

pursuant to § 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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Lewis Karesh,

Deputy Secretary, U.S. National
Administrative Office.

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Dated: December 16, 1999.

Matthew M. Crouch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; 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 teleconference
January 25, 2000.

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 25, 2000 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESS: U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Conference Room 2 at C-5515, Washington, DC 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lewis Karesh, 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, DC 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.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-162]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Aero- Space Technology Advisory Committee (ASTAC); Flight Research Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and
Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Aero-Space Technology Advisory Committee, Flight Research Subcommittee meeting.

DATES: Monday, January 24, 2000, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, January 26, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Dryden Flight Research Center, Building 4800, Executive Conference Room 2100, Edwards, CA 93535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dennie Gonia, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA, 93523, 661/258-2380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda topics for the meeting are as follows:

- Review of Flight Research Base R&T Program
- Review of the Costs Associated with Varying Types of Flight Research
- High Altitude, Long Endurance Aircraft
- Advanced Systems Concepts
- Revolutionary Concepts (REVCON)
- Atmospheric Flight of Space Systems
- Innovative Transport and Testbed Experiments
- Flight Research Productivity

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Change in Subject of Meeting

The National Credit Union Administration Board determined that its business required the addition of the following item to the previously announced closed meeting (Federal Register, Vol. 64, No. 239, page 69802, Tuesday, December 14, 1999) scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 1999.

5. Delegation of Authority. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2), (6) and (7).

The Board voted unanimously that agency business required that this item be considered with less than the usual seven days notice, that it be closed to the public, and that no earlier announcement of this change was possible.

The previously announced items were:

1. Field of Membership Appeal. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).
2. Insurance Appeal. Closed pursuant to exemptions (6) and (8).
3. Proposed Modification to NCUA's Indemnification Policy. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2), (6) and (7).
4. Two (2) Personnel Matters. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2), (5), (6) and (7).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-443]

In the Matter of North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation, et al. (Seabrook Station, Unit 1); Order Approving Application Regarding Merger of New England Electric System and the National Grid Group PLC

I

North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation is authorized to act as agent for the joint owners of the Seabrook

Station, Unit 1 (Seabrook), and has exclusive responsibility and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility as reflected in Facility Operating License No. NPF-86. New England Power Company (NEP), one of the joint owners, holds a 9.9-percent possessory interest in Seabrook. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued Operating License NPF-86 on March 15, 1990, pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50). The facility is located in Seabrook Township, Rockingham County, on the southeast coast of the State of New Hampshire.

II

Under cover of a letter dated March 15, 1999, NEP, a subsidiary of New England Electric System (NEES), and National Grid Group plc (National Grid) submitted an application requesting approval of the transfer of control of the license, to the extent held by NEP in connection with its 9.9-percent ownership interest in Seabrook, regarding a change in the economic ownership of NEES. The application was supplemented May 20 and June 17, 1999 (collectively hereinafter "the application").

NEP is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. NEES owns all of NEP's common stock and 99.71 percent of its voting securities, with the other 0.29 percent being owned by the public in the form of preferred stock with common voting rights. The requested transfer approval relates to a proposed merger in which NEES is to be acquired by National Grid, a British company. NEES and National Grid entered into a merger agreement on December 11, 1998.

National Grid is a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. It is the only transmission company in England and Wales and is an independent company created as a result of the privatization and restructuring of the British electric system in 1990. The application states that National Grid, with its United Kingdom assets and through interconnections with Scotland and France and through its acquisitions of interests in transmission systems in other nations, is the largest privately owned transmission company in the world.

National Grid has formed NGG Holdings LLC (NGG Holdings), a U.S. entity that is a limited liability company organized in Massachusetts and a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid. NGG Holdings will merge with and into NEES, with NEES being the

surviving entity from that transaction and maintaining its status as a U.S. entity subject to all applicable U.S. laws and regulations. The application states that, for tax purposes, immediately after the merger, NEES will be converted from a Massachusetts business trust into a corporation; specifically, NEES will be merged into a Massachusetts corporation to be named NEES Holdings, Inc., which will then be the surviving entity. The post-acquisition capital structure of NEES Holdings, Inc., will be identical to the capital structure of NEES, and NEES Holdings, Inc., will become a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of National Grid, with NEP being a subsidiary of NEES Holdings, Inc., and thus also becoming a subsidiary of National Grid. The application also provides details regarding several companies that will be created for various business reasons as intermediates between National Grid and NEES Holdings, Inc., after the merger is approved, and all of these companies will be either directly or indirectly wholly owned by National Grid. National Grid will register as a public utility holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Approval of the indirect license transfer that would result from the foregoing transactions was requested pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of the application for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 1999 (64 FR 35190). Pursuant to such notice, joint Seabrook owners Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and North Atlantic Energy Corporation (NAEC) filed a timely intervention petition and hearing request. Following the submission of further pleadings by the applicants and petitioners, the Commission found that the petitioners had demonstrated standing and proffered two admissible issues (regarding foreign ownership and financial qualifications). The Commission set the case for hearing and issued a schedule for the proceeding. Subsequently, on November 4, 1999, the petitioners filed a notice of withdrawal of their petitions to intervene, and the petitioners and the applicants jointly moved for termination of the proceeding due to a settlement reached between the parties. The Commission granted the motion on November 19, 1999. In doing so, it noted that the staff, in its review of transfer applications, examines financial qualifications and foreign ownership issues, and should consider concerns specifically raised in the proceeding relating to those matters

when it takes action on the transfer application. North Atlantic Energy Service Corp., et al. (Seabrook, Unit 1 and Millstone Station, Unit 3), CLI-99-28, 50 NRC ____, slip op. (Nov. 19, 1999). The staff has considered those concerns, which are addressed in the safety evaluation supporting this Order.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed merger of National Grid and NEES will not affect the qualifications of NEP as a holder of Facility Operating License NPF-86, and that the indirect transfer of the license, 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. The foregoing findings are supported by a safety evaluation dated December 10, 1999.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended, 42 USC §§ 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *It Is Hereby Ordered* that the indirect license transfer referenced above is approved, subject to the following conditions:

(1) No later than the time the proposed merger with National Grid is consummated, NEP shall establish and make operational a Special Nuclear Committee, as described in the application, having the composition, authority, responsibilities, and obligations specified in the application, provided, however, the Special Nuclear Committee may also have exclusive authority on behalf of NEP over taking any action which is ordered by the NRC or any other agency or court of competent jurisdiction. No material changes with respect to the Special Nuclear Committee may be made without the prior written consent of the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The foregoing provisions may be modified by the Commission upon application and for good cause shown.

(2) The Special Nuclear Committee shall have the responsibility and exclusive authority to ensure, and shall ensure, that the business and activities of NEP with respect to the Seabrook license are at all times conducted in a manner consistent with the protection

of the public health and safety and common defense and security of the United States.

(3) NEP 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 NEP to its direct or indirect 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 percent) of NEP's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on its books of account.

(4) Should the proposed merger not be completed by December 30, 2000, this Order shall become null and void, provided however, upon application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated March 15, 1999, and the supplements dated May 20 and June 17, 1999, and the safety evaluation dated December 10, 1999, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of December 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Roy P. Zimmerman,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Recommendations From the Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee to the Office of Management and Budget Concerning Changes to the Standards for Defining Metropolitan Areas

AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

ACTION: Notice extending comment period.

SUMMARY: On October 20, 1999, OMB published a Notice (64 FR 56628-56644) requesting comments on recommendations that it had received from the Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee (MASRC) for

changes to OMB's metropolitan area standards. By this Notice, OMB is extending the time period for public comment from December 20, 1999 to December 30, 1999.

DATES: To ensure consideration during the final decision making process, written comments must be received no later than December 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the recommendations should be submitted to James D. Fitzsimmons, U.S. Bureau of the Census, IPC-Population Division, Washington, DC 20233-8860; fax (301) 457-3034.

Electronic Data Availability: This **Federal Register** Notice and the October 20, 1999 Notice are available electronically from the OMB home page: <<<http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/fedreg/index.html>>>. **Federal Register** Notices also are available electronically from the U.S. Government Printing Office web site: <<http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James D. Fitzsimmons, Chair, Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee, (301) 457-2419; or E-mail <<pop.frquestion@ccmail.census.gov>>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 20, 1999, OMB published a Notice (64 FR 56628-56644) requesting comments on recommendations that it had received from the Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee (MASRC) for changes to OMB's metropolitan area standards. MASRC's report and recommendations were published in their entirety in that Notice. To allow additional time for public comment, OMB is extending the comment period on the recommended standards from December 20, 1999 to December 30, 1999. The final standards will be published prior to Census 2000.

John T. Spotila,

Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 1 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2000; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2000.

PLACE: Washington, D.C., at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: January 10 (Closed); January 11 (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, January 10—1 p.m. (Closed)

1. Rate Case Briefing.
2. Financial Performance—FY 2000, Accounting Period 3 Results.
3. Personnel Matters.
4. Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, January 11—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, December 6-7, 1999.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Consideration of Board Resolution on Capital Funding.
4. Annual Report on Government in the Sunshine Act Compliance.
5. Capital Investment.
 - a. Singulate, Scan, Induction Units.
6. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors.
7. Tentative Agenda for the February 7-8, 2000, meeting in Miami, Florida.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,

Secretary.

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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:* Employee's Certification.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-346.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0140.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 2/29/2000.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Program planning or management.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5,400.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 5,400.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 450.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, spouses of retired railroad employees may be entitled to an annuity. The collection obtains