

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 2.1201-1.263).

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

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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