

rule change published in the **Federal Register** (57 FR 39355, 1992), the NRC acknowledged that the final rule did not provide burden reduction to multiple-unit facilities sharing a common UFSAR. The NRC stated: "With respect to the concern about multiple facilities sharing a common FSAR, licensees will have maximum flexibility for scheduling updates on a case-by-case basis." Granting this exemption would provide burden reduction to PBAPS while still assuring that revisions to the UFSAR are made at least every 24 months.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that it involves administrative activities unrelated to plant operation.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no 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 involve 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 concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for PBAPS.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 18, 2001, the NRC staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Dennis Dyckman, of the Pennsylvania Department of

Environmental Protection, Nuclear Safety Division, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

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 May 30, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS may contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John P. Boska,

Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comments Request for Review of an Expiring Information Collection: OPM Form 1203-AW, Qualifications & Availability Form C, OPM Form 1203-FX, Qualifications & Availability Form C, and OPM Form 1203-EFX, Qualifications and Availability Form EZ

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to

the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an expiring Form for information collection. The OPM Form 1203-AW, Qualifications & Availability Form C, is an optical scan form designed to collect applicant information and qualifications in a format suitable for automated processing and to create applicant records for an automated examining system. OPM uses the form to carry out its responsibility for open competitive examining for admission to the competitive service in accordance with 5 U.S.C. section 3304. The OPM Form 1203-FX, Qualifications & Availability Form C, and the OPM Form 1203-EFX, Qualifications and Availability Form EZ, are used to collect applicant information in a format suitable for automated processing, electronic transmission, and reproduction using a laser printer.

Approximately 500,000 of the OPM Form 1203 are completed annually. The public burden of information collection is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to 45 minutes to complete this form including time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing entries. The average time to complete this form is 30 minutes. The annual estimated burden is 225,000 hours.

Comments on this proposed reinstatement are particularly invited on:

- Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility;
- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and is based on valid assumptions and methodology; and
- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on 202-606-8358 or e-mail at mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Employment Service, ATTN: Tim Firlie, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 1425, Washington, DC 20415-9820.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Expiring Information Collection; Forms INV 41, 42, 43 and 44

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of currently approved information collection forms INV 41, 42, 43 and 44. OPM uses these forms to request information by mail for use in OPM investigations. These investigations are conducted to determine suitability for Federal employment or the ability to hold a security clearance as prescribed in Executive Orders 10450, 12968, 10577 (5 CFR part V), and 5 U.S.C. 3301. INV Form 41, Investigative Request for Employment Data and Supervisor Information, is sent to employers and supervisors. INV Form 42, Investigative Request for Personal Information, is sent to references. INV Form 43, Investigative Request for Educational Registrar and Dean of Students Record Data, is sent to educational institutions. INV Form 44, Investigative Request for Law Enforcement Data, is sent to local law enforcement agencies.

Comments are particularly invited on:
—Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility;
—Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and
—Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Based on current usage, OPM estimates that 1,962,947 individuals will respond annually to the forms (1,037,947 to INV Form 41; 218,629 to INV Form 42; 165,314 to INV Form 43;

and 541,057 to INV Form 44). We believe the forms require an average of 5 minutes to complete. The total estimated public burden is 163,579 hours.

To obtain copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-2150, FAX: (202) 418-3251 or by E-mail: mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver written comments to: Richard A. Ferris, Associate Director, Investigations Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415-4000.

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Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the Pacific Exchange (Lowe's Companies, Inc., Common Stock, \$.50 Par Value) File No. 1-7898

July 31, 2001.

Lowe's Companies, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,² to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.50 par value, ("Security"), from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange ("PCX").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has met the requirements of the PCX's rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration. In a letter dated July 23, 2001, the PCX approved the Issuer's request to be removed from listing and registration on the PCX.

The Issuer stated that it made the decision to withdraw the Security from listing on the Exchange because it no longer deemed it necessary for the benefit of its shareholders to list its

share on the PCX. According to the Issuer, the expense of registration outweighed any value to its shareholders. The Issuer represents that the Security will continue to be listed and traded on the New York Stock, Inc. ("NYSE"). The application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security from listing on the PCX and shall have no effect upon its listing on the NYSE or its registration under section 12(b) of the Act.³

Any interested person may, on or before August 17, 2001 submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the PCX and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-44625; File No. 10-131]

The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc; Extension of Comment Period for The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.'s Application for Registration as a National Securities Exchange Under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 From July 30, 2001 to August 29, 2001

July 31, 2001.

The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq") completed its application for registration as a national securities exchange ("Form 1") under Section 6¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and submitted it to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") on March 15, 2001. Notice of Nasdaq's Form 1 application appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2001, and the deadline for public comment was July 30, 2001.²

³ 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78(f).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44396 (June 7, 2001), 66 FR 31952 (June 13, 2001).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

² 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).