

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h);
3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
4. The circumstance establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(d).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The application for license amendment and supporting documentation are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Questions with respect to this action should be referred to Ms. Sherry W. Lewis, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6619. Fax: (301) 415-5398.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert A. Nelson,**

*Acting Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on April 27, 2000, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Thursday, April 27, 2000—8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon*

The Subcommittee will continue discussion of the NRC Code Guideline Documents (Proposed Regulatory Guide

and Standard Review Plan Section). The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehmert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

**Howard J. Larson,**

*Acting Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Notice of Issuance of Final Design Approval and Final Safety Evaluation Report, Supplement 1, for AP600 Standard Plant Design Westinghouse Electric Company

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued

Supplement 1 to the Final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) related to certification of the AP600 Standard Plant Design. On the basis of the evaluation described in the FSER (NUREG-1512) and Supplement 1 thereto, the NRC staff concludes that the confirmatory issues in NUREG-1512 are resolved, the AP600 design documentation is acceptable, and Westinghouse's application for design certification meets the requirements of Subpart B to 10 CFR Part 52 that are applicable and technically relevant to the AP600 Standard Plant Design.

The NRC has also issued a revised final design approval (FDA) to Westinghouse for the AP600 design under 10 CFR part 52, appendix O. This FDA allows the AP600 design to be referenced in an application for a construction permit or an operating license under 10 CFR Part 50, or an application for a combined license under 10 CFR part 52. The FDA was revised to make it coterminous with the design certification rule that was issued on December 23, 1999 (Appendix C to 10 CFR part 52). This FDA supersedes the FDA dated September 3, 1998.

A copy of the AP600 FDA and Supplement 1 to the FSER have been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20037, for review and copying by interested persons.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Christopher I. Grimes,**

*Chief, License Renewal and Standardization Branch, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Request for Extension of Approval of a Collection of Information Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Customer Service Focus Groups and Surveys

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension and expansion of OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget extend and expand its approval of a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of the information collection, which will be

conducted through focus groups and surveys over a three-year period, is to help the PBGC assess the efficiency and effectiveness with which it serves its customers and to design actions to address identified problems.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before June 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503-0009. The request for approval of the proposed collection of information will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas H. Gabriel, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval, for a three-year period, of a generic collection of information consisting of customer satisfaction focus groups and surveys (OMB No. 1212-0053; expires July 31, 2002). The PBGC also is requesting that OMB expand its approval to encompass a broader range of surveys than those approved under 1212-0053, which provided for surveys only as an adjunct to focus groups. The expanded information collection will further the goals of Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which states the Federal Government must seek to provide "the highest quality of service delivered to customers by private organizations providing a comparable or analogous service."

The PBGC uses customer satisfaction focus groups and surveys to find out about the needs and expectations of its customers and assess how well it is meeting those needs and expectations. By keeping these avenues of communication open, the PBGC can continually improve service to its customers, including plan participants and beneficiaries, plan sponsors and their affiliates, plan administrators,

pension practitioners, and others involved in the establishment, operation and termination of plans covered by the PBGC's insurance program. Because the areas of concern to the PBGC and its customers vary and may quickly change, it is important that the PBGC have the ability to evaluate customer concerns quickly by developing new vehicles for gathering information under this generic approval. The focus groups and surveys will provide important information on customer attitudes about the delivery and quality of agency services and will be used as part of an ongoing process to improve PBGC programs. The PBGC is including in this information collection two surveys previously approved by OMB (OMB Approval Nos. 1212-0056 and 1212-0058).

Participation in the focus groups and surveys will be voluntary. The PBGC estimates that the average annual burden will total 2,500 burden hours for 9,500 respondents (an average of about one-quarter hour per respondent). The PBGC will consult with OMB regarding each specific information collection during the approval period.

On December 10, 1999, the PBGC published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval of this collection. No comments were received in response to the notice.

Issued at Washington, D.C., this 31st day of March, 2000.

**Stuart A. Sirkin,**

*Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

*Extension:* Form N-23C-1; SEC File No. 270-230; OMB Control No. 3235-0230.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval on the collection of information discussed below.

Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-23(c)] ("Investment Company Act" or "Act") prohibits a registered closed-end investment company ("closed-end fund" or "fund") from purchasing any security it issues except on a securities exchange, pursuant to tender offers, or under such other circumstances as the Commission may permit by rules or orders designed to ensure that purchases are made in a manner that does not unfairly discriminate against any holders of the securities to be purchased. Rule 23c-1 [17 CFR 270.23c-1] under the Act permits a closed-end fund that meets certain requirements to repurchase its securities other than on an exchange or pursuant to a tender.

A registered closed-end fund that relies on rule 23c-1 may purchase its securities for cash if, among other conditions set forth in the rule, certain conditions are met:

- Payment of the purchase price is accompanied or preceded by a written confirmation of the purchase;
- The purchase is made at a price not above the market value, if any, or the asset value of the security, whichever is lower, at the time of the purchase; and
- If the security is stock, the issuer has, within the preceding six months, informed stockholders of its intention to purchase stock of the class by letter or report addressed to all the stockholders of the class.

In addition, the issuer must file with the Commission, on or before the tenth day of the month following the date in which the purchase occurs, two copies of Form N-23C-1. The form requires the issuer to report all purchases in has made during the month, together with a copy of any written solicitation to purchase securities under rule 23c-1 sent or given during the month by or on behalf of the issuer to ten or more persons.

The purpose of rule 23c-1 is to protect shareholders of closed-end funds from fraud in connection with the repurchase by funds of their own securities. The purpose of the rule's requirement that the fund file Form N-23C-1 with the Commission is to allow the Commission to monitor funds' repurchase of securities as well as any written solicitation used by the fund to effect those repurchases, and to make that information available to the public. Investors may seek this information when determining whether to invest in certain funds.

The requirements to file Form N-23C-1 applies to a closed-end fund only when the fund has repurchased its securities. If the information provided