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Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://www.nifl.gov/activities/fllwhome.htm> or comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be addressed to Jennifer Cromley, National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006. Requests also may be electronically mailed to the internet jcromley@nifl.gov or faxed to 202-233-2050. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Carolyn Y. Staley,

Acting Director, NIFL.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND PLACE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

PLACES: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 5299G Most wanted Safety Recommendations Program—2001 Update.

News Media Contact: Telephone: (202) 314-6100

Individuals requesting specific accommodation should contact Ms. Carolyn Dargan at (202) 314-6305 by Friday, May 11, 2001.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky D'Onofrio, (202) 314-6065.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

Vicky D'Onofrio,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Public Meeting to Solicit Stakeholder Input on the Use of Risk Information in the Nuclear Materials Regulatory Process: Case Study on Uranium Recovery facilities

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards is developing criteria for determining when risk information should be used in the regulation of nuclear waste and materials. As part of this effort, the NRC staff is conducting case studies on a spectrum of activities in the nuclear materials and waste arenas, including uranium recovery facilities. The purpose of the case studies is (1) to illustrate what has been done and what could be done in the materials and waste arenas to alter the regulatory approach in a risk-informed manner and (2) to establish a framework for using a risk-informed approach in the materials and waste arenas by testing a set of draft screening criteria, and determining the feasibility of safety goals.

NRC staff is in the initial phase of its case study on uranium recovery facilities. The purpose of this meeting is to (1) communicate to stakeholders the status of this case study, and (2) to solicit recommendations and comments on how NRC should proceed with the case study, apply the draft screening criteria, develop safety goals, and incorporate risk information into its regulatory program. The tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening remarks.
2. Provide background information on the case study effort.
3. Present status of case study.
4. Receive comments, feedback, and recommendations.
5. Closing remarks.

The meeting is open to the public; all interested parties may attend and provide comments. Persons who wish to attend the meeting should contact Marissa Bailey no later than June 7, 2001.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 13, 2001, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Executive Tower Hotel, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Marissa Bailey, Mail Stop T-8-A-23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-7648; Internet: MGB@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC staff's case study approach, the draft screening criteria, and the case study areas under consideration are described in the "Plan for Using Risk Information in the Materials and Waste Arenas: Case Studies" which has been published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 66782, November 7, 2000). Copies of this plan are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/>

[riskassessment.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/riskassessment.html). Written requests for single copies of this plan may also be submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, Risk Task Group, Mail Stop T-8-A-23, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 2nd day of May 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Lawrence E. Kokajko,

Section Chief, Risk Task Group, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27390]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

May 2, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by May 29, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issue in the matter. After May 29, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Allegheny Energy, Inc., et al. (70-9833)

Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("Allegheny"), 10435 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, a registered holding company, and Allegheny Energy Supply

Company, LLC ("AE Supply"), R.R. 12, P.O. Box 1000, Roseytown Road, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601, a utility subsidiary of Allegheny, (collectively, "Applicants") have filed a declaration under sections 6(a), 7, and 12(d) of the Act and rules 44 and 54 under the Act.

In accordance with an Asset Contribution and Purchase Agreement dated January 8, 2001 ("Agreement"), AE Supply and Allegheny Energy Global Markets, LLC, AE Supply's newly formed rule 58 company, acquired Global Energy Markets ("GEM"), the energy commodity marketing and trading unit of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch"), on March 16, 2001 ("Closing Date").¹ The purchase price for GEM was \$490 million, paid on the Closing Date, and 2% of the membership interests in AE Supply ("Membership Interests"). The sale of the Membership Interests is contingent upon the approval of the Commission. The Agreement further provides that if the Commission does not approve the sale of the Membership Interests, Allegheny, AE Supply, and Allegheny Energy Global Markets, LLC, are obligated to make an additional cash payment to Merrill Lynch. Accordingly, Applicants request authorization to sell the Membership Interests to Merrill Lynch.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27392]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

May 3, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for

public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by May 28, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After May 28, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Northeast Utilities, et al. (70-9883)

Notice of Proposal To Issue Securities; Order Authorizing Solicitation of Proxies

Northeast Utilities ("NU"), 174 Brush Hill Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01090-0010, a registered holding company, has filed a declaration under sections 6(a), 7, and 12(e) of the Act and Rules 54, 62, and 65 under the Act.

NU seeks the Commission's approval for: (1) The solicitation of proxies from NU's common shareholders seeking adoption of the Northeast Utilities Employee Share Purchase Plan ("Plan"), which contemplates the issuance of NU's common shares, \$5.00 par value ("Common Shares") and (2) the issuance each year, during the ten year term of the Plan, of NU Common Shares (either authorized, but previously unissued shares or reacquired shares) not to exceed one-half percent (0.5%) of the number of shares outstanding as of the end of the preceding year¹ and derivatives of such shares.

On April 9, 2001, NU's Board of Trustees ("Board") adopted an Employee Share Purchase Plan ("Plan"). This Plan replaces an earlier Employee Share Purchase Plan adopted in 1998 by order of the Commission dated April 29, 1998 (HCAR No. 26865) ("Prior 1998

Plan"), which NU discontinued in December of 2000 in anticipation of the merger with Consolidated Edison, Inc. The Prior 1998 Plan allowed officers to participate, but only as optional participants, which in effect required that the officers purchase the share at 100% rather than 85% of the market value as of a designated date determined by the Plan's committee. Under the current Plan officers may participate under the same terms as other eligible participants. NU proposes to submit the Plan to its shareholders for approval at NU's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 28, 2001. If approved by NU's shareholders, the Plan will be effective as of August 1, 2001. The Plan will terminate ten years from its effective date, unless terminated earlier by the Board.

The Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee of NU's Board of Trustees or by a delegate ("Committee"). The Plan is intended to be an employee stock purchase plan under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Through programs established by the Committee from time to time eligible employees may purchase newly issued Common Shares through payroll deduction. The purchase price will be determined by the Committee and will be between 85 percent and 100 percent of the lower of closing market value on the first and last days of the purchase period. Shares purchased under the Employee Share Purchase Plan may not be transferred for six months following the purchase date.

Additionally, NU requests authority to solicit proxies approving the Plan from the holders of NU Common Shares, for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held June 28, 2001. It is anticipated that solicitation materials will be mailed to shareholders commencing on or about May 11, 2001.

NU proposes to mail the notice of meeting, statement relating to the Plan, proxy statement and proxy to its shareholders for the annual meeting, and has filed its proxy solicitation material relating to the Plan. NU requests that an order authorizing the solicitation of proxies be issued as soon as practicable under rule 62(d). It appears to the Commission that NU's declaration as it pertains to the proposed solicitation of proxies should be permitted to become effective immediately under rule 62(d).

Rule 54 states that the Commission will not consider the effect of the capitalization or earnings of any subsidiary which is an exempt wholesale generator ("EWG") or foreign utility company ("FUCO") upon the

¹ Applicants state that the acquisition of GEM was exempt from section 9(a) of the Act because GEM is an energy-related company under rule 58 of the Act.

¹ Based on the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares on December 31, 2000 this restriction will permit 719,181 Common Shares to be issued to fund purchases by Plan participants in 2001 and 7,191,818 Common Shares over the ten year life of the Plan. The issuance each year is subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of recapitalizations, mergers, splits or similar corporate transactions.