

prioritize candidate regulations and design basis accidents (DBAs), the results of the staff's initial efforts in risk-informing two trial implementation issues (i.e., 10 CFR 50.44 and special treatment rules), the preliminary results of the selection of additional candidate requirements and DBAs to be examined, and discussion of preliminary issues associated with the development and implementation of the entire process.

Initial documents covering some of the above topics will be available on the part 50 technical requirements web site between one and two weeks prior to the workshop and will be placed in the public document room. Each of these documents will contain a list of preliminary issues for discussion. The address for the Part 50 technical requirements web site is as follows: <http://nrc-part50.sandia.gov> This web site can also be accessed from the NRC web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>), by selecting "Nuclear Reactors," and then "Risk-Informed Part 50 (Option 3)."

The part 50 technical requirements web site currently contains some pertinent background information, located under the "Related Sites" page (e.g., SECY-98-300, SECY-99-256 and SECY-99-264).

Workshop Meeting Information

The staff intends to conduct a workshop to provide for an exchange of information related to the risk-informed revisions to the technical requirements of 10 CFR part 50. Persons other than NRC staff and NRC contractors interested in making a presentation at the workshop should notify Alan Kuritzky, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS: T10-E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001, (301) 415-6255, email: ask1@nrc.gov.

Date: February 24-25, 2000.

Agenda

Preliminary agenda is as follows (a final agenda will be available at the workshop):

Thursday, February 24, 2000 (8:00 a.m.–Noon)

NRC Presentations:

- Introduction (Background and Objectives)
- Framework for Risk-Informing Regulatory Requirements and DBAs
- Process and Criteria for Identifying and Prioritizing Candidate Regulations and DBAs
- Preliminary Results of Selection of Candidate Regulations and DBAs
- Trial Implementation of 10 CFR 50.44
- Trial Implementation of Special Treatment Requirements
- Future Activities

Thursday, February 24, 2000 (1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

Stakeholder Presentations

Open Discussion:

- Framework for Risk-Informing Regulatory Requirements and DBAs
- Process and Criteria for Identifying and Prioritizing Candidate Regulations and DBAs
- Preliminary Results of Selection of Candidate Regulations and DBAs
- Trial Implementation of 10 CFR 50.44
- Trial Implementation of Special Treatment Requirements

Friday, February 25, 2000 (8:00 a.m.–Noon)

Continued Discussion (as needed)

Future Activities

Wrap-Up/Summary

Location: NRC Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Registration: No registration fee for workshop; however, notification of attendance is requested so that adequate space, materials, etc., for the workshop can be arranged. Notification of attendance should be directed to Alan Kuritzky, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS: T10-E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, (301) 415-6255, email: ask1@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated this 7th day of February 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Accounting for Social Insurance

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice indicates the availability of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) No. 17, "Accounting for Social Insurance." The statement was recommended by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and adopted in its entirety by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

ADDRESSES: Copies of SFFAS No. 17, "Accounting for Social Insurance," may

be obtained for \$12.00 each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (telephone 202-512-1800), Stock No. 041-001-00540-4.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Short (telephone: 202-395-3124), Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 6025, Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice indicates the availability of the seventeenth Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS), "Accounting for Social Insurance." The standard was recommended by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and adopted in its entirety by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on November 19, 1999.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding among the General Accounting Office, the Department of the Treasury, and OMB on Federal Government Accounting Standards, the Comptroller General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of OMB decide upon accounting principles and standards after considering the recommendations of FASAB. After agreement to specific principles and standards, a notice of document availability is published in the **Federal Register** and distributed throughout the Federal Government.

On September 30, the FASAB Principals signed a revised MOU agreeing that future FASAB statements will become final 90 days after FASAB has submitted a proposed standard to each of the three FASAB Principals, so long as no Principal objects during the 90-day period. OMB, GAO, and Treasury would continue to have veto power over any FASAB action and, in addition, they would maintain their statutory authority to establish and adopt accounting standards for the Federal Government.

Under this new agreement, FASAB will be responsible for the **Federal Register** notification process for future statements. Since this statement and one other were undergoing final review by September 30, they will be processed under the previous procedures. The other statement will be forwarded by OMB within the next few weeks for publication in the **Federal Register**.

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the Treasury, and the Director of OMB decide upon accounting principles and standards after considering the recommendations of FASAB. After agreement to specific principles and standards, a notice of document availability is published in the **Federal Register** and distributed throughout the Federal Government.

This Notice is available on the OMB home page on the Internet which is currently located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/omb>, under the caption "**Federal Register Submissions.**"

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Executive Associate Director and Controller.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27132]

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

DATE: February 4, 2000.

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 applications(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transactions(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declarations(s) and any amendments 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 applications(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by February 28, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarations(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in 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 February 28, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Alliant Energy Corporation, et al. (70-9513)

Alliant Energy Corporation ("Alliant" 222 West Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, a registered holding company, and its wholly owned public utility subsidiary, IES Utilities, Inc. ("IES"), Alliant Tower, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401 (collectively, "Applicants"), have filed a post-effective amendment under sections 9(a), 10 and 13(b) of the Act, and rules 54, 90 and 91 under the Act, to an application-declaration previously filed under the Act.

By order dated October 26, 1999 (Holding Co. Act Release No. 27096) ("Order"), the Commission authorized, among other things, Alliant to acquire indirectly a 25% membership interest in Nuclear Management Company, LLC ("NMC"). NMC was formed for the purpose of consolidating specialized nuclear power plant employees and resources of IES and certain other unaffiliated nuclear power plant owners (collectively, "NMC Plant Owners").¹

IES was also authorized in the Order to enter into a service agreement ("Service Agreement") and related employee lease agreement with NMC whereby IES would provide personnel and other resources to NMC, which would provide certain services ("Services")² to the NMC Plant Owners, including IES, at cost. In addition, NMC was authorized to offer these Services to parties other than the NMC Plant Owners.

Applicants now seek authorization to enter into a new service agreement ("New Service Agreement") whereby NMC would provide operations, maintenance, capital improvement and decommissioning services ("New Services") to IES and to enter into essentially identical agreements with the other NMC Plant Owners. Applicants also note that NMC may admit additional members and/or offer similar types of operating services at competitive rates to third parties who are not, and whose affiliates are not, members of NMC.

Under the New Service Agreement, NMC will act as agent of IES and each of the other NMC Plant Owners in connection with the operation,

management, maintenance, and repair of the nuclear plants owned by the NMC Plant Owners. The NMC Plant Owners will grant NMC, as their agent, the power and authority to execute, modify, amend or terminate any contracts, licenses, purchase orders, or permits relating to the operations of or capital improvements to a unit. In addition, NMC will make capital improvements to the NMC Plant Owner's nuclear plant facilities, and will perform decommissioning work required upon the retirement of such facilities.

In accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") regulations, the NMC Plant Owners will transfer operating responsibility for the nuclear plants to NMC. Following the transfer of operating responsibility to NMC by NMC Plant Owners, NMC will be obligated to obtain and maintain all necessary licenses required by the NRC and other governmental bodies. Further, NMC, as supplier of operating services to each NMC Plant Owner, will have authority to make all decisions relating to the public health, safety, and security of the nuclear facilities. The New Service Agreement also provides that a NMC Plant Owner will transfer to NMC its on-site non-union employees and contractors responsible for the licensed obligations of its plant.

These rights and responsibilities notwithstanding, Applicants note that the NMC Plant Owners may have reserved certain rights under the New Service Agreement. For example, NMC may not, without the prior written approval of a NMC Plant Owner sell, encumber or otherwise dispose of any property or equipment which comprises any nuclear plant, except to the extent replaced by similar equipment or property of comparable value. In addition, the NMC Plant Owner has exclusive authority to direct NMC to retire a plant and commence decommissioning activity, to operate a plant at a reduced capacity, and to review and approve contracts that NMC may enter into with respect to acquisitions of equipment, property, materials and inventories. Further, each NMC Plant Owner will remain the owner of, and be entitled to all of, the capacity and energy associated with any plant it owns.

NMC will prepare an annual budget for operating expenses and capital improvements for each plant for the following year. NMC Plant Owners will reimburse NMC for operation costs³ and capital improvements costs.

¹ Alliant indirectly owns undivided interest in two nuclear power facilities, the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant ("KNPP"), located in the Town of Carlton, Wisconsin, and the Duane Arnold Energy Center ("DAEC"), located in Palo, Iowa.

² The Services provided under the Service Agreement include fuel management, procurement and warehousing, licensing, outage support, quality assurance, records management, safety assessment and oversight, security, training and special projects.

³ Costs of operation of a plant include salaries and employee benefits, the direct cost of contractors