

and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a license. Renewal applications are submitted every 10 years. Information submitted in previous applications may be referenced without being resubmitted. In addition, recordkeeping must be performed on an on-going basis.

4. Who is required or asked to report: All persons applying for or holding a license to manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, or use radioactive byproduct material.

5. The number of annual respondents: 5,529 NRC licensees and 16,000 Agreement State licensees.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 46,937 hours for the NRC licensees (19,364 reporting + 27,573 recordkeeping) and 111,753 hours for the Agreement State licensees (38,344 reporting + 73,409 recordkeeping).

7. Abstract: 10 CFR Part 30 establishes requirements that are applicable to all persons in the United States governing domestic licensing of radioactive byproduct material. The application, reporting and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to permit the NRC to make a determination whether the possession, use, and transfer of byproduct material is in conformance with the Commission's regulations for protection of the public health and safety.

Submit, by June 1, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NEWS/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6,

Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of March 1999.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Medical Child Support Working Group

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is given of the second meeting of the Medical Child Support Working Group (MCSWG). The Medical Child Support Working Group was jointly established by the Secretaries of the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under section 401(a) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. The purpose of the MCSWG is to identify the impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support by State child support enforcement agencies, and to submit to the Secretaries of DOL and DHHS a report containing recommendations for appropriate measures to address those impediments.

DATES: The meeting of the MCSWG will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, from 11 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room N-3437, Conference Room A/B/C, at the offices of the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting. Seating may be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodation, should contact the Executive Director of the Medical Child Support Working Group, Office of Child Support Enforcement at the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Samara Weinstein, Executive Director, Medical Child Support Working Group,

Office of Child Support Enforcement, Fourth Floor East, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447 (telephone (202) 401-6953; fax (202) 401-5559; e-mail:

sweinstein@acf.dhhs.gov). These are not toll-free numbers. The date, location and time for subsequent MCSWG meetings will be announced in advance in the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) (FACA), notice is given of a meeting of the Medical Child Support Working Group (MCSWG). The Medical Child Support Working Group was jointly established by the Secretaries of the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under section 401(a) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (Pub.L. 105-200).

The purpose of the MCSWG is to identify the impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support by State child support enforcement agencies, and to submit to the Secretaries of DOL and DHHS a report containing recommendations for appropriate measures to address those impediments. This report will include: (1) Recommendations based on assessments of the form and content of the National Medical Support Notice, as issued under interim regulations; (2) appropriate measures that establish the priority of withholding of child support obligations, medical support obligations, arrearages in such obligations, and in the case of a medical support obligation, the employee's portion of any health care coverage premium, by such State agencies in light of the restrictions on garnishment provided under title III of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1671-1677); (3) appropriate procedures for coordinating the provision, enforcement, and transition of health care coverage under the State programs for child support, Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Program; (4) appropriate measures to improve the availability of alternate types of medical support that are aside from health care coverage offered through the noncustodial parent's health plan, and unrelated to the noncustodial parent's employer, including measures that establish a noncustodial parent's responsibility to share the cost of premiums, co-payments, deductibles, or payments for services not covered under a child's existing health coverage; (5) recommendations on whether reasonable cost should remain a consideration under section 452(f) of the

Social Security Act; and (6) appropriate measures for eliminating any other impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support orders that the MCSWG deems necessary.

The membership of the MCSWG was jointly appointed by the Secretaries of DOL and DHHS, and includes representatives of: (1) DOL; (2) DHHS; (3) State Child Support Enforcement Directors; (4) State Medicaid Directors; (5) employers, including owners of small businesses and their trade and industry representatives and certified human resource and payroll professionals; (6) plan administrators and plan sponsors of group health plans (as defined in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1167(1))); (7) children potentially eligible for medical support, such as child advocacy organizations; (8) State medical child support organizations; and (9) organizations representing State child support programs.

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting includes a discussion of the form and content of the National Medical Support Notice (Notice) mandated by section 401(b) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act. The Notice is to be jointly developed and promulgated by the Secretaries of DHHS and DOL as a means of enforcing the health care coverage provisions in a child support order. As time permits, the MCSWG may discuss the other items to be included in its report to the Secretaries as listed above.

Public Participation: Members of the public wishing to present oral statements to the MCSWG should forward their requests to Samara Weinstein, MCSWG Executive Director, as soon as possible and at least four days before the meeting. Such request should be made by telephone, fax machine, or mail, as shown above. Time permitting, the Chairs of the MCSWG will attempt to accommodate all such requests by reserving time for presentations. The order of persons making such presentations will be assigned in the order in which the requests are received. Members of the public are encouraged to limit oral statements to five minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Members of the public also may submit written statements for distribution to the MCSWG membership and inclusion in the public record without presenting oral statements. Such written statements should be sent to the MCSWG Executive Director, as shown above, by mail or fax at least five business days before the meeting.

Minutes of all public meetings and other documents made available to the MCSWG will be available for public inspection and copying at both the DOL and DHHS. At DOL, these documents will be available at the Public Documents Room, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5638, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Questions regarding the availability of documents from DOL should be directed to Ms. Ellen Goodwin, Plan Benefits Security Division, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor (telephone (202) 219-4600, ext. 119). This is not a toll-free number. Any written comments on the minutes should be directed to Ms. Samara Weinstein, Executive Director of the Working Group, as shown above.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of March, 1999.

Leslie Kramerich,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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

March 25, 1999.

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 amendments is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office 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 April 19, 1999, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of

fact 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 April 19, 1999, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

New England Electric System (70-9441) Notice of Proposal To Amend Trust Agreement To Allow Proposed Merger and To Give Shareholders Certain Appraisal Rights; Order Authorizing Solicitation of Proxies

New England Electric System ("NEES"), a registered holding company, located at 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts 01582, has filed a declaration under sections 6(a)(2), 7 and 12(e) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("Act"), and rules 62 and 65 under the Act.

NEES has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 11, 1998 ("Merger Agreement") with The National Grid Group plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales ("National Grid") and NGG Holdings LLC ("NGG Holdings"), a Massachusetts limited liability subsidiary of National Grid. On the closing date specified in the Merger Agreement, NGG Holdings intends to merge with and into NEES ("Merger"). NEES would be the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid. On December 14, 1998, NEES and National Grid publicly announced the proposed merger.¹

NEES proposes to amend its Agreement and Declaration of Trust ("Trust Agreement") and to solicit proxies from its common shareholders for the purpose of obtaining required shareholder approvals related to the Merger. Specifically, NEES will seek shareholder approval of the Merger and of an amendment to the Trust Agreement ("Amendment")² The

¹ On February 1, 1999, NEES announced that it had entered into an agreement to merge with Eastern Utility Associates ("EUA"), under which NEES will acquire all outstanding shares of EUA for \$31 per share subject to an upward adjustment. The NEES Agreement and Declaration of Trust does not require that NEES shareholders approve this type of merger and the merger between NEES and National Grid is not conditioned on the closing of the merger between NEES and EUA. However, the proxy statement for the approval of the NEES/National Grid merger will include a description of the proposed NEES/EUA merger.

² The Trust Agreement, which predates the Massachusetts statute permitting a Massachusetts limited liability company to merge with a Massachusetts business trust, currently does not give shareholders the ability to vote to merge with limited liability companies.