change the scope of the original request or the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 5, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket No. 50–390, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, Rhea County, Tennessee.

Date of application for amendment: May 1, 2003, as supplemented on July 8, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revised Technical Specification (TS) 3.8.7, ''Inverters—Operating.'' The revised TS requires only one inverter for each of the four 120V AC Vital Instrument channels. This amendment is the initial phase of a project that will update the 120V AC Vital Instrument Power System.

Date of issuance: September 8, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented prior to Mode 4 entry following the next refueling outage in the fall of 2003.

Amendment No.: 45.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–90: Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** May 27, 2003 (68 FR 28859). The supplemental letter provided clarifying information that did not expand the scope of the original request and did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 8, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Union Electric Company, Docket No. 50–483, Callaway Plant, Unit 1, Callaway County, Missouri.

Date of application for amendment: June 2, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises the technical specifications (TSs) to increase the specified minimum fuel oil inventories maintained in the fuel oil storage tanks for the diesel generators.

Date of issuance: September 9, 2003.

Effective date: September 9, 2003, and shall be implemented within 60 days from the date of issuance.

Amendment No.: 156.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–30: The amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** July 22, 2003 (68 FR 43393).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 9, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Virginia Electric and Power Company, et al., Docket Nos. 50–280 and 50–281, Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Surry County, Virginia.

Date of application for amendments: September 5, 2002, as supplemented on April 16, June 9, and July 7, 2003.

Brief Description of amendments: These amendments revise the Technical Specifications to add provisions to permit inspection and related repair of a buried fuel oil storage tank during plant operation by extending the allowed outage time for a buried fuel oil storage tank to 7 days from 24 hours for this purpose.

Date of issuance: September 10, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment Nos.: 236 and 235.

Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–32 and DPR–37: Amendments change the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** August 5, 2003 (68 FR 46247).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 10, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of September 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ledyard B. Marsh,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 138; Docket No. A2003–1]

Notice of Appeal of Post Office Closing in Birmingham Green, AL

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice and order.

SUMMARY: Several petitioners have filed an appeal of a post office closing in Birmingham Green, Alabama. The Commission has assigned this appeal a docket number, informed the Postal Service and the public of the appeal, and established a procedural schedule. A decision on the merits, including whether the Commission has jurisdiction over this appeal, has not yet been made.

DATES: The Postal Service is to file the administrative record by October 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268–0001.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for other deadlines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In notice and order No. 1384, issued September 24, 2003, the Commission provided notice that certain petitioners had filed an appeal of a post office closing in Birmingham Green, Alabama 35237. It also identified, among other things, the categories of issues that appeared to have been raised in the petition and noted that a 120-day statutory deadline applied to issuance of a decision. A subsequent errata notice (issued September 24, 2003) stated that a deadline had been inadvertently omitted from order no. 1384. Specifically, it indicated that ordering paragraph (a) in order no. 1384 should have specified ''October 3, 2003'' as the deadine for the Postal Service to file the administrative record. The text of the first notice, captioned Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing ProceduraI Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5), appears in part I, as corrected by order no. 1384 (errata notice). Part II includes the procedural schedule published as an appendix to order no. 1384.

I. Text of Order No. 1384

Name of affected post office: Birmingham Green, AL 35237.

Name(s) of petitioner(s): George Prince, Terry Finch and James E. Roberts.

Type of determination: Closing.

Date of filing of appeal papers: September 17, 2003.

Categories of issues apparently raised: 1. Observance of procedure required by law [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)(B)]. 2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)]. 3. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date

this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404 (b)(5)). The attached procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 14 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

II. Procedural Schedule (Appendix to Order No. 1384)

September 17, 2003: filing of appeal.

September 23, 2003: Commission notice and order of filing of appeal.

October 20, 2003: last day of filing of petitions to intervene [*see* 39 CFR 3001.111(b)].

October 13, 2003: petitioner's participant statement or initial brief [*see* 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)].

November 3, 2003: Postal Service's answering brief [*see* 39 CFR 3001.115(c)].

November 18, 2003: petitioner's reply brief should petitioner choose to file one [*see* 39 CFR 3001.115(d)].

November 25, 2003: deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [*see* 39 CFR 3001.116].

January 25, 2004: expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [*see* 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)].

III. Ordering Paragraphs

The Commission orders:

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by October 3, 2003.

(b) The secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this notice and order and procedural schedule in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Issued: September 23, 2003.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

Garry J. Sikora,

Acting Secretary.

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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, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0004.

Extension

Rule 27e–1 and Form N–27E–1, SEC File No. 270–486, OMB Control No. 3235–0545.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 350l *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (''OMB'') a request for approval of the collection of information under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') summarized below.

Rule 27e–1 [17 CFR 270.27e–1] is entitled ''Requirements for Notice to be Mailed to Certain Purchasers of Periodic Payment Plan Certificates Sold Subject to section 27(d) of the Act.'' Form N–27E–1 is entitled ''Notice to Periodic Payment Plan Certificate Holders of 18 Month Surrender Rights with Respect to Periodic Payment Plan Certificates.'' Form N–27E–1, which is prescribed by rule 27e–1 in order to implement the statutory mandate in section 27(e) of the Act, serves to notify holders of periodic payment plan certificates who have missed certain payments of their surrender rights with respect to the certificates. The Form N–27E–1 notice, which is sent directly to holders of periodic payment plan certificates, serves to alert purchasers of periodic payment plans of their rights in connection with their plan certificates.

Commission staff estimates that there are fewer than five issuers of periodic payment plan certificates affected by rule 27e–1. The frequency with which each of these issuers or their representatives must file the Form N–27E–1 notice varies with the number of periodic payment plans sold and the number of certificate holders who miss payments. The staff spoke with representatives of a number of firms in the industry that currently have periodic payment plan accounts. Based upon these conversations, the staff estimates that 3 respondents through completely automated processes send out approximately 2,965 notices a year. These estimates are based on an informal survey of representatives of several entities and are not derived from a comprehensive or necessarily even representative study of the cost of the Commission's rules and forms.

Complying with the collection of information requirements of rule 27e–1 is mandatory for issuers of periodic payment plans or their depositors or underwriters in the event holders of plan certificates miss certain payments within eighteen months after issuance. The information provided pursuant to rule 27e–1 will be provided to third parties and, therefore, will not be kept confidential. The Commission is seeking OMB approval, because 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.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) 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 (ii) Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days after this notice.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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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, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Extension

Rule 23c–1 [17 CFR 270.23c–1], SEC File No. 270–253, OMB Control No. 3235–0260.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 23c–1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, among other things, permits a closed-end fund to repurchase its securities for cash if in addition to the other requirements set