STATUS: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director, Committee Meetings and Committee Reports, Executive Session, Unfinished Business, New Business, Announcements, Adjournment.

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director, Committee Meetings and Committee Reports, Unfinished Business, New Business, Announcements, Adjournment.

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: Executive Session.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mark S. Quigley, Director of Communications, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street, NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202–272– 2004 (Voice), 202–272–2074 (TTY), 202–272–2022 (Fax), *mquigley@ncd.gov* (E-mail).

AGENCY MISSION: The National Council on Disability (NCD) is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, including people from culturally diverse backgrounds, regardless of the nature or significance of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Those needing sign language interpreters or other disability accommodations should notify NCD at least one week before this meeting.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATION: In accordance with E.O. 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, those people with disabilities who are limited English proficient and seek translation services for this meeting should notify NCD at least one week before this meeting.

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY/ ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS: People with multiple chemical sensitivity/ environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances to attend this meeting. To reduce such exposure, NCD requests that attendees not wear perfumes or scented products at this meeting. Smoking is prohibited in meeting rooms and surrounding areas. Dated: December 9, 2003. Ethel D. Briggs, Executive Director. [FR Doc. 03–31224 Filed 12–15–03; 1:05 pm] BILLING CODE 6820-MA-P

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Fellowships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fellowships Advisory Panel, Folk & Traditional Arts section (National Heritage Fellowships category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on January 27–30, 2004 in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506. The panel will meet from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on January 27th–29th, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 30th.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on nominations for recognition under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by nominators and nominees. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 30, 2003, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(6) of title 5, United States Code, section 552b.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: December 11, 2003.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts. [FR Doc. 03–31108 Filed 12–16–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7537-01–P

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, notice is hereby given that two meetings of the Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows: *Media Arts:* January 7–9, 2004, Room 716 (Arts on Radio and Television category). This meeting will be closed.

Folk & Traditional Arts: January 12– 13, 2004, Room 714 (Infrastructure Initiative category). A portion of this meeting, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on January 13th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on January 12th, and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on January 13th, will be closed.

Closed meetings and portions of meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 30, 2003, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c) (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY-TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: December 11, 2003.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts. [FR Doc. 03–31106 Filed 12–16–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7537-01–P

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Partnerships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Partnerships Advisory Panel (State Partnership Agreements), to the National Council on the Arts will be held on January 22–23, 2004. The panel will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m on January 22nd and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 23rd in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting will be open to the public on a space available basis. Topics will include review of the State Partnership Agreement applications, discussion of guidelines and policy issues, and other business as necessary.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY-TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: December 11, 2003.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts. [FR Doc. 03–31107 Filed 12–16–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7537-01–P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Alabama Power Company, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) to withdraw its December 3, 2003, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–2 and NPF–8 for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Houston County, Alabama.

The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specifications to extend the completion time for the 1C Emergency Diesel Generator from 10 days to 13 days. This change would have allowed the continued operation of Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 with the inoperable diesel generator until December 13, 2003.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Dothan Eagle* newspaper on December 5 and 6, 2003. However, by letter dated December 9, 2003, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 3, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated December 9, 2003, which withdrew the application for license amendment. 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** Systems (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 12th day of December 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Sean E. Peters,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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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 3 and Form U–3A3–1, SEC File No. 270–77, OMB Control No. 3235–0160.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), 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 for extension and approval.

Form U–3A3–1, Part 259.403 [17 CFR 259.403] under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 79, *et seq.*, is an application for exemption from regulation, under Rule 3 of the Act, filed annually by banks that are incidentally public utility holding companies by virtue of holding utility securities in their capacity as a bank.

Rule 3 requires the information collection prescribed by Form U–3A3– 1. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and record keeping burden of collections for Form U–3A3–1 is 10 hours (5 responses \times 2 hours = 10 hours).

The estimate of average burden hours are made for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or representative survey or study of the costs of complying with the requirements of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) 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 Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. 03–31112 Filed 12–16–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8010–01–P