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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Technical Conference; Design Concepts of Future Electric Transmission

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Technical Conference.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) will conduct a technical conference in the Washington, DC area to discuss the design of future electric transmission. The technical conference will discuss the likely demand for future electric transmission and whether the development of conceptual alternative extra high voltage (EHV) systems would assist generation developers, State energy policy officials, utility planners, and other stakeholders. The specific agenda, list of panelists, and meeting location will be posted on the OE Web site at <http://www.oe.energy.gov> as they become available.

DATES: The technical conference will be held on March 4, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A robust and reliable electricity system is vital to our national economy, security, and well-being. Numerous proposals have been made to modernize the electric transmission systems. Included among these proposals is the construction of an EHV transmission system to augment the existing transmission systems. OE believes it is important to begin a thorough review of whether an EHV system should be considered by States and regional planning entities. To that end, OE is seeking a broader discussion on the ranges of opinion regarding the future requirements of the electric transmission system, and what actions should be considered now to help ensure that the appropriate transmission system is available to meet those future needs.

This technical conference is part of OE's ongoing evaluation of electric transmission adequacy and is not part of the 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The technical conference will pursue two primary areas of interest: Identification of the fundamental issues to be considered in designing future transmission; and exploration of the pros and cons of building an EHV network, in terms of energy and economic efficiency, reliability, access to renewable generation, and reduction of carbon emissions. These areas will be addressed during three panel discussion sessions.

Panel I will address projections of future transmission needs and factors that should be considered to help ensure that an appropriate transmission system is available to meet future needs, including anticipated contributions from Smart Grid, storage, and distributive generation. Panel II discussions will address whether there are advantages to an EHV design over the traditional transmission planning process, what the pros and cons of a supplemental EHV system might be, and what the relationship between the existing transmission system and an EHV system would be. Several entities have proposed conceptual EHV designs. Panel III will address the primary objectives in each design, the criteria that should be considered in selecting any particular design, whether an EHV system could be built in stages with broad public benefits realized with each stage, and the amount of an EHV system that must be completed before the public could see major benefits.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Trespassing on DOE Property: Idaho Operations Office Properties

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of designation of Idaho Operations Office properties and facilities as off-limits areas.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby amends and adds to the previously published site descriptions of various DOE and contractor occupied

buildings as off-limits areas. The three buildings are located at 535, 625, and 655 University Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415. In accordance with 10 CFR part 860, it is a federal crime under 42 U.S.C. 2278a for unauthorized persons to enter into or upon these Idaho Operations Office properties and facilities. If unauthorized entry into or upon these properties is into an area enclosed by a fence, wall, floor, roof or other such structural barrier, conviction for such unauthorized entry may result in a fine not to exceed \$100,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. If unauthorized entry into or upon the properties is into an area not enclosed by a fence, wall, floor, roof, or other such structural barrier, conviction for such unauthorized entry may result in a fine of not more than \$5,000.*

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Ann Williams, Office of General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6899, or Matt Smith, Office of Chief Counsel, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Ave., MS 1209, Idaho Falls, ID 83415, (208) 526-7109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE), successor agency to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), is authorized, pursuant to § 229 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2278a), and § 104 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5814), as implemented by 10 CFR Part 860, published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 1993 (58 FR 47984-47985), and section 301 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151), to prohibit unauthorized entry and the unauthorized introduction of weapons or dangerous materials into or upon any DOE facility, installation, or real property. By notices dated November 1, 1983 (48 FR 50390), January 23, 1987 (52 FR 2580), August 5, 1988 (53 FR 29512), and May 10, 2000 (65 FR 30094), DOE prohibited unauthorized entry into or upon the "Idaho National Engineering Laboratory" and "Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory" (now the Idaho National Laboratory, or INL), and various DOE and contractor occupied facilities, including the Willow Creek

* By operation of law, the Criminal Fine Improvements Act of 1987, Pub. L. No. 100-185, 101 Stat. 1279 (1987), increased the fine amounts from \$1000/\$5000 to \$5000/\$100,000. *See, e.g., U.S. v. Lentsch*, 369 F.3d 948, 950 (6th Cir. 2004) (quoting 58 FR. 47984 (Sept. 14, 1993)); *see also* 10 CFR 860.5.