

protection against radiological sabotage provided the licensee demonstrates that the alternative measures have "the same high assurance objective" and meet "the general performance requirements" of the regulation, and "the overall level of system performance provides protection against radiological sabotage equivalent" to that which would be provided by the regulation.

Currently, unescorted access into the protected areas at the Vogtle site is controlled through the use of a photograph on a badge/keycard (hereafter, referred to as "badge"). The security officers at each entrance station use the photograph on the badge to visually identify the individual requesting access. The licensee's employees and contractor personnel who have been granted unescorted access are issued badges upon entrance at each entrance/exit location and the badges are returned upon exit. The badges are stored and are retrievable at each entrance/exit location. In accordance with 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), contractors are not allowed to take these badges offsite.

Under the proposed biometric system, each individual who is authorized unescorted entry into protected areas would have the physical characteristics of his/her hand (i.e., hand geometry) registered, along with his/her number, in the access control system. When a registered user enters his/her badge into the card reader and places his/her hand onto the measuring surface, the system detects that the hand is properly positioned, and records the image. The unique characteristics of the hand image are then compared with the previously stored template in the access control computer system corresponding to the badge to verify authorization for entry.

Individuals, including Vogtle plant employees and contractors, would be allowed to keep their badges when they depart the site and, thus, eliminate the need to issue, retrieve, and store badges at the entrance stations to the plant. Badges do not carry any information other than a unique identification number.

All other access processes, including search function capability, would remain the same. This system would not be used for persons requiring escorted access (i.e., visitors).

Based on the Sandia report, "A performance Evaluation of Biometrics Identification Devices," SAND91-0276-UC-906, Unlimited Release, June 1991, that concluded hand geometry equipment possesses strong performance and high detection characteristics, and on its own experience with the current photo-

identification system the licensee determined that the proposed hand geometry system would provide the same high level of assurance as the current system that access is only granted to authorized individuals. The biometric system has been in use for a number of years at several sensitive Department of Energy facilities and, recently, at nuclear power plants.

The licensee will implement a process for testing the proposed system to ensure continued overall level of performance equivalent to that specified in the regulation. When the changes are implemented, the respective Physical Security Plan will be revised to include implementation and testing of the hand geometry access control system and to allow Vogtle plant employees and contractors to take their badges offsite.

When implemented, the licensee will control all points of personnel access into a protected area under the observation of security personnel through the use of a badge and a hand geometry verification system. The numbered picture badge identification system will continue to be used for all individuals who are authorized unescorted access to protected areas. Badges will continue to be displayed by all individuals while inside the protected areas.

Since both the badge and hand geometry would be necessary for access into the protected areas, the proposed system would provide a positive verification process. The potential loss of a badge by an individual as a result of taking the badge offsite would not enable an unauthorized entry into protected areas.

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For the foregoing reasons, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage meet "the same high assurance objective," and "the general performance requirements" of the regulation and that "the overall level of system performance provides protection against radiological sabotage equivalent" to that which would be provided by the regulation.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, this exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) to allow individuals not employed by the licensee (i.e., contractors) to take their photo-

identification badges offsite, provided that the proposed hand geometry biometrics system is in effect to control access into protected areas at the Vogtle Nuclear Plant.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact (60 FR 35964).

For further details with respect to this action, see the request for exemption dated February 14, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Burke County Public Library, 412 Fourth Street, Waynesboro, Georgia.

This exemption is effective when modifications, procedures, and training to implement the hand geometry biometrics system have been completed and the corresponding revisions to the Physical Security Plan for the Vogtle plant have been submitted, and reviewed and approved by the staff.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of July 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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[Docket Nos. 50-206, 50-361, 50-362]

Southern California Edison Company; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR 13, NPF-10, and NPF-15, issued to Southern California Edison (the licensee), for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, located in San Diego County, California.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would allow individuals not employed by the licensee (i.e., contractors) who have unescorted access to retain possession of their picture badges instead of returning them as they exit the protected area.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated

March 13, 1995, for exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power plant reactors against radiological sabotage."

The Need for the Proposed Action

Paragraph (1) of 10 CFR 73.55(a), the licensee is required to establish and maintain an onsite physical system and security organization.

Paragraph (1) of 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," specifies in part that "The licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." It is specified in 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It further indicates that an individual not employed by the licensee (e.g., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without an escort provided the individual, "receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area."

Currently, unescorted access for both employee and contractor personnel into the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel who are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making visual comparison of the individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. The picture badges are issued, stored, and retrieved at the entrance/exit locations to the protected area. These picture badges are not taken offsite. This current practice is in accordance with the applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 discussed above.

The licensee proposes to revise its security plan to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need for site security personnel to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit locations to the protected area. The proposal would enable the licensee to revise the SONGS security plan to allow all individuals, including contractors, who have unescorted access to the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to retrieve their own badges before entering the protected area and return their badges when exiting the protected area for retrieval for their next entrance. Thus, an exemption is required from 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) to allow individuals, including contractors, who have unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when

departing the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. In addition to their picture badges, all individuals with authorized unescorted access will have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badges to gain access into the protected area, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a hardened cubicle. The proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for individuals requiring escorts.

The underlying purpose for requiring that individuals not employed by the licensee must receive and return their picture badges at the entrance/exit is to provide reasonable assurance that the access badges could not be compromised or stolen with a resulting risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Although the proposed exemption will allow individuals to take their picture badges offsite, the proposed measures require not only that the picture badge be provided for access to the protected area, but also that verification of the hand geometry registered with the badge be performed as discussed above. Thus, the proposed system provides an identity verification process that is equivalent to the existing process.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that the exemption to allow individuals to take their picture badges offsite will not result in an increase in the risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed

actions does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to the action would be to deny the request. Such action would not significantly enhance the protection of the environment in that the proposed action will result in a process that is equivalent to the existing identification verification process.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Environmental Assessment related to the conversion of the Provisional Operating License to a Full Term Operating License issued to Southern California Edison Company for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, on September 26, 1991, or the Final Environmental Report Related to the Operation of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, units 2 and 3 (April 1981).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 19, 1995, the staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Stephen Hsu of the California Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 13, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Main Library, University of California,

Post Office Box 19557, Irvine, California 92713.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of July 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Non-Power Reactor's and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Project Support, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

Agency Collection of Information Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Clearance

AGENCY: Panama Canal Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-511), as amended, the Panama Canal Commission hereby gives notice that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a Standard Form 83, Request for OMB Review, for a currently approved collection of information designated "Procurement-Related Forms and Contract Clauses," OMB No. 3207-0007.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Edward H. Clarke, Information Desk Officer, Commerce and Lands Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a complete copy of the collection of information or related information, contact Barbara Fuller, Office of the Secretary, Panama Canal Commission, telephone (202) 634-6441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Procurement-Related Forms and Contract Clauses.

Form and Clause Numbers: Various.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 20,899.

Estimated Hours Per Response: .287.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 72,728.

Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to procure supplies, services, and construction required by the Panama Canal Commission for the operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal. The

information requested is prescribed by various sections of the Panama Canal Commission Acquisition Regulation (PAR), codified as 48 CFR Chapter 35, which is issued by the Administrator of the Commission pursuant to the authority of section 205(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486(c), as amended, for the purpose of implementing and supplementing the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR Chapter 1). Agency implementation and supplementation of the FAR is authorized by section 1.301 of the FAR. Together, the FAR and PAR govern the contracting process or otherwise control the relationship between the Commission and its contractors or prospective contractors.

Dated: July 14, 1995.

James E. Ferrara,

Director, Office of Executive Administration and Transition Coordination, Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33-7195; 34-35969; File No. 265-20]

Advisory Committee on the Capital Formation and Regulatory Processes

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Change in meeting time.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice that the time for the meeting of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on the Capital Formation and Regulatory Processes scheduled for July 26, 1995 in room 1C30 at the Commission's main offices, 450 Fifth Street N.W., Washington, DC, has been changed to 1 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public, and the public is invited to submit written comments to the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Sirignano, Committee Staff Director, at 202-942-2870; Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street N.W., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: July 13, 1995.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Execution of Odd-Lot Market Orders

July 12, 1995.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on June 16, 1995, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 205 to provide for the execution of odd-lot market orders² at the Intermarket Trading System ("ITS") best bid or offer, subject to certain conditions set forth in proposed Rule 205, Commentary .04. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Commission and the Exchange.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Commission has approved, on a pilot basis extending to February 8, 1996, amendments to Exchange Rule 205 to require execution of odd-lot

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² An odd-lot market order is an order of less than a unit of trading to buy, sell, or sell short, that carries no further qualifying notations. The normal trading unit, or round-lot, is 100 shares.