edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of June 1998.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal Agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c) (2) (A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the *''The Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview and Diary Surveys.''*

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contracting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 11, 1998.

BLS is particularly interested in comments which help the agency to:

- Evaluate 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202–606–7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Survey, comprised of the Quarterly Interview and Diary Surveys, collects data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditures patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Survey has been an ongoing survey since 1979.

The data from the Consumer Expenditure Survey is used to 1) provide data required for the CPI revision; 2) provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation; and 3) provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policy making agencies of the executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policy makers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Survey was not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely as well as more accurate updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand—from the public and private sectors—for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over five calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CU's being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures which respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

Current Actions

The sample sizes for the Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview and Diary Surveys will be expanded by approximately 50 percent. Data from the CE are the basis for determining the market basket of the CPI. Expansion of the CE sample size, taken together with other enhancements planned by BLS, will enable BLS to cut substantially the time it takes to update the CPI. The CPI market basket is updated approximately every ten years and under current procedures the updated market is 3½ years old at the time of introduction. Under this proposed action, the length of the required expenditure base period will be cut from three years to two. Other processing changes will allow the length of time required to install a new market basket in the index to be reduced from two years to one. Thus, at the time of its introduction into the CPI, the updated market will be only 2 years old. Moreover, these enhancements to sample size and data processing will facilitate any future decision to increase the frequency of market basket updates, e.g., from a 10-year to a 5-year cycle beginning in 2002.

Expansion of CE sample sizes for the CE and the construction of the computer systems required for faster data processing will have the added benefit of allowing BLS to produce new ''superlative'' measures of consumer price trends of an acceptable degree of reliability and on a basis must closer to real time than would be possible in the absence of the expansion. Such indexes, currently available only in experimental form, are widely regarded a closer approximations to cost-of-living index than the current CPI.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently-approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview and Dairy Surveys.

OMB Number: 1220–0050.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 18,108.

Frequency: Quarterly Interview Survey respondents are interviewed quarterly for five consecutive quarters (four times in any one year). Dairy Survey respondents complete two consecutive weekly reports.

Total Responses: 67,583.

Average Time Per Response: 87.7 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 89,779 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance: $0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., the 9th day of June, 1998.

Karen A. Krein,

Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–325 and 50–324]

Licensee; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 203 to Facility Operating License No. DPR–71 and No. 233 to Facility Operating License No. DPR–62 issued to Carolina Power & Light Company (the licensee), which revised the operating license and Appendices A and B to the operating license for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 (BSEP), located in Brunswick County, North Carolina. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment implements a full conversion of the BSEP Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based upon NUREG–1433, ''Standard Technical Specifications General Electric Plants, BWR/4,'' Revision 1, dated April 1995. The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 1997 (62 FR 3719). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 29039).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated November 1, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated August 8, September 11, September 17, October 13, November 6, December 19, 1997, February 26, March 13, April 24, 1998 and May 22, 1998, (2) Amendment No. 203 to Facility Operating License No. DPR–71 and Amendment No. 233 to Facility Operating License No. DPR–62, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. All of these items are 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 University of North Carolina at Wilmington, William Madison Randall Library, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403–3297.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of June 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David C. Trimble,

Project Manager, Project Directorate II–1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–423]

In the Matter of Central Maine Power Company, (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3) Order Approving Application Regarding the Restructuring of Central Maine Power Company by Establishment of a Holding Company

I

Central Maine Power Company (CMP), a 2.5 percent owner of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3 (Millstone Unit 3), one of the 13 other owners of Millstone Unit 3, is a co-holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF–49 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50) on January 31, 1986. Under this license, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), has the exclusive authority to operate Millstone Unit 3. Millstone Unit 3 is located in New London County, Connecticut.

II

By an application dated March 4, 1998, CMP, by and through its counsel, Morgan, Lewis, and Bockius, requested consent pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80 regarding the proposed restructuring of CMP. Under the restructuring, CMP would become a wholly owned subsidiary of a newly created holding company but would continue to hold its 2.5 percent ownership interest in Millstone Unit 3. No direct transfer of the license would occur. NNECO, which is not involved in the proposed transaction, would continue to be the licensed operator for Millstone Unit 3. The holders of CMP common stock would automatically become holders of common stock of the new holding company on a share-for-share basis, according to the application.

Notice of this application for consent was published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 1998 (63 FR 20434); and an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the **Federal Register** on May 4, 1998 (63 FR 24576).

Under 10 CFR 50.80, no license shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information submitted in the application dated March 4, 1998, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed restructuring of CMP by creation of a holding company will not