

granting accelerated approval of the proposed rule change, as amended, is appropriate and consistent with Section 15A(b)(6)¹³ of the Act.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, the Commission finds that the proposal, as amended, is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁴ that the proposed rule change, SR-NASD-00-59, as amended, be and hereby is approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice Number 3500]

Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1105, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas, which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. Government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools. The agenda includes a review of the recent activities of American-sponsored overseas schools and the overseas schools regional associations, a presentation on the status of education in the United States and its impact on American-sponsored overseas schools, a review of the project selection process for the annual Program of Educational Assistance, and selection of projects for the 2001 program.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public

members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, Room H328, SA-1, Washington, DC 20522-0132, telephone 202-261-8200, prior to January 20, 2001. Each visitor will be asked to provide a date of birth and Social Security number at the time of registration and attendance and must carry a valid photo ID to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: December 11, 2000.

Keith D. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council, U.S. Department of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement on Proposal to Transfer 710 Acres at Site of the Previously Proposed Hartsville Nuclear Plant, Trousdale and Smith Counties, Tennessee

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Members of the local communities in Trousdale and Smith Counties, Tennessee have requested TVA to transfer 710 acres (about 287 hectares) of land within the site of the formerly proposed Hartsville Nuclear Plant to a public/private entity for industrial and office development. TVA will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) that assesses the impacts of the transfer. We are inviting comments concerning the scope of the issues and the alternatives that should be addressed in the EA/EIS.

TVA will begin by developing an EA for the proposed transfer. In the event that information gathered or analyses conducted in preparing this EA indicate that the proposal could have a significant impact on the environment, the agency will prepare an EIS. If TVA decides to prepare an EIS, the scoping process now underway for the EA will be used for the EIS and will not be repeated.

How and When to Comment: Send written comments to Peter K. Scheffler, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902-1499. Send comments by e-mail to

pkscsheffler@tva.gov. You may comment by telephone to TVA's automated voice mail system at 1-800-TVA-LAND (882-5263). Mailed comments should be postmarked no later than 30 days following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to ensure consideration. E-mailed and telephoned comments should be made no later than 30 days following publication to ensure consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can find information on TVA's web site at www.tva.gov/environment/reports. For basic project information you can also contact Michael A. Montgomery, Tennessee Valley Authority, P.O. Box 292409, Nashville, TN 37229-2409; 615/232-6053; mamontgomery@tva.gov. For information on the environmental review, you can contact Charles L. McEntyre, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street, HB 2A, Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801; 423/751-4123; clmcentyre@tva.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

TVA acquired 1,940 acres (about 785 hectares) of land in Trousdale and Smith Counties, Tennessee, in the late 1960s and early 1970s as a site on which to construct a nuclear power plant. The site is located on the Cumberland River on the north shore of Old Hickory Reservoir at approximate river mile 285. The town of Hartsville is about 5 miles (8 kilometers) northwest of the site, and Nashville is about 40 miles (about 64 kilometers) southwest.

TVA prepared an EIS for the proposed nuclear plant on the proposed nuclear plant and made it available to the public on May 23, 1975. Following completion of the EIS, TVA began construction of the plant, but did not complete it. TVA has used some of the buildings on the site for storage and has leased other buildings for industrial activity.

In the years since the plant construction was discontinued, the pace of economic growth in the counties around the site has been slow, and high unemployment and low wages continue to be problems. Members of the local communities have seen the largely undeveloped site of the proposed nuclear plant as a suitable site for an industrial and office park which would help remedy the area's economic problems. On June 5, 2000, members of the local communities and elected representatives met with TVA to present the idea of transferring 710 acres (about 287 hectares) of the site to a public/

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).