

Alternative Use of Resources

This action, for which there are no appropriate alternatives, does not involve the use of, and therefore will not affect, available resources.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 28 and November 3, 1998, the staff consulted with the Washington State official, Deborah J. Ross of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's request for termination of Construction Permit No. CPPR-154, dated August 8, 1996, additional information submitted by letter dated June 15, 1998, WPPSS's "Satsop Power Plant Scope of Restoration" transmitted by letter dated November 5, 1998, and the NRC staff's inspection report dated November 2, 1998. These documents regarding the NRC staff's environmental assessment of the proposed action are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of January 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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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")

January 5, 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 January 26, 1999, 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 January 26, 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 (70-9417)

New England Electric System ("NEES"), 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts 01582, a registered holding company, has filed an application under sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act and rule 54 under the Act.

NEES proposes to form one or more new special purpose subsidiaries to acquire interests in office and warehouse space ("Real Estate Interests") that would be leased only to associate companies for their business purposes. All leases of Real Estate Interests will comply with rules 87, 90 and 91 under the Act.

NEES currently contemplates indirectly acquiring two facilities ("Facilities"), currently leased under long-term lease agreements ("Agreements") to two NEES subsidiaries, from John Hancock Life Insurance Company ("Owner"). The first Facility, consisting of office and warehouse space and adjacent real estate, is under lease to Massachusetts Electric Company ("MEC"), an electric utility subsidiary company of NEES. The second Facility, consisting of an office complex that serves as NEES' headquarters and adjacent real estate, is under lease to New England Power Service Company ("Service Company"), a service company subsidiary of NEES. After its acquisition from the Owner, each Facility will be leased back to MEC or the Service Company, as the case may

be, for the remainder of the term provided for in the Agreement for that Facility and under the same terms and conditions.

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

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Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collection package(s) that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Following is an information collection package for which we are seeking an extension of the OMB approval:

Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Benefits, Schedule SSA—0960-0556. Schedule SSA is a form filed annually with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by pension plan administrators as part of a series of pension plan documents required by Section 6057 of the IRS Code. IRS forwards Schedule SSA to the Social Security Administration, which maintains it until a claim for social security benefits has been approved. At that time, SSA notifies the beneficiary of his/her potential eligibility for private plan benefits.

Number of Respondents: 107,174.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 17 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,366 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated