Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing.

SUMMARY: Patent applications on the inventions listed below assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing.

DATES: May 21, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Early Site Permit (ESP) No. ESP–004, issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) and several co-applicants (Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, Georgia), for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) ESP site located in Burke County, Georgia. The proposed amendment would modify the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant ESP site safety analysis report (SSAR) to allow the use of Category 1 and 2 backfill obtained from onsite borrow areas not specifically identified in the VEGP ESP SSAR.

NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this amendment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate. The amendment will be issued following the publication of this Notice.

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to authorize a change to the early site permit issued to SNC for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant ESP site located in Burke County, Georgia. Specifically, the proposed amendment would modify the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant ESP site safety analysis report (SSAR) to allow the use of Category 1 and 2 backfill obtained from onsite borrow areas that were not specifically identified in the VEGP ESP SSAR. On April 20, 2010, as supplemented on April 23 and 28, and May 5, 10, and 13, 2010, SNC requested that NRC approve the proposed amendment. By letter dated May 13, 2010, the applicant requested that the NRC consider issuing a limited scope approval (LSA) of a subset of the requested onsite borrow locations pending the NRC determination on the remainder of the borrow sources identified in the license amendment request (LAR). The LSA request for proposed NRC approval of SNC’s use of borrow material from certain onsite locations where impacts from site preparation activities were already anticipated and previously evaluated in NUREG–1872, “Final Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site.” SNC’s request for the proposed change was previously noticed in the Federal Register on May 6, 2010 (75 FR 24993), with a notice of an opportunity to request a hearing. The staff has prepared the EA in support of its review of the proposed license amendment. Because the LSA requests separate approval of a subset of the locations described by the LAR, this EA separately evaluates the activities associated with acquiring additional backfill from those onsite borrow sources and summarizes the radiological and non-radiological environmental impacts that may result from granting the LSA portion of the amendment request. The staff has determined that granting the proposed amendment would not result in significant non-radiological impacts to land use, surface and groundwater resources, terrestrial and aquatic resources, threatened and
endangered species, socioeconomic factors and environmental justice, cultural and historical resources, air quality, non-radio logical human health and nonradioactive waste. In addition, the staff has determined that there are no significant radiological health impacts associated with the proposed action.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, the NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC’s Electronic Reading Room at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The NRC’s Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents, may be accessed from this site. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are: The application dated April 20, 2010, as supplemented by letters dated April 23, 28, May 5, 10, and 13, 2010 is available at ML101120089, ML101160531, ML101230337, ML101270283, ML101330141, and ML101340649 respectively. The Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact evaluation is available at ML101380114. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR), O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 18th day of May, 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


Extension: Rule 17Ad–10; SEC File No. 270–265; OMB Control No. 3235–0273.


Rule 17Ad–10 requires a registered transfer agent to create and maintain minimum information on securityholders’ ownership of an issue of securities for which it performs transfer agent functions, including the purchase, transfer and redemptions of securities. In addition, the rule also requires transfer agents that maintain securityholder records to keep certificate detail that has been deleted from those records for a minimum of six years and to maintain and keep current an accurate record of the number of shares or principal dollar amount of debt securities that the issuer has authorized to be outstanding (a “control book”). These recordkeeping requirements assist in the creation and maintenance of accurate securityholder records, the ability to research errors, and ensure the transfer agent is aware of the number of securities that are properly authorized by the issuer, thereby avoiding overissuance. There are approximately 565 registered transfer agents. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each transfer agent to comply with Rule 17Ad–10 is approximately 20 hours per year, totaling 11,300 hours industry-wide. The average cost per hour is approximately $50 per hour, with the industry-wide cost estimated at approximately $565,000. However, the information required by Rule 17Ad–10 generally already is maintained by registered transfer agents. The amount of time devoted to compliance with Rule 17Ad–10 varies according to differences in business activity.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirements under Rule 17Ad–10 is six years for certificate detail that has been deleted and to maintain and keep current an accurate record of the number of shares or principal dollar amount of debt securities that the issuer has authorized to be outstanding. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad–10 is mandatory to ensure accurate securityholder records and to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Persons should note that 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.

Comments should be directed to: (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, or by sending an e-mail to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Charles Boucher Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.


Florence E. Harmon,
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[Investment Company Act Release No. 29270; 812–13745]

Kinetics Mutual Funds, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

May 17, 2010.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from rule 12d1–2 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit registered open-end investment companies relying on rule 12d1–2 under the Act to invest in certain financial instruments.