

1 and 2, and Haiyang Unit 1, as part of the ITP for SNC's VEGP Units 3 and 4. These tests are used to further establish unique phenomenological performance parameters of certain AP1000 design features beyond testing performed for the Design Certification of the AP600 that will not change from plant to plant. Some of these tests are required only for the first plant and others are required only for the first three plants and thereafter, because of the standardization of the AP1000 design, would not be required as part of the ITP for subsequent plants. "First plant only" and "first three plant only" tests are defined and listed in AP1000 DCD Revision 19 Tier 2 Section 14.2.5. The requested amendment includes changes to COL Condition 2.D.(2)(a) and plant-specific Tier 1 Section 2.1.3 to credit previously completed first plant only and first three plant only testing performed in China at Sanmen Units 1 and 2, and Haiyang Unit 1, and revise the COL to delete conditions requiring that the following first plant only, and first three plant only tests be conducted on VEGP Units 3 and 4: In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank (IRWST) Heatup Test, Reactor Vessel Internals Vibration Testing, and Core Makeup Tank (CMT) Heated Recirculation Tests.

Part of the justification for granting the exemptions was provided by the review of the amendments. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemptions and issued the amendments concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemptions met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in Sections 50.12, 10 CFR 52.7, and Section VIII.A.4 of Appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendments were found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18351A351.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to SNC for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18351A344 and ML18351A346, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18351A347 and ML18351A349,

respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

## II. Exemption

As noted in this section is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated August 3, 2018, SNC requested from the Commission an exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR part 52, Appendix D, Section III.B, as part of license amendment request (LAR) 18-019, "Crediting Previously Completed First Plant and First Three Plant Tests."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.2, "Evaluation of Exemption," of the NRC staff's safety evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18351A351, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;

B. The exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;

C. The exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;

D. Special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;

E. The special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

F. The exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, SNC is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined License, as described in the licensee's request dated August 3, 2018. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 151 [for Unit 3, 150 for Unit 4], which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0, "Environmental Consideration," of the NRC staff's safety evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML18351A351), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated August 3, 2018, SNC requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COL Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or combined license, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 2018 (83 FR 48463). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that SNC requested on August 3, 2018.

The exemptions and amendments were issued on January 22, 2019, as part of a combined package to SNC (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML18351A342).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 2 p.m. (OPEN Portion) 2:15 p.m. (CLOSED Portion)

**PLACE:** Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
**STATUS:** Meeting OPEN to the Public from 2 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Closed portion will commence at 2:15 p.m. (approx.)

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. President's Report
2. Tribute—Ray W. Washburne
3. Tribute—James Demers
4. Minutes of the Open Session of the December 13, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting

**FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC 2:15 P.M.):**

1. Finance Project—Colombia
2. Finance Project—El Salvador
3. Finance Project—Latin America
4. Finance Project—Southeast Asia
5. Finance Project—Global
6. Minutes of the Closed Session of the December 13, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting
7. Reports
8. Pending Projects

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Catherine F.I. Andrade at (202) 336-8768, or via email at [Catherine.Andrade@opic.gov](mailto:Catherine.Andrade@opic.gov).

Dated: February 26, 2019.

**Catherine Andrade,**

Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

*Summary:* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must

contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Application for Survivor Insurance Annuities; OMB 3220-0030.

Under Section 2(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), monthly survivor annuities are payable to surviving widow(er)s, parents, unmarried children, and in certain cases, divorced spouses, mothers (fathers), remarried widow(er)s, and grandchildren of deceased railroad employees if there are no qualified survivors of the employee immediately eligible for an annuity. The requirements relating to the annuities are prescribed in 20 CFR 216, 217, 218, and 219.

To collect the information needed to help determine an applicant's entitlement to, and the amount of, a survivor annuity the RRB uses Forms AA-17, *Application for Widow(er)'s Annuity*; AA-17b, *Applications for Determination of Widow(er)'s Disability*; AA-18, *Application for Mother's/Father's and Child's Annuity*; AA-19, *Application for Child's Annuity*; AA-19a, *Application for Determination of Child's Disability*; AA-20, *Application for Parent's Annuity*, and electronic Forms AA-17cert, *Application Summary and Certification* and AA-17sum, *Application Summary*.

The on-line automated survivor annuity application (Forms AA-17, AA-18, AA-19, and AA-20) process obtains information about an applicant's marital history, work history, benefits from other government agencies, and Medicare entitlement for a survivor annuity. An RRB representative interviews the applicant either at a field office (preferred), an itinerant point, or by telephone. During the interview, the RRB representative enters the information obtained into an on-line information system. Upon completion of the interview, the system generates, for the applicant's review, either Form AA-17cert or AA-17sum, which provides a summary of the information that the applicant provided or verified. Form AA-17cert, *Application Summary and Certification*, requires a tradition pen and ink "wet" signature. Form AA-17sum, *Application Summary*, documents the alternate signing method called "Attestation," which is an action taken by the RRB representative to confirm and annotate in the RRB records (1) the applicant's intent to file an application; (2) the applicant's affirmation under penalty of perjury that the information provided is correct; and (3) the applicant's agreement to sign the

application by proxy. When the RRB representative is unable to contact the applicant in person or by telephone, for example, the applicant lives in another country, a manual version of the appropriate form is used. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion of the forms is required to obtain a benefit.

*Previous requests for comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 66323 on December 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

**Information Collection Request (ICR)**

*Title:* Application for Survivor Insurance Annuities.

*OMB control number:* 3220-0030.

*Form(s) submitted:* AA-17b, AA-17cert, AA-17sum, and AA-19a.

*Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected public:* Individuals or Households.

*Abstract:* Under Section 2(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act, monthly survivor annuities are payable to surviving widow(er)s, parents, unmarried children, and in certain cases, divorced wives (husbands), mothers (fathers), remarried widow(er)s and grandchildren of deceased railroad employees. The collection obtains information needed by the RRB to determine entitlement to and the amount of the annuity applied for.

*Changes proposed:* The RRB proposes significant changes to Form AA-17b in support of the RRB's Disability Program Improvement Plan (DPIP) to enhance and improve disability case processing and overall program integrity as recommended by the RRB's Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office. Proposed changes to Form AA-17b include the addition of questions regarding the applicant's attempt to go back to work; education and training; additional scheduled medical care; daily activities, including any social and recreational activities and volunteer work; and possible use of a facilitator or attorney to either complete or aid in the completion of the application. Clarification of existing items and other non-burden impacting editorial and formatting changes to make the AA-17b consistent with other DPIP forms enhancements are also being proposed.

*The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:*