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Standard Design Certification for the
U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor and the
System 80+ Standard Designs; Proposed Rule and Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DOCKET NUMBER
PROPOSED RULE PR 52
(61FR18099)

ACTION: Proposed Rule: Supplementary notice of proposed rulemaking and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is considering approval by rulemaking of the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) and the System 80+ standard designs. The applicant for certification of the U.S. ABWR design is GE Nuclear Energy and for the System 80+ design is Asea Brown Boveri-Combustion Engineering. Notices of proposed rulemaking for the certification of these designs were published in the Federal Register on April 7, 1995 (60 FR 17902 and 60 FR 17924). The final design certification rules, which are under consideration by the Commission, are contained in SECY-96-077, "Certification of Two Evolutionary Designs," which was prepared by the NRC staff. This SECY paper has been placed in the NRC Public Document Room and additional comments on the proposed rules, focusing specifically on staff recommended changes from the rules originally proposed, are solicited. These changes are discussed in the supplementary information section of the recommended notices of final rulemaking contained in SECY-96-077. In this regard, the NRC will also conduct a public meeting. The purpose of the

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meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions on the development of the final rules and the NRC's resolution of comments received on the proposed rules.

DATES: Public Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 1996, 1:00 p.m.

Comments are due on or before ^{May 24, 1996} [~~insert the date 30 days after the date of publication~~]. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is only able to assure consideration for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to:

The Secretary of the Commission
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, DC 20555-0001
 Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

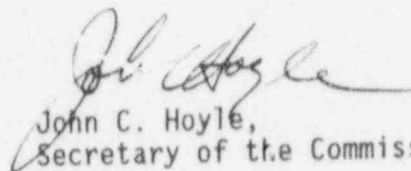
Comments may also be hand delivered to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays. Copies of SECY-96-077, including the Federal Register notices for both rules, and the comments received will be available for examination at the NRC Public Document Room at 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC. The meeting will be held in the NRC auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The Auditorium is located on the underground level between the One White Flint North Building and the Two White Flint North Building. The NRC buildings are located across the street from the White Flint Metro Station. The entrance to

the auditorium is located underneath the glass pyramid, near the Two White Flint Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dino Scaletti, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone (301) 415-1104, or Jerry N. Wilson, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, telephone (301) 415-3145, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of April, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.


John C. Hoyle,
Secretary of the Commission