

Utah TRIGA Nuclear Reactor Facility, a 100 kW (thermal) research reactor facility, located in Salt Lake County, Utah. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

Subsection 109(a) of 10 CFR Part 2 states, "Except for the renewal of an operating license for a nuclear power plant under 10 CFR 50.21(b) or 50.22, if, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of an existing license authorizing any activity of a continuing nature, the licensee files an application for a renewal or for a new license for the activity so authorized, the existing license will not be deemed to have expired until the application has been finally determined."

The University of Utah has requested an exemption from the timing requirements of 10 CFR 2.109(a), for submittal of the University of Utah TRIGA Nuclear Reactor Facility license renewal application. The exemption would allow the submittal of the renewal application with less than 30 days remaining prior to expiration of the operating license while maintaining the protection of the timely renewal provision in 10 CFR 2.109(a).

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated April 13, 2005.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Because the licensee has submitted their application for license renewal less than 30 days before the expiration date of the existing license (midnight April 17, 2005), the proposed action is needed to allow continued operation of the facility while the NRC staff makes a final determination regarding license renewal.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the proposed exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is, otherwise, in the public interest. In addition, special circumstances exist to justify the proposed exemption. The details of the staff's evaluation will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation.

Because the proposed action would allow continued operation of the reactor

facility under the current license conditions and technical specifications and will not authorize any changes to the facility or its operation, the proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released offsite. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent release offsite. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application for exemption would result in a period of time where the licensee would not operate the reactor while the NRC staff reviewed the licensee's application for license renewal. There would be a small decrease in environmental impact during the period of time the reactor would be shut down and the benefits of education and research would be lost. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This proposed action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in environmental impact appraisal for initial facility license authorization dated September 30, 1975, and the environmental assessment for operating license renewal dated March 27, 1985.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its policy, on April 13, 2005, the NRC staff consulted with the Utah State official, Mr. Dane Finerfrock, Director, Division of Radiation Control, Department of Environmental Quality, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no

comments regarding the environmental aspects of the exemption.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 13, 2005. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of April, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Week of April 18, 2005.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 18, 2005

Thursday, April 21, 2005

2:55 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

a. Duke Energy Corp. (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2),

Commission *sua sponte* review of portions of the Licensing Board's March 10, 2005 final decision on security contention (Tentative).

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Dated: April 14, 2005.

Dave Gamberoni,

Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 18f-1 and SEC File No. 270-187; OMB Control No. 3235-0211; Form N-18F-1; SEC File No. 270-187; OMB Control No. 3235-0211.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 18f-1 [17 CFR 270.18f-1] enables a registered open-end management investment company ("fund") that may redeem its securities in-kind, by making a one-time election, to commit to make cash redemptions pursuant to certain requirements without violating section 18(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-18(f)). A fund relying on the rule must file Form N-18F-1 (17 CFR 274.51) to notify the Commission of this election. The Commission staff estimates that approximately 38 funds file Form N-18F-1 annually, and that each response takes approximately one hour. Based on these estimates, the total annual burden hours associated with the rule is estimated to be 38 hours.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 11, 2005.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to the Delivery of Customer Agreements Containing Predispute Arbitration Clauses

April 12, 2005.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 4, 2005, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by NASD. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposal on an accelerated basis.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

NASD is proposing to amend NASD Rule 3110(f) to: (1) Amend NASD Rule 3110(f)(2)(B) to conform to the SEC's recordkeeping rules, in particular, Exchange Act Rule 17a-3(a)(17)(i)(B)(1),³ by extending the time period for delivery of a copy of a customer account agreement containing a predispute arbitration clause from the time of signing to within 30 days of signing; (2) extend the compliance date of the recent amendments to NASD Rule

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.17a-3(a)(17)(i)(B)(1). This rule requires a broker-dealer, among other things, to keep a record indicating that the broker-dealer has furnished to each customer within 30 days of opening the account a copy of the account record, or alternate document, containing the customer's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, employment status, annual income, net worth, the account's investment objectives, and other information.