

under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfied these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the NRC by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Dr. William D. Travers, Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Gary Johnson, Esq., Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Northern States Power Company, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Non-timely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions, and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding Officer, or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated August 7, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet

Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401. The Commission's license and safety evaluation report, when issued, may be inspected at the above locations.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of September 1996.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William D. Travers,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Revised Notice

The 86th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) scheduled for September 26 and 27, 1996, at the Hotel San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, in Chateau 1 and Chateau 2 is being extended to include a session on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, in the Conference Center. All other items pertaining to September 26 and 27, 1996, remain the same as published in the Federal Register on Thursday, September 5, 1996 (61 FR 46832).

The agenda for this session shall be as follows:

Tuesday, September 24, 1996—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The ACNW will conduct a planning session and will not formulate advice for the Commission during this session. The conduct of Committee activities, procedures and operations, as well as future priorities, will be discussed.

For further information contact: Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

Dated: September 11, 1996.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Instrumentation and Control Systems and Computers and on Electrical Power Systems; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Instrumentation and Control Systems

and Computers and on Electrical Power Systems is scheduled to hold a joint meeting on October 8, 1996, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: Tuesday, October 8, 1996—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittees will continue their review of the proposed Standard Review Plan Sections, Regulatory Guides, and Branch Technical Positions related to digital instrumentation and control systems. The Subcommittees will also review the status of NRC programs to address equipment vulnerabilities to lightning and other transients. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittees, along with any of their consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any

potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: September 11, 1996.

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1996.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 16

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 16.

Week of September 23—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 23.

Week of September 30—Tentative

Thursday, October 3

1:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of October 7—Tentative

Monday, October 7

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Webber, 301-415-7297)

Wednesday, October 9

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

The Schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

By a vote of 4-0 on September 9, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management and Personnel Issues" (Closed—Ex. 2 and 6) be held on September 9, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers: if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like

to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301)-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

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Dated: September 12, 1996.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-22212; File No. 812-10088]

John Hancock Declaration Trust, et al.; Exemption Application

September 10, 1996.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" or the "Commission").

ACTION: Notice of Application for Exemption under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

APPLICANTS: John Hancock Declaration Trust (the "Trust") and John Hancock Advisers, Inc. (the "Adviser").

RELEVANT 1940 ACT SECTIONS: Order requested under Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a) and 15(b) of the 1940 Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order to the extent necessary to permit shares of any current or future series of the Trust and shares of any other investment company that is designed to fund variable insurance products and for which the Adviser, or any of its affiliates, may serve as investment advisor, administrator, manager, principal underwriter or sponsor (collectively, with the Trust, the "Funds") to be sold to and held by: (a) variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts of both affiliated and unaffiliated life insurance companies (the "Participating Insurance Companies"); and (b) certain qualified pension and retirement plans outside of the separate account context (the "Eligible Plans").

FILING DATE: The application was filed on April 17, 1996, and amended on August 29, 1996.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be

issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on this application by writing to the Secretary of the SEC and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on October 7, 1996 and accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of the date of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicants, John Hancock Declaration Trust, c/o Anne C. Hodsdon, President, 101 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, 02199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha H. Platt, Senior Attorney, or Patrice Pitts, Special Counsel, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 942-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is a summary of the application; the complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC.

Applicants' Representations

1. The Trust is a Massachusetts business trust registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end diversified management investment company. The Trust's registration statement on Form N-1A was declared effective on August 12, 1996. The Trust currently is composed of ten separate portfolios: John Hancock V.A. International Fund; John Hancock V.A. Emerging Growth Fund; John Hancock V.A. Discovery Fund; John Hancock V.A. Diversified Core Equity Fund; John Hancock V.A. Sovereign Investors Fund; John Hancock V.A. 500 Index Fund; John Hancock V.A. Sovereign Bond Fund; John Hancock V.A. Strategic Income Fund; John Hancock V.A. Global Income Fund; and John Hancock V.A. Money Market Fund. Additional portfolios may be added in the future.

2. The Adviser is registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and will be the investment manager for each of the Trust's portfolios. The Adviser is an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. The Adviser has engaged other registered investment advisers ("Sub-Advisers") to conduct the investment programs of certain Trust