

and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* March 10, 2000

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 415

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

2. *Date:* March 13, 2000

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 415

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

3. *Date:* March 17, 2000

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.

*Room:* 415

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

4. *Date:* March 20, 2000

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 415

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

5. *Date:* March 23, 2000

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 415

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Special Projects, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

6. *Date:* March 24, 2000

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 730

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

7. *Date:* March 31, 2000

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 426

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

8. *Date:* March 31, 2000

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Room:* 415

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

*Dated:*

**Laura S. Nelson,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-390]**

### **Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-90, issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the licensee), for operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 1, located in Rhea County, Tennessee.

The proposed amendment would add a footnote to Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3.2-1 (page 3 of 7) that deletes applicability of Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.3.2.10, "Turbine Trip and Feedwater Isolation," for the period February 23, 2000, until restart of the main turbine following the next time the turbine is removed from service.

TVA submitted an exigent license amendment request on February 25, 2000, as described above, to amend the WBN TS on a one-time basis to alleviate an inadvertent noncompliance resulting from a component replacement. Specifically, WBN entered TS 3.0.3 on February 22, 2000, as the result of a determination that response time testing (RTT) had not been performed for the Train B turbine trip solenoid valve (1-FSV-47-027-B) following replacement during WBN's Unit 1 Cycle 2 Refueling Outage during the Spring of 1999. The subject surveillance test (SR 3.3.2.10) had been performed within the required frequency of once every 36 months. However, the last test was partially invalidated by replacement of the subject solenoid valve because response time data on the valve was not obtained following installation of the new valve. The plant must be in a shutdown condition to obtain this data. Therefore, TS relief was sought by TVA to avoid an unnecessary plant shutdown for the sole purpose of obtaining this response time data. The response time data will be obtained during the next occasion involving removal of the main turbine from service.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

(A) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The requested discretionary enforcement will not result in a significant increase in the consequences of an accident as the turbine trips have been functionally verified in accordance with the technical specifications and the turbine protection program and turbine trip response time is not a significant contributor to the accident analysis. Accordingly, there would be no impact on projected offsite doses.

(B) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

As discussed above, the safety function of the solenoid valve was confirmed during the post maintenance testing. Further, during the functional testing the control room operator observed normal operation of the trip function. Although the response time was not quantitatively determined for the end device, this deficiency cannot create a new or different accident from any previously evaluated.

(C) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Again as discussed above, the trip function was confirmed by post maintenance testing, and the operator did not observe any abnormal delay in response. This clearly indicates there would be no significant reduction in a margin of safety associated with the lack of quantitative documentation of the response time for a portion of the Steam Generator Water Level High High turbine trip function.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this

review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 14 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 14-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period, such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 14-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently. Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By March 15, 2000, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714

which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>). If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish

those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If the amendment is issued before the expiration of the 30-day hearing period, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. If a hearing is requested, the final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to General Counsel, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Drive, ET 10H, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to General Counsel, Tennessee Valley

Authority, 400 West Summit Drive, ET 10H, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to General Counsel, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Drive, ET 10H Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 25, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Ronald W. Hernan,**

*Senior Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 72-1014]

### Holtec International; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Request for Exemption From Requirements of 10 CFR Part 72; Correction

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects a notice appearing in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2000 (65 FR 2995). This action is necessary to correct an erroneous Unit number.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Matula, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone 301-415-8563, e-mail [tom1@nrc.gov](mailto:tom1@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On page 2995, in the center column, in the last sentence, "Units 2 and 3" is corrected to read "Unit 1".

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of February 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**E. William Brach,**

*Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549

[Extension: Rule 30b2-1; SEC File No. 270-213; OMB Control No. 3235-0220]

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("Act") [44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*], the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

### Rule 30b2-1 Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Filing of Copies of Reports to Stockholders

Rule 30b2-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 [17 CFR 270.30b2-1] requires the filing of four copies of every periodic or interim report transmitted by or on behalf of any registered investment company to its stockholders.<sup>1</sup> This requirement ensures that the Commission has information in its files to perform its regulatory functions and to apprise investors of the operational and financial condition of registered investment companies.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Most filings are made via the Commission's electronic filing system; therefore, paper filings under Rule 30b2-1 occur only in exceptional circumstances. Electronic filing eliminates the need for multiple copies of filings.

<sup>2</sup> Annual and periodic reports to the Commission become part of its public files and, therefore, are available for use by prospective investors and stockholders.

It is estimated that approximately 3,490 registered management investment companies are required to send reports to stockholders at least twice annually. The annual burden of filing the reports is estimated to be negligible.

The burden estimate for Rule 30b2-1 is made solely for the purposes of the Act and is not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20549.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-24314; 812-11904]

### Harris & Harris Group, Inc.; Notice of Application

February 24, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Issuance of Certification Pursuant to Section 851(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code").

**SUMMARY:** The SEC is issuing a certification pursuant to section 851(e) of the Code that applicant Harris & Harris Group, Inc. ("Harris") was, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other corporations which are principally