takes approximately 9 hours to prepare and is filed by 36 respondents. It is estimated that 25% of the 324 total burden hours (81 hours) is prepared by the filer. The remaining 75% of the burden hours is attributed to outside cost.

Form T-3 (OMB 3235-0105; SEC File No. 270-123) is an application for qualification of an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The information provided by Form T-3 is used by the staff to decide whether to qualify an indenture relating to securities offered to the public in an offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. Form T-3 takes approximately 43 hours to prepare and is filed by 78 respondents. It is estimated that 25% of the 3,354 total burden hours (838.5 hours) is prepared by the filer. The remaining 75% of the burden hours is attributed to outside cost.

Form T-4 (OMB 3235-0107; SEC File No. 270-124) is used to apply for an exemption pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and is transmitted to shareholders. Form T-4 takes approximately 5 hours to prepare and is filed by 3 respondents. It is estimated that 25% of the 15 burden hours (4 hours) is prepared by the filer. The remaining 75% of the burden hours is attributed to outside cost.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether these proposed collections of information are necessary for the 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 comment to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

July 30, 2003.

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 August 25, 2003, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) 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 August 25, 2003, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### Hydro-Québec, et al. (70-10083)

Hydro-Québec ("HQ"), 75 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montréal, Québec H2Z 1A4 Canada, a corporation wholly owned by the government of Québec and a public-utility holding company that claims exemption under the Act under rule 10, and its subsidiaries, TransEnergie HQ, Inc. ("TEI"), 740 rue Notre-Dame Ouest, Bureau 800, Montréal, Québec, H3C 3X6 Canada, a Canadian corporation, TransEnergie U.S. Ltd. ("TEUS"), a Delaware corporation and Cross-Sound Cable Company (New York), LLC ("CSC NY"),

a New York limited liability company, both located at 110 Turnpike Road, Westborough, MA 01581 (collectively, "Applicants") have filed an application under sections 3(a)(1), 3(a)(5), 9(a)(2) and 10 of the Act in connection with a proposed acquisition of interests in CSC NY (the "Transaction").

Applicants request an order under sections 9(a)(2) and 10 of the Act authorizing HQ, through TEI and TEUS to acquire interests in CSC NY;<sup>1</sup> an order exempting TEUS from registration under section 3(a)(1); and an order exempting HQ from registration under section 3(a)(5).

#### I. Background

HQ is a large electric utility operating in eastern Canada. HQ owns both gas and electric systems. The company's overall international strategy is to become a multi-service electric and gas utility in the areas where it operates.

HQ was created in 1944 by the Hydro-Québec Act of the Parliament of Québec. HQ's common stock is held entirely by the Government of Québec ("GOQ"). Applicants state that the GOQ plays no role in day-to-day management of HQ, but it appoints the 18-member board of directors of the company. Of these eighteen, two are representatives of the GOQ, one is also the chief executive officer of HQ, and the remaining fifteen directors, including the Chairman of the Board, are independent directors. The daily affairs of HQ are managed by the Executive Committee, which consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Directors. Of those seven, five are drawn from the ranks of the independent directors. The Executive Committee, in turn, appoints the senior corporate officers.

Pursuant to the Hydro-Québec Act, HQ must provide quality electric service to all Québec customers and manage its affairs to create value for its sole shareholder, the GOQ. To that end, every two years, HQ submits a strategic plan to the GOQ for approval. This plan discusses whether the generation will be built or developed, financial targets for profitability of the major business segments (generation, transmission and distribution) and the nature and amount of investments for each segment. Upon GOQ approval of the plan, the utility's officers (selected by the Board of Directors) will execute the plan. Applicants note that, although HQ is wholly owned by the GOQ, it is required by the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie* to be subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Québec

Energy Board, an independent agency established pursuant to the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie* with respect to certain matters primarily related to transmission and distribution.

HQ has six functionally, but not legally, separate business segments: Transmission; Distribution; Generation; Construction; Oil and Gas; and Corporate and Other Activities (which includes research and development and corporate and financial services). HQ is organized along these functional lines, but, as a result of its statutory mandate, it does not conduct business outside of Québec. Instead, all of its non-Québec activities are conducted through intermediate companies, such as TEI.

HQ's Generation segment activities include the sale of surplus electricity outside of Québec through a subsidiary, H.Q. Energy Marketing, Inc. ("HQEM"), and energy trading operations. HQ exports electrical power subject to the *National Energy Board Act (Canada)*, which requires that a permit or license be obtained from the National Energy Board of Canada (the "National Board") for such exports. HQ holds two permits, which were granted by the National Board in December 1994 and which authorize HQ to export annually, for a continuous period of no more than five years for any single contract, up to 30 gigawatts ("TWh") of interruptible energy and up to 20 TWh of firm energy to the United States. The permits cover a 16-year period from December 1, 1994 to December 31, 2010, and allow HQ to take advantage of the spot market in the United States. Longer-term export contracts (more than five years) remain subject to the prior issuance of specific permits or licenses by the National Board.

On April 8, 1999, HQEM, a Québec corporation wholly owned by HQ, obtained two permits from the National Board to enable HQEM, as a power marketer outside Québec, to export firm and interruptible energy up to 30 TWh annually to the United States from interconnections located in other provinces, under contracts with a term of five years or less. The permits cover a 10-year period from April 8, 1999 to April 7, 2009. HQEM buys, sells and trades power in Canada and the United States. On March 5, 2003, HQEM obtained a renewal of its permit to export natural gas to the United States. This permit covers a 2-year period through March 4, 2005.

HQ is a holding company under the Act by reason of its indirect ownership interest in Gaz Métropolitain, Inc. ("GMI"), a Canadian corporation and a public-utility holding company exempt from registration by order under section

<sup>1</sup> When CSC NY commences operations, it will be a public-utility company under the Act.