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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of June, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Susan F. Shankman,**

*Deputy Director, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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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, D.C. 20549.

Extension:

Rule 19b-4 and Form 19b-4, SEC File No. 270-38, OMB Control No. 3235-0045.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Section 19(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") (15 U.S.C. 78s(b)) requires each self-regulatory organization ("SRO") to file with the Commission copies of any proposed rule, or any proposed change in, addition to, or deletion from the rules of such SRO. Rule 19b-4 (17 CFR 240.19b-4) implements the requirements of Section 19(b) by requiring the SROs to file their proposed rule changes on Form 19b-4 and by clarifying which actions taken by SROs are deemed proposed rule changes and so must be filed pursuant to Section 19(b).

The collection of information is designed to provide the Commission with the information necessary to determine, as required by the Act, whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules thereunder. The information is used to determine if the proposed rule change should be approved or if proceedings should be instituted to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

The respondents to the collection of information are self-regulatory organizations (as defined by the Act), including national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing agencies and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Twenty-four respondents file an average total of 500 responses per year, which corresponds to an estimated annual response burden of 17,500 hours. At an average cost per response of \$2,175, the resultant total related cost of compliance for these respondents is \$1,087,500 per year (500 responses × \$2,175/response=\$1,087,500).

Compliance with Rule 19b-4 is mandatory. Information received in response to Rule 19b-4 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public 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 control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (a) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (b) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27181]

### Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, As Amended ("Act")

June 6, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by June 27, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After June 27, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### **Allegheny Energy, Inc., et al. (70-9677)**

Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("Allegheny"), a registered holding company, its subsidiary service company, Allegheny Energy Service Corporation ("Service"), one of its electric utility subsidiary companies, The Potomac Edison Company, and a nonutility subsidiary company, Allegheny Ventures, Inc., all located at 10435 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, and Allegheny's other utility subsidiary companies, West Penn Power Company, 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601, Monongahela Power Company, 1310 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554 and Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC ("Supply") (together, "Applicants"), R.R. 12, P.O. Box 1000, Roseytown, Pennsylvania 15601 have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b) and 12(f)

of the Act and rules 45 and 54 under the Act.

By prior Commission orders dated January 29, 1992, February 28, 1992, July 14, 1992, November 5, 1993, November 28, 1995, April 18, 1996, December 23, 1997, May 19, 1999 and October 8, 1999 (HCAR Nos. 25462, 25481, 25581, 25919, 26418, 26506, 26804, 27030 and 27084) ("Money Pool Orders"), among other things, Allegheny and its subsidiary companies were authorized to establish and participate in a system money pool ("Money Pool") to be administered by Service. By order dated November 12, 1999 (HCAR No. 27101) ("Financing Order"), among other things, the Commission authorized, through July 31, 2005, Supply to effect short-term borrowings in aggregate outstanding amounts of \$300 million, consisting of the issuance of up to \$100 million of notes ("Notes") to Allegheny and up to \$200 million of commercial paper ("Paper") to dealers and Allegheny to enter into credit and counterparty support agreements ("Support Agreements") for the benefit of Supply in amounts of up to \$150 million.

The Applicants state that competitive pressures in the industry have required that the system expand its generating capacity to a level that will allow it to serve a larger customer base. In order to meet the additional capital requirements associated with the expansion, the Applicants request that the Commission modify the authority granted in the Money Pool Orders to include Supply in the Money Pool. Additionally, it is requested that the authority granted in the Financing Order be modified to allow for additional financing authority.

In particular, Allegheny proposes to: (1) issue and sell up to \$135 million of long-term unsecured notes to banks or other institutions,<sup>1</sup> and (2) enter into Support Agreements for the benefit of Supply in amounts increased from \$150 million to \$250 million. Supply proposes to: (1) issue and sell up to \$400 million of secured and unsecured long-term debt,<sup>2</sup> and (2) issue and sell Notes and Paper and borrow from the Money Pool,<sup>3</sup> each in aggregate

outstanding amounts of up to \$300 million, provided that its aggregate outstanding short-term debt does not exceed \$300 million.

For the Commission by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-24490; 812-12050]

### American General Series Portfolio Company 2, et al., Notice of Application

June 7, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of an application under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

*Summary of Application:* Applicants request an order to permit certain series of the North American Funds ("NAF") to acquire all of the assets and liabilities of certain series of the American General Series Portfolio Company 2 ("AGSPC2"). Because of certain affiliations, applicants may not rely on rule 17a-8 under the Act.

*Applicants:* AGSPC2, NAF, The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company ("VALIC"), and American General Corporation ("American General").

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on March 24, 2000. Applicants agree to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

*Hearing or Notification of Hearing:* An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on June 29, 2000, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a

hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants: AGSPC2, VALIC, and American General 2929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019; NAF, 286 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Amanda Machen, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-7120, or Christine Y. Greenlees, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Reorganization).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0102 (telephone (202) 942-8090).

### Applicants' Representations

1. AGSPC2, a Delaware business trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company and is comprised of twenty-four series, twenty-two of which are involved in the proposed transactions (the "Acquired Series"). NAF, a Massachusetts business trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company and is comprised of twenty-five series, twenty of which are involved in the proposed transactions (The "Acquiring Series"). Ten of the Acquiring Series are newly organized for purposes of the proposed transactions.<sup>1</sup> The Acquiring Series and the Acquired Series are collectively referred to as the "Series."

2. VALIC serves as investment adviser to the Acquired Series and is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"). VALIC has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day management of five of the Acquired Series to American General Investment Management, L.P. ("AGIM"), an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act. American General Asset Management Corp. ("AGAM") is the investment adviser for NAF and is registered under the Advisers Act. VALIC, AGIM, and AGAM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of American General.

3. Currently, VALIC and American General's employee pension plan, the American General Retirement Plan (the "Affiliated Plan"), each hold of record in excess of 5% (in some cases, more

<sup>1</sup> See *Southern Co.*, HCAR No. 27134 (February 9, 2000) (authorizing electric utility holding company to issue unsecured debt and preferred securities).

<sup>2</sup> The record notes that the interest rates, fees and expenses associated with the long-term debt issued by Allegheny and Supply will be comparable to those obtainable by similar utilities issuing comparable securities containing the same or similar terms and maturities.

<sup>3</sup> Supply proposes to lend to and borrow up to \$300 million from the Money Pool on the same terms and under the same conditions that are available to current Money Pool members.

*Allegheny Energy, Inc.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25481 (February 28, 1992).

<sup>1</sup> A post-effective amendment to the registration statement for the ten newly created Acquiring Series was filed with the Commission on March 17, 2000, and became effective on May 31, 2000.