

On October 4, 1998, the NRC staff issued a notice of denial of application for a senior reactor operator's (SRO) license to Michel A. Philippon. In that letter, the staff advised Mr. Philippon that although he had passed the written portion of the SRO examination administered to him on April 6, 1998, his application was being denied because he failed to pass the operating test portion of the examination.

On October 16, 1998, Mr. Philippon filed a timely hearing request challenging the staff's denial of his SRO license application. On October 26, 1998, the Commission referred Mr. Philippon's hearing request to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel for the appointment of a presiding officer to conduct any necessary proceedings. On October 28, 1998, the Chief Administrative Judge of the Panel appointed Administrative Judge Thomas S. Moore, to act as the Presiding Officer, and Administrative Judge Charles N. Kelber, to serve as Special Assistant to the Presiding Officer.

After receiving the staff's November 6, 1998 answer to Mr. Philippon hearing request, on November 13, 1998, the Presiding Officer issued an order granting Mr. Philippon's hearing request.

Please take notice that a hearing will be conducted in this proceeding. This hearing will be governed by the informal hearing procedures set forth in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L (10 CFR 2.1201-1263).

Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(j), please take notice that within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice of hearing in the **Federal Register** (1) any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a petition for leave to intervene; and (2) any interested governmental entity may file a request to participate in this proceeding in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1211(b). Any petition for leave to intervene must set forth the information required by 10 CFR 2.1205(e), including a detailed description of (1) the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding; (2) how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the petitioner should be permitted to intervene with respect to the factors set forth in 10 CFR 2.1205(h); (3) the petitioner's areas of concern regarding the staff's October 4, 1998 denial of Mr. Philippon's SRO license application; and (4) the circumstances establishing that the petition to intervene is timely in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(d). In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1211(b), any request to participate by an interested

governmental entity must state with reasonable specificity the requestor's areas of concern regarding the staff's October 4, 1998 denial of Mr. Philippon's SRO license application.

In addition, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1211(a), any person not a party to the proceeding may submit a written limited appearance statement setting forth his or her position on the issues in this proceeding. These statements do not constitute evidence, but may assist the Presiding Officer and/or parties in defining the issues being considered. Persons wishing to submit a written limited appearance statement should send it to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch. A copy of the statement also should be served on the Presiding Officer and the Special Assistant.

In the November 13, 1998 order, the Presiding Officer directed that on or before December 14, 1998, the staff shall file the hearing file for this proceeding. Once the hearing file is received, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1233 the Presiding Officer will establish a schedule for the filing of written presentations by Mr. Philippon and the staff, which may be subject to supplementation to accommodate the grant of any intervention petition or request to participate by an interested governmental entity. After receiving the parties' written presentations, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1233(a) and 2.1235, the Presiding Officer may submit written questions to the parties or any interested governmental entity or provide an opportunity for oral presentations by any party or interested governmental entity, which may include oral questioning of witnesses by the Presiding Officer.

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

Thomas S. Moore,

Administrative Judge.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted

the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Supplemental Information on Accident and Insurance.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* SI-1c, SI-5, ID-3s, ID-3s-1, ID-3u, ID-30k, ID-30k-1.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0036.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 12/31/1998.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, business or other for profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 30,700.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 30,700.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 1,875.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act provides for the recovery of sickness benefits paid if an employee receives a settlement for the same injury for which benefits were paid. The collection obtains information about the person or company responsible for such payments that is needed to determine the amount of the RRB's entitlement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26941]

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

November 13, 1998.

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 transactions(s) and any amendment 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 December 8, 1998, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549, 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 December 8, 1998, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

UtiliCorp United Inc. (70-9363)

UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp"), 20 West Ninth Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105, a public utility holding company claiming exemption from registration under rule 10 of the Act, has filed an application under section 3(b) and rules 10 and 11 under the Act.

UtiliCorp is a publicly traded corporation which engages, through divisions, primarily in the sale and distribution of gas and electricity to retail and wholesale customers in several states, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. One of UtiliCorp's subsidiaries is Power New Zealand Limited ("PNZ"), which is also a foreign utility company exempt under section 33 of the Act.

UtiliCorp now requests an order under section 3(b) of the Act, exempting PNZ from all provisions of the Act, except section 9(a)(2). UtiliCorp states that PNZ will not derive any material part of its income, directly or indirectly, from sources within the United States. In addition, UtiliCorp states that PNZ is not, and does not own any securities of any company which is, a public utility or holding company operating in the United States.

UtiliCorp states that its investment in PNZ will not in any way diminish the ability of various state commissions that regulate the retail electric and gas operations of UtiliCorp to protect the interests of consumers in their respective states. UtiliCorp states that its domestic operations are, and will continue to be, fully separated from its foreign operations. UtiliCorp represents

that it will maintain separate books of account for any of its subsidiaries that may control any foreign company. UtiliCorp further represents that it will provide access to these books and records to each state commission with rate jurisdiction to the extent not already required by law.

UtiliCorp states that, if an unqualified exemption under section 3(b) is granted, it intends to rely on rule 10 to provide it and intermediated parent to PNZ an exemption from the Act as holding companies due to their interests in PNZ. In addition, UtiliCorp asserts that it will rely on rule 11(b)(1) to provide an exemption from the approval requirements of sections 9(a)(2) and 10 to which UtiliCorp would otherwise be subject.

The Peoples Natural Gas Company, et al. (70-9379)

The Peoples Natural Gas Company ("PNG"), a gas public utility subsidiary company of Consolidated Natural Gas Company ("CNG"), a registered holding company, and CNG Producing Company ("CNGP"), a gas and oil exploration and production subsidiary company of CNG, both located at 625 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-3197 have filed an application-declaration under sections 9(a), 10 and 12(f) of the Act and rules 43 and 54 under the Act.

PNG has signed a binding letter of intent, contingent upon Commission approval, to sell all of its gas production properties ("Properties") to CNGP. The Properties consist of PNG's interest in wells having reserves of approximately 41.9 billion cubic feet, together with associated oil and gas leases covering approximately 175,000 acres, related agreements and equipment, and certain portions of gathering lines.

The sale price for the Properties is approximately \$14.5 million. This price represents the net book value of all the production properties as shown on PNG's books of account as of November 30, 1997, and will be adjusted for further depreciation at the time of closing.

Conectiv, et al. (70-9069)

Conectiv, a registered holding company, and its marketing subsidiary, Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc. ("CES"), both located at 800 King Street, Wilmington, DE 19899, Delmarva Capital Investments, Inc. ("DCI"), a nonutility subsidiary of Conectiv, Conectiv Services, Inc. ("CSI"), an energy-related company, both located at 252 Chapman Road, P.O. Box 6066, Newark, DE 19714, ATE Investment, Inc. ("ATE"), Atlantic Generation, Inc. ("AGI"), and Atlantic Southern

Properties, Inc. ("ASP"), all nonutility subsidiaries of Conectiv, located at 5100 Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), 12(c) and 12(f) of the Act and rules 45, 46 and 54 under the Act.

By order dated February 25, 1998 (HCAR No. 26832) ("Merger Order"), the Commission authorized Conectiv to consummate certain transactions ("Merger") resulting in the acquisition by Conectiv of all of the outstanding voting securities of Delmarva Power & Light Company, an electric public utility company ("Delmarva"), and Atlantic City Electric Company, an electric public utility company ("ACE").¹ Also as a result of the Merger and certain restructuring that was implemented contemporaneously with the Merger, Conectiv became the direct or indirect owner of various nonutility businesses.

Conectiv now proposes, through December 31, 2001, to simplify and consolidate its nonutility subsidiaries. The restructuring will be accomplished in two phases ("Phase One" and "Phase Two"). During Phase One, which will be implemented as soon as practicable following the issuance of an order by the Commission in this filing, the number of active direct nonutility subsidiaries of Conectiv will be reduced to six: (1) CSI, which will focus on energy-related services and the marketing of energy to retail customers; (2) CES, which will focus on energy supply and marketing to wholesale and industrial customers, including associates; (3) DCI, which will be renamed Conectiv Properties and Investments, Inc. ("CPI") and will own the nonutility investments which are more passive in nature; (4) ASP, which will be merged into CPI in Phase Two; (5) AGI, which will be merged into CES in Phase Two; and (6) ATE, which will also be merged into CPI in Phase Two.

Phase One

To implement Phase One and reduce the number of direct non-utility subsidiaries, numerous actions must be effected, including the following proposed actions. Atlantic Energy Enterprises, Inc. ("AEE"), a direct nonutility subsidiary of Conectiv, that was formed as a holding company for Conectiv's nonutility investments, will

¹ Conectiv's two public utility subsidiaries (Delmarva and ACE) and their subsidiaries are unaffected by the proposed restructuring. Similarly, the system's service company, Conectiv Resource Partners, Inc., is unaffected.

be merged with and into Conectiv.² This action will make all seven wholly owned direct subsidiaries of AEE³ direct holdings of Conectiv, for an interim period.

The applicants state that the factors that warranted the formation of special purpose subsidiaries for investment in various cogeneration projects no longer exist. Therefore, during Phase One, Pedrick General, Inc., Vineland General, Inc. and Binghamton General, Inc. ("collectively, "General Partners"), all special purpose subsidiaries formed to act as general partners in Pedrick Cogeneration Limited, Inc., Vineland Cogeneration Limited, Inc. and Binghamton Cogeneration Limited, (collectively, "Cogen LLCs"), respectively. During Phase One, the General Partners, through a Short-form Merger, will be merged into their parent company, AGI, and the interest in the Cogen LLCs will be acquired by ATE.

During Phase One, CSI will be the surviving corporation following Short-form Mergers with Conectiv Solutions LLC, Altemp Energy Systems, Inc. and Power Consulting Group, Inc. Each of these companies has been authorized to provide energy-related services to retail consumers.⁴ CSI will succeed to each of the authorities previously granted by the Commission to the predecessor companies in the Merger Order. CSI will also own four additional wholly owned subsidiaries: Conectiv Plumbing LLC, a company required under New Jersey law in connection with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning services provided by CSI; CTS; Conectiv Communications, Inc., an exempt telecommunications company; and Enerval.

During Phase One, CPI will become the holder of certain nonregulated investments that are passive in nature. However, for maximum flexibility,

²This merger will be a statutory short form merger ("Short-form Merger"). A Short-form Merger occurs when a parent corporation acquires all of the capital stock of a first tier subsidiary.

³AEE's direct subsidiaries are: ATE; AGI; Conectiv Thermal Systems, Inc. ("CTS") (formerly Atlantic Thermal Systems, Inc.), a company that provides thermal energy management services; CoastalComm, Inc. ("Coastal"); Atlantic Southern Properties, Inc. ("ASP"); Atlantic Energy Technology, Inc. ("AET") and Enerval, LLC ("Enerval"), a limited liability company that provides energy management services. CSI will acquire Enerval and CTS during Phase One.

Four of the six subsidiaries of CTS (Atlantic Jersey Thermal Systems, Inc., Atlantic Pacific Las Vegas LLC, Atlantic-Pacific Glendale LLC and Thermal Energy L.P.I) will be unaffected by the restructuring. Atlantic Paxton Cogeneration, Inc. has been dissolved and ATS Operating Services, Inc. may be merged with Thermal Energy L.P.I in Phase Two.

⁴ See *Conectiv, Holding Company Act Release No. 26832* (Feb. 25, 1998).

Conectiv requests authorization to retain certain passive investments if retention by Conectiv is deemed more appropriate for tax or other reasons. CPI will be the surviving corporation following Short-form Mergers with Delmarva Services Company, a corporation formed to own and finance an office building that is leased to Delmarva and its associates, Christiana Capital Management, Inc., a corporation that owns an office building leased to Delmarva, Atlantic Energy International, Inc., a corporation formed to broker used utility equipment to foreign countries and AET, a corporation formed to research and develop energy technology.

During Phase One, CES will be the surviving corporation following the Short-form Merger with Petron Oil Corporation, an energy marketing company. CES will also acquire the capital stock of Delmarva Operating Services Company ("DOSC"), a company providing management services to independent production companies or exempt wholesale generators. The capital stock in DOSC will be transferred up to Conectiv by capital dividend and then contributed by Conectiv to CES in an exempt capital contribution. Depending on the results of a pending tax analysis, the transfer may be accomplished by (1) an asset for stock merger in which Delmarva Capital Investments, Inc. ("DCI"), owner of the DOSC securities would receive CES securities in exchange for the assets or securities of DOSC, or (2) a dividend by DCI to Conectiv of the shares of DOSC followed by a capital contribution of the shares to CES.

Phase Two

Phase Two will be completed as appropriate giving consideration to: (1) Electric deregulation at the state and federal level; (2) tax implications; and (3) other related issues. Upon completion of Phase Two, the number of active direct nonutility subsidiaries of Conectiv ("Direct Nonutilities") will be reduced from six to three (CSI, CES and CPI).

During Phase Two: (1) CSI will continue to focus on energy-related services and the marketing of energy to retail customers; (2) CES will continue to focus on energy supply and marketing to wholesale and industrial customers, and acquire AGI by Short-form Merger; and (3) CPI will continue to own certain nonutility investments which are more passive in nature, and acquire ASP and ATE by Short-form Mergers.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Redwood Empire Bancorp, Common Stock, No Par Value) File No. 1-10868

November 16, 1998.

Redwood Empire Bancorp ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

The Company's Board of Directors approved a plan to switch from listing the Security on Amex to listing the Security on Nasdaq in order to provide the Company with greater visibility and the Company's stockholders with greater liquidity. The Company notified Amex of its intent to withdraw its Security from listing and registration on the Exchange and to apply to Nasdaq.

The Security has begun trading on the Nasdaq and the Company believes it is no longer necessary to continue trading on the Amex.

The Company has complied with Rule 18 of Amex by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors authorizing the withdrawal of the Security and by providing Amex with the reasons for the proposed withdrawal.

The Exchange has informed the Company that Amex will not object to the Company's application to withdraw its Security from listing and registration on the Exchange. This application relates solely to the withdrawal from listing of the Company's Security from the Amex.

By reason of Section 12 of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Company shall continue to be obligated to file