

under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology: Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology (1160).

*Date and Time:* February 17-19, 1999.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 340.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Zoe Eppley or Dr. Kim Williams, Program Directors, Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology, or Dr. Penny Kukuk, Program Director, Animal Behavior, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1421.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda: Open Session:* February 19, 1999, 10 am-11 am—discussion on research trends, opportunities and assessment procedures in Physiology and Ethology.

*Closed Session:* February 17, 1999, 8:30 am-5:00 pm, February 18, 1999, 8:30 am-6:00 pm, February 19, 1999, 8:30 am-10am and 11 am-5:00 pm.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under the 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Systematic and Population Biology

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meetings.

*Name:* Advisory for Systematic and Population Biology (1753).

*Date and Time:* February 17-19, 1999, 8:30 am-5 pm.

*Place:* Room 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1483.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Biotic Survey and Inventory proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Douglas Siegal Causey, Division of Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1483.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-395]

### South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), South Carolina Public Service Authority; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 19, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-12 for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would have revised the quadrant power tilt ratio technical specification format.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15995). However, by letter dated May 11, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 19, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated May 11, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Fairfield County Library, 300 Washington Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of January 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**L. Mark Padovan,**

*Project Manager, Project Directorate II-2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425]

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al.; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al., (the licensee) for amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 issued to the licensee for operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Burke County, Georgia. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the amendments was published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53955).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to: (1) eliminate the requirement for operability of system level manual initiation, and automatic initiation, for closure of the containment purge supply and exhaust isolation valves during core alteration and/or movement or irradiated fuel assemblies within containment; (2) allow the equipment hatch and emergency air lock to be open during core alterations, and/or movement of irradiated fuel assemblies inside containment; and (3) eliminate the requirements associated with nonredundant condensate storage tanks.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request, with regard to those changes to the TS that would allow the

equipment hatch to be open during core alterations, and/or movement of irradiated fuel inside containment, cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated January 29, 1999.

By March 10, 1999, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Mr. Arthur H. Domby, Troutman Sanders, NationsBank Plaza, Suite 5200, 600 Peachtree Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated June 26, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated September 18 and November 30, 1998, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated January 29, 1999.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Burke County Library, 412 Fourth Street, Waynesboro, Georgia.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of January, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David Jaffe,**

*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate II-2, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-482]

### Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Wolf Creek Generating Station; Correction to Notice of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Issuance of Conforming Amendment, and Opportunity for a Hearing

On January 25, 1999, the Commission issued a Notice of Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating License and Issuance of Conforming Amendment, and Opportunity for a Hearing for the Wolf Creek Generating Station. The Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4726). Column 2, Line 47 incorrectly stated March 1, 1999, as the date by which hearing requests and intervention petitions must be filed. The correct date is February 18, 1999, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1306(c). In addition, the correct date by which written comments must be filed is March 1, 1999, which was incorrectly published in Column 3, Line 31, as "1999".

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Chester Poslusny,**

*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-2, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Filings and Information Services Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-13, SEC File No. 270-27, OMB Control No. 3235-0035

Rule 11Ab2-1 and Form SIP, SEC File No. 270-23, OMB Control No. 3235-0043

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 extension and approval.

Rule 17a-13(b) generally requires that at least once each calendar quarter, all registered brokers and dealers physically examine and count all securities held and account for all other securities not in their possession, but subject to the broker-dealer's control or direction. Any discrepancies between the broker-dealer's securities count and the firm's records must be noted and, within seven days, the unaccounted for difference must be recorded in the firm's records. Rule 17a-13(c) provides that under specified conditions, the securities count, examination and verification of the broker-dealer's entire list of securities may be conducted on a cyclical basis rather than on a certain date. Although Rule 17a-13 does not require filing a report with the Commission, security count discrepancies must be reported on Form X-17a-5 as required by Rule 17a-5. Rule 17a-13 exempts broker-dealers that limit their business to the sale and redemption of securities of registered investment companies and interests or participation in an insurance company separate account and those who solicit accounts for federally insured savings and loan associations, provided that such persons, promptly transmit all funds and securities and hold no customer funds and securities.

The information obtained from Rule 17a-13 is used as an inventory control device to monitor a broker-dealers' ability to account for all securities held, in transfer, in transit, pledged, loaned, borrowed, deposited or otherwise subject to the firm's control or direction. Discrepancies between the securities counts and the broker-dealer's records alert the Commission and the Self Regulatory Organizations (SROs) to those firms having problems in the their back offices.

Because of the many variations in the amount of securities that broker-dealers are accountable for, it is difficult to develop a meaningful figure for the cost of compliance with Rule 17a-13. Approximately 92% of all registered broker-dealers are subject to Rule 17a-13. Accordingly, approximately 7,156 broker-dealer to comply with the Rule is 100 hours per year, for a total estimated annualized burden of 715,600 hours. It should be noted that a significant number of firms subject to Rule 17a-13 have minimal obligations under the Rule because they do not hold securities. It should further be noted that most broker-dealers would engage in the activities required by Rule 17a-13 even if they were not required to do so.

Rule 11Ab2-1 and Form SIP establish the procedures by which a Securities