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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0062.

*Expiration Date of Current Approval:* October 31, 2014.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection for three years.

**1. Abstract**

The Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS) is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. The GSS originated in 1966 and has been conducted annually since 1972. The GSS is a census of all departments in science, engineering and health fields within academic institutions with post-baccalaureate programs in the United States. The total number of respondents in 2014 survey is estimated to be 13,774 departments (reporting units) located in about 670 degree-granting institutions. The GSS is the only national survey that collects information on the characteristics of graduate enrollment for specific science, engineering and health disciplines at the department level. It also collects information on race and ethnicity, citizenship, gender, sources of support, mechanisms of support, and enrollment status for graduate students; information on postdoctoral appointments (postdocs) by citizenship, sex, sources of support, type and origin of doctoral degree; and information on other doctorate-holding non-faculty researchers. To improve coverage of postdocs, the GSS will collect information on the race and ethnicity, sex, citizenship, source of support, field of research for the postdocs employed in Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) in 2015.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “. . . provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The GSS is designed to comply with these mandates by

providing information on the characteristics of academic graduate enrollment and postdoctoral components in science, engineering and health fields.

The GSS data are routinely provided to Congress and other Federal agencies. The GSS institutions are major users of the GSS data along with professional societies such American Association of Universities, Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Carnegie Foundation. Graduate enrollment and postdoc data are often used in reports by the national media.

The GSS (along with other academic sector surveys from both NSF and the National Center for Education Statistics) is one of the inputs into the WebCASPAR data system, which provides access to science and engineering statistical data from U.S. academic institutions. Among other uses, this NSF on-line database is used by NSF to review changing enrollment levels to assess the effects of NSF initiatives, to track student support patterns and to analyze participation in S&E fields by targeted groups for all disciplines or for selected disciplines and for selected groups of institutions.

The Foundation also uses the GSS information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators. A public use file is also made available on the world-wide Web.

Data are obtained by a Web survey and starts each fall in mid-October. The data are solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. All information will be used for statistical purposes only. Participation in the survey is voluntary.

**2. Expected Respondents**

The GSS is a census of all eligible academic institutions in the U.S. with post-baccalaureate programs in science, engineering and health fields and their related departments. The response rate is based on the number of departments that respond to the survey.

**3. Estimate of Burden**

The initial GSS data request is sent to a designated respondent (School Coordinator) at each academic institution in the fall. The School Coordinator may complete or delegate the collection of the list of eligible units (departments, programs, research centers and health care facilities) and of the aggregate counts of graduate students enrolled or postdocs employed in each unit by various characteristics. The amount of time it takes to complete

the GSS data (unit lists and counts of graduate students and postdocs) varies dramatically and depends to a large degree on the extent to which the school's records are centrally stored and computerized.

The 2013 GSS asked the unit respondents to provide an estimate of the time spent in providing the GSS data. The average burden for completing the GSS was 2.6 hours per reporting unit, which includes providing unit listing and aggregate counts. Based on prior experience, the estimate of the per unit burden will decrease slightly each year as the respondents become familiar with the question items in the survey, thus we estimate a burden of 2.6 hours per reporting unit in 2014, and a burden of 2.5 hours per reporting unit in 2015 and 2016. The number of units in the subsequent survey cycle will include the units in the previous year plus approximately an additional 1% increase in units. The estimated burden estimates for 2014 GSS is 36,171 hours from 13,912 units; 35,268 hours from 14,091 units (including 40 FFRDCs) for 2015; and 35,481 hours from 14,192 units for 2016. The average estimated burden for each cycle of GSS is about 35,760 hours. The total estimated respondent burden of the GSS, including 360 hours for the methodological testing, would be 107,280 hours over the 3-year clearance period.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-339; NRC-2014-0121]**

**North Anna Power Station, Unit 2**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment application; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee) to withdraw its September 10, 2013, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-7 for the North Anna Power Station, Unit 2, located in Mineral, Virginia.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2014-0121 when contacting the NRC about the availability of

information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2014-0121. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The application for the proposed amendment request is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13260A256.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** V. Sreenivas, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone: 301-415-2597; email: [V.Sreenivas@nrc.gov](mailto:V.Sreenivas@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed license amendment (ADAMS Accession No. ML13260A256) requests the changes to the Technical Specification (TS) 3.8.1, "AC Sources—Operating." TS 3.8.1 contains Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.8.1.8, which requires verification of the capability to manually transfer Unit 1 4.16 kV ESF bus AC power sources from the normal offsite circuit to the alternate required offsite circuit and this surveillance is only applicable to Unit 1. Dominion is developing a plant modification to install an alternate offsite power feed to each of the two 4.16 kV ESF buses for Unit 2, such that it will be similar to the Unit 1 design. Therefore, the proposed change would delete Note 1 to SR 3.8.1.8 to remove the limitation that excludes Unit 2 and will

be consistent with the verification currently performed for Unit 1.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** dated October 29, 2013 (78 FR 64547). However, by letter dated April 16, 2014, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 10, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13260A256) and the licensee's letter dated April 16, 2014, which withdrew the application for license amendment (ADAMS Accession No. ML14112A076).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of May, 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Factors

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of adjusted present value factors applicable to retirees who elect to provide survivor annuity benefits to a spouse based on post-retirement marriage, and to retiring employees who elect the alternative form of annuity or elect to credit certain service with nonappropriated fund instrumentalities. This notice is necessary to conform the present value factors to changes in the economic and demographic assumptions adopted by the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System.

**DATES:** The revised present value factors apply to survivor reductions or employee annuities that commence on or after October 1, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Send requests for actuarial assumptions and data to the Board of Actuaries, care of Gregory Kissel, Senior Actuary, Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, Room 4307, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karla Yeakle, (202) 606-0299.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Several provisions of the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) require reduction of annuities on an actuarial basis. Under each of these provisions, OPM is required to issue regulations on the method of determining the reduction to ensure that the present value of the reduced annuity plus a lump-sum equals, to the extent practicable, the present value of the unreduced benefit. The regulations for each of these benefits provide that OPM will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** whenever it changes the factors used to compute the present values of these benefits.

Section 842.706(a) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes the method for computing the reduction in the beginning rate of annuity payable to a retiree who elects an alternative form of annuity under 5 U.S.C. 8420a. That reduction is required to produce an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the annuity of a retiree who does not elect an alternative form of annuity. The present value factors listed below are used to compute the annuity reduction under 5 CFR 842.706(a).

Section 842.615 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes the use of these factors for computing the reduction required for certain elections to provide survivor annuity benefits based on a post-retirement marriage or divorce under 5 U.S.C. 8416(b), 8416(c), or 8417(b). Under section 11004 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312, effective October 1, 1993, OPM ceased collection of these survivor election deposits by means of either a lump-sum payment or installments. Instead, OPM is required to establish a permanent actuarial reduction in the annuity of the retiree. This means that OPM must take the amount of the deposit computed under the old law and translate it into a lifetime reduction in the retiree's benefit. The reduction is based on actuarial tables, similar to those used for alternative forms of annuity under section 8420a of title 5, United States Code.

Subpart F of part 847 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes the use of present value factors for computing the deficiency the retiree must pay to receive credit for certain service with nonappropriated fund instrumentalities made creditable by an election under section 1043 of Public Law 104-106, 110 Stat. 186.

OPM published the present value factors currently in effect on June 3, 2011, at 76 FR 32243 and on May 21, 2014, OPM published a notice to revise the normal cost percentage under the