

through traditional regulatory means. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, is interested in exploring emerging structures and institutions for ensuring that basic public policy goals continue to be met, increasingly through market-based mechanisms. Specifically, the IRP Program intends to sponsor innovative research to explore the nature of the investor-owned electric utility industry and market transformation, and the development of new institutions supporting energy efficiency, environmental quality, equity, fuel diversity and research and development. Seven (7) broad subject areas in which research can be proposed include: (1) The economic costs and benefits of alternative wholesale and retail market structures. (2) The evolving nature of retail electricity markets. (3) New institutions for promoting and enhancing environmental quality. (4) New institutions for improving energy efficiency. (5) Analytical methods for a competitive market. (6) New structures for resource planning. (7) Emerging issues in the electric utility. More details on the types of projects and activities that might be expected as a result of this competition are included in the solicitation.

Review of applications will begin on or about June 15, 1995. Selections will commence approximately mid-July, with anticipated award issuance during August through September 1995. It is anticipated that the Denver Support Office of the Department of Energy will make multiple financial assistance awards as a result of this solicitation. Approximately \$400,000 has been allocated to this program in Fiscal Year 1995. Approximately four (4) to eight (8) awards will be made with Federal share funding levels not to exceed \$100,000 for any individual award. Project should be completed within nine (9) months of the award date, unless approved otherwise by a DOE Contracting Officer in writing.

Awards may be either grants or cooperative agreements, depending on the amount of substantial involvement anticipated between the Department of Energy and the recipient during performance of the contemplated activity.

The solicitation will be issued on or about April 15, 1995, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, and evaluation. Responses to the solicitation will be due 60 days after solicitation release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, 2801 Youngfield St., Golden, CO., 80201, Attention: Louise S. Urgo, Contracting Officer.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on: March 23, 1995.

Beth H. Peterman,

Acting Chief, Procurement, GO.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 18, 1995, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Monticello City Hall, Monticello, Utah 84535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502 (303) 248-7727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site, will be discussing issues related to the reorganization of the advisory board.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Audrey Berry's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly

conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting, due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303)-248-7727.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 7, 1995.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Office of Energy Research; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; Notice of open meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel.

DATES: Sunday, May 7, 1995, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 8, 1995, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cornell University, Clark Hall, Room 700, Ithaca, New York 14853.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. P.K. Williams, Executive Secretary, High Energy Physics Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-221, GTN, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (301) 903-4829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

The Panel will provide advice and guidance with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda

Sunday, May 7, 1995, and Monday, May 8, 1995:

Discussion of Department of Energy (DOE) High Energy Physics Programs

Discussion of National Science Foundation (NSF) Elementary Particle Physics Programs
 Discussion of Status of Large Hadron Collider (LHC) Project and U.S. Participation in LHC
 Discussion of University-based High Energy Physics Programs
 Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics
 Presentations of CESR/CLEO Programs at Cornell University
 Public Comment (10 minute rule)
 Public Participation

The two-day meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Panel is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Executive Secretary at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on April 5, 1995.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP95-233-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Co.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Billy Creek-Sheridan Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 6, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Billy Creek-

Sheridan Replacement Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (WBI) wants to replace 13.4 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline in Johnson and Sheridan Counties, Wyoming. WBI states that severe corrosion and leaks have been found throughout the Billy Creek-Sheridan Pipeline, and the facilities proposed to be replaced represent the final section of replacement for the pipeline. WBI would use the facilities to transport up to 15,230 thousand cubic feet per day of gas.

The location of the facilities are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Most of the proposed project would be built within and near existing right-of-way, but about 40 percent of the new pipeline would be located outside of the existing right-of-way. WBI intends to use a construction right-of-way width that would vary between 50 and 100 feet during construction. About 85 acres would be disturbed during construction.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of these proposed actions and encourage

¹ Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Public safety.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for the proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by WBI. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- The project would cross seven perennial streams.
- The project would cross or be near cultural resources/archaeological sites.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded: