RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records in this system are maintained on-site until eligible for destruction. Work papers used in evaluating grantees' audit reports and financial statements are destroyed on a three-year cycle. Work papers and correspondence prepared and/or obtained during the clearance process of audit recommendations are destroyed on a six-year cycle from the date that the recommendations are cleared. All other records in this system are destroyed on a seven-year cycle.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Inspector General, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

See 45 CFR part 1159.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

The major part of this system is exempted from this requirement pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) or (k)(2). To the extent that this system is not subject to exemption, it is subject to access. A determination as to exemption shall be made at the time a request for access is received. Access requests must be sent to the Office of the General Counsel in accordance with the procedures published at 45 CFR part 1159.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The major part of this system is exempted from this requirement pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) or (k)(2). To the extent that this system is not subject to exemption, it is subject to access and contest. A determination as to exemption shall be made at the time a request for access is received. Access requests must be sent to the Office of the General Counsel in accordance with the procedures published at 45 CFR part 1159.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Data in this system is obtained from individuals who are covered by the system, as well as from individuals with whom the subjects are associated; Federal, State, or local governmental investigative or law enforcement agencies; and other organizations.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

This system is exempted from 5 U.S.C. 552a except subsections (b); (c)(1) and (2); (e)(4)(A) through (F); (e)(6), (7), (9), (10), and (11); and (i) under 552a(j)(2) to the extent that the system pertains to enforcement of criminal laws. This system is exempted from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f) under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) to the extent that the system consists of investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of the exemption at 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2). These exemptions are contained in 45 CFR part 1159.

Dated: July 17, 2000.

Karen Elias,

Deputy General Counsel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–368]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Notice of Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a request by Entergy Operations, Inc., (Entergy Operations or the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–6 issued to the licensee for operation of the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 2, nuclear reactor located in Pope County, Arkansas. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on April 5, 2000 (65 FR 17914).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the license to permit operation of the reactor based on a risk-informed demonstration that predicted steam generator tube integrity, with consideration of eggcrate axial flaws, is adequate to meet Regulatory Guide 1.174 numerical acceptance criteria.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated July 21, 2000.

By August 28, 2000, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene pursuant to 10 CFR 2.714.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001 Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and to Nicholas S. Reynolds, Esquire, Winston and Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–3502, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) The application for amendment dated March 9, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated April 11 and 28, May 30, June 20, 22, 23 (two letters), and 30, and July 7, 8, and 11, 2000, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated July 21, 2000.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (http://www.nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Stuart A. Richards,

Director, Project Directorate IV and Decommissioning Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Regulatory Guide 1.183, ''Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors,'' provides guidance to licensees on voluntarily replacing the traditional source term used in design basis accident analyses with alternative source terms. These alternative source terms allow interested licensees to pursue cost-beneficial licensing actions to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden without compromising the margin of safety of the nuclear power facility.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection or downloading at the NRC's web site at <*WWW.NRC.GOV*> under Regulatory Guides and in NRC's Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS System) at the same site; Regulatory Guide 1.183 is under Accession Number ML003716792. Single copies of regulatory guides may be obtained free of charge by writing the Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, or by fax to (301) 415–2289, or by email to <*DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV*>. Issued guides may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service on a standing order basis. Details on this service may be obtained by writing NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of July 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35–27202]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended (''Act'')

July 21, 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 August 15, 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 August 15, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

FirstEnergy Corp. (70–9501)

FirstEnergy Corp. (''FirstEnergy''), 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308, a public utility holding company claiming exemption under section 3(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (''Act''), by rule 2 under the Act, from registration under section 5 of the Act, has filed an application under sections 9(a)(2) and 10 of the Act.

FirstEnergy proposes to acquire directly all of the issued and outstanding voting securities of American Transmission Systems, Inc. (''ATSI''), a corporation FirstEnergy will organize to own and operate certain transmission assets more particularly described below (''Transmission Assets''), currently owned by FirstEnergy's utility company subsidiaries. These subsidiaries include Ohio Edison, Cleveland Electric, Toledo Edison, and Penn Power (collectively, ''Operating Companies'').

Upon completion of the transfer of the Transmission Assets from the Operating Companies to ATSI, ATSI will become a ''public-utility company'' as defined in the Act. FirstEnergy states that the Transmission Assets include over 7,100 circuit miles of transmission lines with nominal voltages of 345 kV, 138 kV, and 69 kV, servicing over 2.2 million customers in a 13,200 square mile area in northern and central Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

FirstEnergy states that the proposed transaction will improve service in the region by tying together control, planning, maintenance and financial responsibilities of the Operating Companies' transmission facilities into a single company. FirstEnergy further states that the transfer of the Transmission Assets to ATSI is an intermediate step in its plan to transfer its assets to a regional transmission organization.

WGL Holdings, Inc., et al. (70–9653)

WGL Holdings, Inc. (''WGL Holdings''), which is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of Washington Gas Light Company (''Washington Gas''), a gas utility company, and Washington Gas' nonutility subsidiary companies, Hampshire Gas Company (''Hampshire''), Crab Run Gas Company (''Crab Run''), Washington Gas Resources Corp. (''WGR''), and Primary Investors, LLC (''Primary Investors''), (collectively, ''Applicants''), all located at 1100 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20080, have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 11, 12(b), 12(c), 13, 32, and 33 of the Act and rules 45, 46, 47, and 80–92.

On January 13, 2000, Washington Gas entered into an Agreement of Merger and Reorganization (''Reorganization'') which will result in WGL Holdings becoming a holding company over Washington Gas and the current nonutility subsidiaries (''Nonutilities'') of Washington Gas becoming direct subsidiaries of WGL Holdings.[1] Washington Gas intends to merge with WGL Holdings' wholly owned subsidiary, Washington Gas Acquisition Corp. (''Acquisition''), with Washington Gas as the surviving company.[2] Following the Reorganization, WGL Holdings intends to register as a holding company under the Act.

Washington Gas sells and delivers natural gas to customers in metropolitan Washington, DC, the adjoining areas of Maryland and Virginia, and several cities and towns in the northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. On April 1, 2000, Washington Gas merged its former wholly owned gas distribution subsidiary, Shenandoah Gas (''Shenandoah'') into itself.[3] The merged company now serves a total of 863,258 customer meters in an area having a population estimated at 4.5

[1] Washington Gas' shareholders and the Virginia State Corporation Commission (''VSCC'') have both approved the Reorganization.

[2] Each share of Washington Gas common stock outstanding before the Reorganization will be converted into a new share of WGL Holdings common stock. All shares of Acquisition common stock outstanding prior to the Reorganization will be converted into shares of Washington Gas, resulting in WGL Holdings becoming the owner of all outstanding shares of Washington Gas common stock. The shares of WGL Holdings common stock held by Washington Gas immediately prior to the Reorganization will be canceled and the directors of Washington Gas will become the directors of WGL Holdings.

[3] *See* Petition of Washington Gas Light Company and Shenandoah Gas Company, Case No. PUA990071 (Dec. 22, 1999).