

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 30, 2004, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.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](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of September 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[DOCKET NO. 050-213]

### Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact For Exemption From Certain Control and Tracking Requirements in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix G, Section III.E for Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company, East Hampton, CT

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theodore B. Smith, Project Manager, Decommissioning Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. Telephone: (301) 415-6721; fax number: (301) 415-5397; e-mail: [tbs1@nrc.gov](mailto:tbs1@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of an exemption from certain requirements in 10 CFR Part 20 for Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company to relax certain control tracking requirements related to transportation of low-level radioactive

waste from the Haddam Neck Plant (HNP) in East Hampton, Connecticut. The HNP site consists of one permanently shutdown nuclear reactor facility located near East Hampton, Connecticut. Inherent to the decommissioning process, large volumes of slightly contaminated rubble and debris are generated and require disposal. On June 1, 2004, Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO, the licensee) requested an exemption from the requirements in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix G Section III.E to investigate and file a report to the NRC if shipments of low-level radioactive waste are not acknowledged by the intended recipient within 20 days after transfer to the shipper. This exemption would extend the time period that can elapse during shipments of low-level radioactive waste before the licensee is required to investigate and file a report to the NRC from 20 days to 35 days. The exemption request is based on a statistical analysis of the historical data of low-level radioactive waste shipment times from the licensee's site to the disposal site using truck or combination truck/rail shipping methods. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this amendment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The exemption will be issued following the publication of this Notice.

##### II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize an exemption to extend the 20-day investigation and reporting requirements for shipments of low-level radioactive waste to 35 days from the licensee's East Hampton, Connecticut facility. Specifically, since 2003, the licensee has made over 40 shipments of low-level radioactive waste as part of the decommissioning efforts at the facility. MHF Logistical Solutions (MHF) is the carrier company used by the licensee to perform these shipments. MHF has a tracking system that monitors the progress of the shipments from their originating point at HNP until they arrive at their final destination at Envirocare in Clive, Utah. The shipments are made by either truck or combination truck/rail. According to the licensee, the transportation time alone by either truck or combination truck/rail took over 21 days on average, with one shipment taking 25 days to arrive at Envirocare.

In addition to this time, administrative procedures at Envirocare

and mail delivery could add up to 4 additional days. Based on historical data and estimates of the remaining waste at HNP, the licensee could have to perform over 400 investigations and reports to the NRC during the next three years, if the 20-day shipping criteria is maintained. The licensee affirms that the low-level radioactive waste shipments are tracked throughout transportation until they arrive at their intended destination. The licensee believes that the need to investigate, trace, and report to the NRC on the shipment of low-level radioactive waste packages not reaching their destination within 20 days does not serve the underlying purpose of the rule and it is not necessary. As a result, the licensee states that granting this exemption will not result in an undue hazard to life or property.

The staff has prepared the EA in support of the proposed license amendment. The NRC has examined the licensee's proposed exemption request and concluded that it is procedural and administrative in nature. There are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with this exemption, and it will not result in significant nonradiological environmental impacts.

##### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

##### IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for exemption and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are: (1) The licensee's exemption request letter dated June 1, 2004, is ML041680573, and (2) the EA is ML042370633. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR

reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 30th day of September 2004.

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 54, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB Control No. 3235-0427.

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.

Sections 32 and 33 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), and rules 53 and 54 under the Act, permit, among other things, utility holding companies registered under the Act to make direct or indirect investments in exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs") and foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"), as defined in sections 32 and 33 of the Act, respectively, without the prior approval of the Commission, if certain conditions are met. Rules 53 and 54 do not create a reporting burden for respondents. Rule 53 does, however, contain recordkeeping and retention requirements. As required by Congress, the Commission mandates the maintenance of certain books and records identifying investments and earnings from all subsidiary EWGs or FUCOs in order to measure their financial effect on the registered systems.

The Commission estimates that the total annual recordkeeping and record retention burden under rules 53 will be a total of 290 hours (10 hours per respondent × 29 respondents = 290

burden hours). It is estimated that there will be no burden hours associated with rule 54.

These estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC 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 R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: September 28, 2004.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-50477; File No. SR-NASD-2004-116]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 by National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to Supervisory Control and Inspection Procedures

September 30, 2004.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 2, 2004, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items

have been prepared by NASD. On September 23, 2004, NASD submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 from interested persons. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is granting accelerated approval to the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

NASD is proposing to amend NASD Rules 3010 and 3012, with the intention of aligning certain supervisory control and inspection requirements with the corresponding supervisory control and inspection requirements in New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") Rule 342.19 and NYSE Interpretation Handbook provision 342(a)(b)/03. NASD is also proposing several amendments to NASD Rule 22510, relating to discretionary accounts, that NASD states are non-substantive and technical. The SEC approved these rules in their current form on June 17, 2004.<sup>4</sup> Below is the text of the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1. Proposed new language is in italics; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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#### 2510. Discretionary Accounts

(a) through (c) No Change.

(d) Exceptions

This Rule shall not apply to:

(1) discretion as to the price at which or the time when an order given by a customer for the purchase or sale of a definite amount of a security shall be executed, except that the authority to exercise time and price discretion will be considered to be in effect only until the end of the business day on which the customer granted such discretion, absent a specific, written contrary indication signed and dated by the customer. This limitation shall not apply to time and price discretion exercised [for orders effected with or for] *in* an institutional account, as defined in Rule 3110(c)(4), pursuant to valid Good-Till-Cancelled instructions issued on a "not-held" basis. Any exercise of time and price discretion

<sup>3</sup> See letter from Patricia Albrecht, Assistant General Counsel, NASD, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated September 23, 2004 ("Amendment No. 1").

<sup>4</sup> See Exchange Act Release No. 49883, 69 FR 35092 (June 23, 2004) (order approving NASD's proposed rule change); Exchange Act Release No. 49882 (June 17, 2004), 69 FR 35108 (June 23, 2004) (order approving NYSE's proposed rule change).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.