

- (2) High quality,
- (3) Moderate quality, or
- (4) Low quality.

To construct the funding slate, an average numerical score will be determined for each application through the following procedure. For each application, a numerical value of 3 will be assigned for each rating of exceptionally high quality that the application receives, a numerical value of 2 will be assigned for each rating of high quality that the application receives, a numerical value of 1 will be assigned for each rating of moderate quality that the application receives, and a numerical value of 0 will be assigned for each rating of low quality that the application receives. Then, for each application, the total of the numeric scores the application receives will be divided by the number of reviewers who rated that application to determine the average score for that application.

For this competition, potential applicants were invited to submit letters of intent. In the letter of intent, applicants identified the panel they thought was best suited to review their application. Applicants are hereby notified that the data in the letters of intent were collected for administrative purposes only. OERI reserves the right to assign any application to any panel where the agency believes the reviewers are best qualified to review that application.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, because this notice merely establishes procedural requirements for review of applications and does not create substantive policy, proposed rulemaking is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Payer, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., room 502e, Washington, DC 20208-5645. Telephone: (202) 219-1310 or via Internet: Elizabeth_Payer@ed.gov.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6031(c)(2)(B).

Dated: September 19, 2000.

C. Kent McGuire,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 4, 2000, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Conference Center, 1750 South Pahrump Valley Blvd., Pahrump, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197, fax: 702-295-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make

recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1. Stewardship.

2. Groundwater.

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

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 Kevin Rohrer, at the 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 Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

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 Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 19, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Oak Ridge. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 11, 2000, 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Garden Plaza Hotel, 215 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Adler, Federal Coordinator,

Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4094; Fax (865) 576-9121 or e-mail: adlerd@oro.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda:

1. Presentation on the Oak Ridge Environmental Management Waste Disposal Facility by Mr. Bill Cahill, Department of Energy-Oak Ridge Operations.

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 Dave Adler 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 Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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 at the end of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Dave Adler, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling him at (865) 576-4094.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 19, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-111-000]

Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Colton, and Riverside, California v. California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

September 18, 2000.

Take notice that on September 15, 2000, the Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Colton, and Riverside, California (Southern Cities), tendered for filing a Complaint against the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO). The Southern Cities' Complaint asserts: (1) That the ISO's currently effective mechanism for recovering costs it incurs for Out-of-Market (OOM) dispatch calls is unjust and unreasonable in violation of the Federal Power Act, and (2) that the ISO has violated its Tariff by charging for Neutrality Adjustment Charges in excess of the limit on such charges in effect from June 1, 2000 through September 15, 2000. The Southern Cities urges the Commission: (1) To issue an order requiring the ISO to change § 11.2.4.2.1 of the ISO Tariff to provide that OOM costs incurred by the ISO to meet underscheduled loads will be recovered from the Scheduling Coordinators that have underscheduled, and (2) to issue an order requiring the ISO to abide by the cap on Neutrality Adjustment Charges in § 11.2.9.1 of the ISO Tariff, which became effective on June 1, 2000, and to refund Neutrality Adjustment Charges in excess of that cap collected for trading intervals subsequent to that date.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 285.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before September 25, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Answers

to the complaint shall also be due on or before September 25, 2000.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-458-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

September 18, 2000.

Take notice that on September 12, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), whose mailing address is Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP00-458-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for permission and approval to abandon by transfer to its affiliate, El Paso Field Services Company, certain compression facilities in San Juan County, New Mexico, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222).

El Paso states that on August 18, 1999, Williams Field Services Group, Inc. (Williams) filed a complaint in Docket No. RP99-471-000 alleging that compression facilities at El Paso's Blanco Compressor Station in San Juan County, New Mexico were providing a nonjurisdictional gathering service and were improperly classified as transmission facilities. El Paso states that the Blanco Station includes three distinct sets of compressors: the "A", "C", and "D" plants totaling approximately 91,010 horsepower. It is indicated that by order issued on November 10, 1999, the Commission found that the "A" plant was properly functionalized as transmission, but that the "C" and "D" plants should be functionalized as gathering. El Paso states that the Commission denied all requests by order issued April 25, 2000, and counseled El Paso to file for an application to abandon the two plants.

El Paso is filing this application in recognition of the Commission's suggestion in the April 25, 2000, order. In support of why this abandonment is in the public convenience and necessity, El Paso states that the abandonment of the Blanco "C" and "D" plants by transfer to its affiliate will provide for a smooth, seamless