

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection.

DATES: Written comments (see below for details) on this notice must be received by October 24, 2005, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

Comments: 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 estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, via surface mail: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone (703) 292–7556; e-mail splimpto@nsf.gov; or FAX (703) 292–9188. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: 2006 National Survey of College Graduates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0141.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2006.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

1. *Abstract:* The National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), formerly called the National Survey of Natural and Social Scientists and Engineers, has been conducted biennially since the

1970's. The 2006 NSCG will consist of a sample of individuals under age 76 who had responded to the 2003 NSCG and were identified as having a degree in science, engineering or health field at the bachelor's degree level or higher. The purpose of this longitudinal study is to provide national estimates on the science and engineering workforce and changes in employment, education and demographic characteristics. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, include a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The NSCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientist and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT labor force data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population. The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

The Bureau of the Census, as in the past, will conduct the study for NSF. Questionnaires will be mailed in April 2006 and nonrespondents to the mail questionnaire will be followed up by computer-assisted telephone interviewing and/or web survey. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

2. *Expected Respondents:* A statistical sample of approximately 60,000 persons, identified as having at least one degree at the bachelor's degree level or

higher in science, engineering, or health, will be contacted.

3. *Burden on the Public:* The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. NSF estimates that the total annual burden will be 25,000 hours during the year.

Dated: August 17, 2005.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–498 and 50–499; License Nos. NPF–76 and NPF–80]

In the Matter of Centerpoint Energy, Inc., Texas Genco, LP (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2); Order Approving Application Regarding Indirect License Transfers

I

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC or the licensee) and owners Texas Genco, LP (Texas Genco or the applicant), the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), and the City of Austin, Texas (COA) are holders of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–76 and NPF–80, which authorize the possession, use, and operation of the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 (the facility or STP). STPNOC is licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) to operate STP. The facility is located at the licensees' site in Matagorda County, Texas.

II

By application dated June 28, 2005, as supplemented by letter dated August 4, 2005, (collectively referred to herein as the application), STPNOC, acting on behalf of Texas Genco, requested that the NRC, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, consent to the proposed indirect transfer of control of the STP licenses to the extent held by Texas Genco. Texas Genco is a 44 percent owner and non-operating licensee of STP.

According to the application filed by STPNOC on behalf of Texas Genco, Texas Genco is indirectly owned by Texas Genco Holdings, Inc., which in turn is wholly owned by Texas Genco LLC. Texas Genco LLC is owned by investment funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group, Hellman & Friedman LLC, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P.,

and Texas Pacific Group (the Investment Funds) and certain members of the management team (Management owners).

As stated in the application, the ultimate owners of Texas Genco are proposing a corporate restructuring such that several new entities would be interposed between (i) the Investment Funds and Management owners and (ii) Texas Genco LLC. This proposed restructuring is in anticipation of a proposed initial public offering of a minority interest in Texas Genco Inc. Texas Genco Inc. was incorporated on May 20, 2005, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of another new entity, Texas Genco Sponsor LLC. Immediately prior to the initial public offering, Texas Genco Sponsor LLC and Texas Genco Inc. will form a new limited liability company, Texas Genco Holdings LLC.

Following certain transactions described in the application, and following the initial public offering, Texas Genco Inc. will become the sole managing member of Texas Genco Holdings LLC, and Texas Genco Holdings LLC will become the sole owner of Texas Genco LLC and the indirect owner of licensee Texas Genco, which shall at all times continue to be a licensed owner of STP. According to the application, the Investment Funds and Management owners would control Texas Genco Inc. through their ownership of a majority of the voting power in Texas Genco Inc., and continue to ultimately control Texas Genco.

Approval of the indirect transfer of the facility operating licenses was requested by STPNOC pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80. Notice of the request for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on July 25, 2005 (70 FR 42592). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application by STPNOC and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed transactions and resulting indirect transfer of control of Texas Genco will not affect the qualifications of Texas Genco as a holder of the STP licenses, and that the indirect transfer of control of the licenses as held by Texas Genco, to the extent effected by the proposed transactions discussed above, is otherwise consistent with the applicable provisions of laws, regulations, and

orders issued by the NRC, pursuant thereto.

The findings set forth above are supported by a safety evaluation dated August 16, 2005.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the application regarding the indirect license transfers is approved, subject to the following condition:

Should the proposed indirect license transfer not be completed within one year from the date of issuance, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, upon written application and good cause shown, such date may in writing be extended.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the initial application dated June 28, 2005, as supplemented by letter dated August 4, 2005, and the safety evaluation dated August 16, 2005, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland and accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (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, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 16th day of August 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Ledyard B. Marsh,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271; License No. DPR-28]

Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has issued a Director's Decision with regard to a petition dated July 29, 2004, filed by Mr. Paul Blanch and Mr. Arnold Gundersen, hereinafter referred to as the "Petitioners." The petition was supplemented on December 8, 2004. The petition concerns the operation of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee).

The petition requested that the NRC issue a Demand for Information requiring Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy or the licensee) to provide information that clearly and unambiguously describes how Vermont Yankee complies with the General Design Criteria (GDC) specified in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50 Appendix A, or the draft GDC published by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1967.

As the basis for their request, the Petitioners stated that this information is essential for two NRC regulatory activities at Vermont Yankee: (1) the NRC's review of Entergy's application for an extended power uprate (EPU), and (2) the NRC's engineering assessment. The Petitioners stated that until the design bases are clearly identified, any inspection or assessment is meaningless.

By teleconference on August 26, 2004, the Petitioners discussed the petition with the NRC's Petition Review Board. This teleconference gave the Petitioners and the licensee an opportunity to provide additional information and to clarify issues raised in the petition.

By letter dated May 13, 2005, the NRC staff requested Entergy provide information related to the petition. Entergy responded by letter dated June 14, 2005, and the information provided was considered by the staff in its evaluation of the petition.

The NRC staff sent a copy of the proposed Director's Decision to the Petitioners and to the licensee for comment by letters dated May 17, 2005. The staff did not receive any comments on the proposed Director's Decision.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that the request to issue a Demand for