

**DATE:** Responses to this notice must be received by March 30, 1998.

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**Edward A. Frankle,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of NSF2000 Steering Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

*Name of Committee:* NSF2000 Steering Committee.

*Purpose:* The Foundation will be observing its 50th anniversary in the year 2000. To advise and assist in this important endeavor, NSF is establishing a steering committee that includes representatives from science and engineering and other key groups, such as educators, to help ensure that the objectives of NSF2000 are met. These objectives are to highlight 50 years of U.S. achievements in science and engineering research and education, and to increase awareness of NSF's role in enabling U.S. world leadership in science and engineering.

*Balanced Membership Plans.* The Committee will be balanced with 15 to 20 men and women who represent science and engineering and education. Members will be selected:

- For having made significant contributions and commitment to science and technology and/or to science and engineering education,
- For having standing and credibility with the key target audiences of NSF2000,
- For having knowledge of or experience with NSF, and
- For having knowledge and experience to help NSF2000 reach its goals and objectives.

*Responsible NSF Official:* Mary Bullock, Section Head, Special Projects Section, Office of Legislative and Public

Affairs, Room 1245, National Science Foundation, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. 22300, telephone (703) 306-1070.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Engineering; Committee of Visitors; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Engineering, Committee of Visitors (1170).

*Date and Time:* February 18-19, 1998; 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 365 and 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Delcie Durham, Program Director, Materials Processing and Manufacturing, and Dr. Ming Leu, Program Director, Manufacturing Machines and Equipment, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1330.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewers comments, and other privileged materials.

*Agenda:* To provide oversight review of the Materials Processing and Manufacturing, and the Manufacturing Machines and Equipment Programs.

*Reason for Closing:* The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education (#57).

*Date and time:* February 18 and 19, 1998; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of meeting:* Closed.

*Contact persons:* Dr. Sonia Ortega, Mrs. Carolyn L. Piper and Mrs. Arneeta S. Speight, Division of Graduate Education, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1697.

*Purpose of meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the NSF-NATO program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems (1200).

*Date and Time:* February 12-13, 1998, 8:30 am-5:00 pm

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gary Strong, Acting Deputy Division Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1928.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Knowledge and Cognitive Systems Program proposals as part of the selection process of awards.

*Reasons for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as

salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Sciences; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research (1203) will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Program. These proposals reflect multidisciplinary research themes that draw from all areas of science, engineering, and education supported by the National Science Foundation. In order to review the proposals, panel meetings will be held on February 19-20, 1998 (2). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day.

*Contact person:* Dr. Henry Blount, Head, Office of Multidisciplinary Activities, Office of the Assistant Director for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1005, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1946.

*Reason for closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Date and Time:* Thursday, February 19, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 21, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. all in Room 1280.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Bradley D. Keister, Program Director for Nuclear Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1891.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the Nuclear Physics program for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the Nuclear Physics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Deputy Director, Human Resource Management.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412]

### In the Matter of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al; Order Approving Application Regarding Merger Agreement Between DQE, Inc. and Allegheny Power System, Inc.

#### I

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), Duquesne Light Company (DLC), Ohio Edison Company (OE), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), and Toledo Edison Company (TE) are the licensees of Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS-1 and BVPS-2). DLC acts as agent for the other licensees and has exclusive responsibility for and control over the physical construction, operation, and maintenance of BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 as reflected in Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73 on July 2, 1976, and on August 14, 1987, respectively, pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR

Part 50). The facility is located on the southern shore of the Ohio River in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, approximately 22 miles northwest of Pittsburgh and 5 miles east of East Liverpool, Ohio.

#### II

Under cover of a letter dated August 1, 1997, DLC submitted an application for consent under 10 CFR 50.80 regarding a proposed merger of DQE, Inc. (the parent holding company of DLC) and Allegheny Power System, Inc., which would result in DQE, Inc. becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Allegheny Power System, Inc. Allegheny Power System, Inc. would change its name to Allegheny Energy, Inc. (Allegheny Energy). CEI, OE, Penn Power, and TE are not involved in the merger. Supplemental information was submitted by letter dated October 30, 1997.

Under the proposed merger, DLC will become an indirect subsidiary of Allegheny Energy by reason of DQE, Inc. becoming a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy. DLC and the other current licensees will continue to hold the licenses, and no direct transfer of the licenses will result from the merger. On September 12, 1997, a Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding Proposed Corporate Restructuring was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 48113). An Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50411).

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application and letters of August 1, 1997, and October 30, 1997, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed merger will not affect the qualifications of DLC as holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73, and that the transfer of control of the licenses, to the extent effected by the proposed merger, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission, subject to the conditions set forth herein. These findings are supported by a safety evaluation dated January 23, 1998.

#### III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 USC 2201(b), 2201(i), 2201(o), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80, *It is hereby ordered*