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Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Report for Comment: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Standard Review Plan, Section 17.5, "Quality Assurance Program Description—Design Certification, Early Site Permit and New License Applicants"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) has issued Section 17.5, Draft Revision 0, "Quality Assurance Program Description—Design Certification, Early Site Permit and New License Applicants," of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants, LWR Edition" for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this draft document must be submitted by April 11, 2006. To ensure efficient and complete comment resolution, comments should include references to the section, page, and line numbers of the document to which the comment applies.

ADDRESSES: NUREG-0800, including Section 17.5, Draft Revision 0, is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission's Public Document Room, NRC's Headquarters Building, 11555 Rockville Pike (First Floor), Rockville, Maryland. The Public Document Room is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. NUREG-0800, including Section 17.5, Draft Revision 0, is also available electronically on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0800/>, and from the ADAMS Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession No. ML060180622).

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit written comments. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. A number of methods may be used to

submit comments. Written comments should be mailed to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T6-D59, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Comments may be submitted electronically to: nrcprep@nrc.gov. Comments also may be submitted electronically through the comment form available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0800/>.

Please specify the report number NUREG-0800, Section 17.5, Draft Revision 0, in your comments, and send your comments by April 11, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Tingen, Mail Stop O-6F2, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-1280; Internet: sgt@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This new Standard Review Plan (SRP) section is guidance to the staff reviewers in the Office of NRR for performing safety reviews of quality assurance (QA) programs for design certification, early site permit (ESP) and combined license applications submitted under 10 CFR Part 52, as well as new construction permit and operating license applications submitted under 10 CFR Part 50. The principal purpose of the SRP is to ensure the quality and uniformity of staff safety reviews. It is also the intent of this plan to make information about regulatory matters widely available and to improve communication between the NRC, interested members of the public, and the nuclear power industry, thereby increasing understanding of the review process.

SRP Section 17.5 is based on a combination of the following NRC endorsed guidance: ASME Standard NQA-1, "Quality Assurance Program for Nuclear Facilities" (1994 Edition); Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.8, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 3; RG 1.28, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Design and Construction)," Revision 3; RG 1.33, "Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operation)," Revision 2; Review Standard 002, "Processing Applications for Early Site Permits," Revision 0; Nuclear Information and Records Management Association, Inc. (NIRMA) Technical Guide (TG) 11-1998, "Authentication of Records and Media;" NIRMA TG 15-1998, "Management of Electronic Records;"

NIRMA TG 16-1998, "Software Configuration Management and Quality Assurance;" NIRMA TG 21-1998, "Electronic Records Protection and Restoration;" Electric Power Research Institute NP-5652, "Guideline for the Utilization of Commercial—Grade Items in Nuclear Safety-Related Applications (NCIG-07);" SRP Section 17.1, "Quality Assurance During the Design and Construction Phases," Draft Revision 3; SRP Section 17.2, "Quality Assurance During the Operations Phase," Draft Revision 3; and SRP Section 17.3, "Quality Assurance Program," Draft Revision 1. The provisions in 10 CFR 50.69, "Risk-Informed Categorization of Structures, Systems and Components of Nuclear Power Reactors," regarding QA controls for nonsafety-related systems, structures, and components that perform safety significant functions are included in SRP Section 17.5. The provisions in 10 CFR Part 21 and 10 CFR 50.55(e) regarding reporting of defects and noncompliance are included in SRP Section 17.5. A number of NRC approved changes to QA programs that were originally based on existing SRP Sections 17.1, 17.2, and 17.3 that are considered by the NRC to be generic in nature are also included in SRP Section 17.5. The independent review criteria in existing SRP Section 13.4, "Operational Review," have been relocated to SRP Section 17.5.

SRP Section 17.5 is to be used by the staff for guidance for the review of new QA programs. SRP Section 17.5 does not replace existing SRP Sections 13.4, 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3. These existing SRPs continue to be applicable to QA programs as previously approved by the NRC.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 1st day of February, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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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 15g-6, SEC File No. 270-349, OMB Control No. 3235-0395

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.

- (Rule 15g-6—Account statements for penny stock customers.

Rule 15g-6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires brokers and dealers that sell penny stocks to their customers to provide monthly account statements containing information with regard to the penny stocks held in customer accounts. The information is required to be provided to customers of broker-dealers that effect penny stock transactions in order to provide those customers with information that is not now publicly available. Without this information, investors would be less able to protect themselves from fraud and to make informed investment decisions.

The staff estimates that there are approximately 240 broker-dealers that are subject to the rule. The staff estimates that the firms affected by the rule will, at any one time, have approximately 150 new customers with whom they have effected transactions in penny stocks, each of whom would receive a maximum of 12 account statements per year, for a total of 1,800 account statements annually for each firm (150 customers × 12 account statements/customer). The staff estimates that a broker-dealer would expend approximately three minutes in processing the information required for each account statement. Accordingly, the estimated average annual burden would equal 90 hours (1,800 account statements × 3 minutes/account statement ÷ 1 hour/60 minutes), and the estimated average total burden would equal 21,600 hours (90 hours × 240).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: February 1, 2006.

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant 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:

Form N-SAR; SEC File No. 270-292; OMB Control No. 3235-0330.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("PRA"), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

- Form N-SAR—Semi-Annual Report for Registered Investment Companies

Form N-SAR is the form used by all registered investment companies with the exception of face amount certificate companies, to comply with the periodic filing and disclosure requirements imposed by Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*], and of rules 30a1-1 and 30b1-1 under the Act. The information required to be filed with the Commission assures the public availability of the information and permits verification of compliance with Investment Company Act requirements. Registered unit investment trusts are required to provide this information on an annual report filed with the Commission on Form N-SAR (OMB Control No. 3235-0330) pursuant to rule 30a1-1 under the Investment Company Act [17 CFR 30a1-1], and registered management investment companies

must submit the required information on a semi-annual report on Form N-SAR pursuant to rule 30b1-1 under the Act [17 CFR 270.30b1-1].¹

The Commission estimates that the total number of respondents is 4,130 and the total annual number of responses is 7,430 ((3,300 respondents X 2 responses per year) + (830 respondents X 1 response per year)). The Commission estimates that each registrant filing a report on Form N-SAR would spend, on average, 14.43 hours in preparing and filing the Form and that the total hour burden for all Form N-SAR filings would be 107,203 hours. Estimates of the burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the PRA, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

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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.

¹ Face amount certificate companies are required to file periodic reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78m, 78o(d)].