

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.139.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 1.139, "Guidance for Residual Heat Removal," which the agency issued for comment in May 1978. Regulatory Guide 1.139 proposed a method acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with General Design Criterion (GDC) 34, "Residual Heat Removal," of Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50) with regard to actions taken in the control room (see GDC 19, "Control Room") to remove decay heat and sensible heat after a reactor shutdown. The NRC is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 1.139, "Guidance for Residual Heat Removal," which the agency issued for comment in May 1978. Regulatory Guide 1.139 proposed a method acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with General Design Criterion (GDC) 34, "Residual Heat Removal," of Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," to Title 10, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50) with regard to actions taken in the control room (see GDC 19, "Control Room") to remove decay heat and sensible heat after a reactor shutdown. The NRC is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 1.139 because it describes an overly conservative and prescriptive method for complying with the aforementioned criteria. Licensees for existing nuclear power plants have proposed alternative ways for complying with these criteria that the NRC staff has found to be acceptable in individual power plants based on case by case reviews. These alternatives were developed by licensees without guidance from the NRC. At this time, it also appears unlikely that future applicants would need additional

guidance from the NRC with regard to how to comply with these criteria. As such, Regulatory Guide 1.139 no longer provides useful information to licensees or applicants and additional guidance in this area is unnecessary.

### II. Further Information

The withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.139 does not, in and of itself, alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. The guidance provided in this regulatory guide is no longer necessary. Regulatory guides may be withdrawn when their guidance is superseded by congressional action, the methods or techniques described in the regulatory guide no longer describe a preferred approach, or the regulatory guide does not provide useful information.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of June 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

#### Extension:

Rule 17Ad-17, OMB Control No. 3235-0469, SEC File No. 270-412.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(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 17Ad-17 Transfer Agents' Obligation To Search for Lost Security holders

Rule 17Ad-17 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-17) requires approximately 608 registered transfer agents to conduct searches using third party database vendors to attempt to locate lost securityholders. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each transfer agent to comply with Rule 17Ad-17 is five hours annually. The total burden is approximately 2,432 hours annually for all transfer agents. The cost of compliance for each individual transfer agent depends on the number of lost accounts for which it is responsible. Based on information received from transfer agents, we estimate that the annual cost industry wide is \$3.3 million.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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.

Comments should be directed to: R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted within 60 days of this notice.