

a gross electric power output of 66 megawatts (the alfalfa gas was to be supplemented with natural gas as needed). Another 37 megawatts were to be generated from the super-heated, high-pressure steam recovered from the hot combustion gases leaving the combustion turbine. Since the biomass gasification technology proposed for MAPP has yet to be successfully demonstrated at full commercial scale, DOE was proposing to fund \$44 million (up to 30%) of the cost of construction of the plant and associated facilities (approximately \$140 to \$200 million) as part of the Department's mission to support biomass technology commercialization. Other key participants in the MAPP project have included the University of Minnesota, Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, Kvaerner/Carboma Corporation, Enron Capital and Trade Resources Corporation, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Enron Capital and Trade Resources Corporation, however, terminated its co-development participation in the MAPP project in early 1999.

In the event that MnVAP elects to proceed with the MAPP project without funding from DOE, an analysis of the relative impact of the proposed project on the environment would still be required under applicable Minnesota laws and regulations. In such an event, the MEQB, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, would be the lead agency for the environmental analysis. While DOE may be asked by the MEQB to assist by providing relevant information to any Minnesota led environmental analysis, DOE would no longer participate as a lead agency or as a co-preparer.

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Frank M. Stewart,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation number DE-PS07-00ID13860—Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) Program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is

soliciting applications for special research grant awards that will support nuclear engineering research. It is anticipated that on September 16, 1999, the full text for Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13860 for the 2000 NEER Program will be made available on the Internet under, "current solicitation", at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html>, under current solicitation.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications will be November 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Dallas L. Hoffer, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dallas Hoffer, Contract Specialist at hofferdl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR 600.6(b). Eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities with nuclear engineering degree programs or options or an operating research reactor. The purpose of the Nuclear Engineering Education Research (NEER) program is to (1) support basic research in nuclear engineering; (2) assist in developing nuclear engineering students; and (3) contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Public Law 95-91.

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R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will meet during the week of September 27, 1999 at the headquarters of the IEA in Paris, France in connection with a Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy, a Disruption Simulation Exercise, and a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel M. Bradley, Assistant General Counsel for International and National

Security Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-6738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)), the following notice of meetings is provided:

A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held at the headquarters of the IEA, 9, rue de la Fédération, Paris, France, commencing on September 27, 1999, at approximately 10 a.m.. The purpose of this notice is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at:

(1) A Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy ("Stock Seminar") commencing on September 27 at approximately 10 a.m. and ending on September 28 at approximately 12:45 p.m.;

(2) A brief meeting of the IAB, on September 28 from approximately 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m., in preparation of the Simulation Exercise;

(3) A Disruption Simulation Exercise (the "Simulation Exercise"), commencing on September 28 at approximately 2 p.m. and ending on September 30 at approximately 12:30 p.m.;

(4) A meeting of the IEA Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) on September 30 from approximately 2:30 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m. and on October 1 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

(5) A meeting of the IAB on September 30 from approximately 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Agendas for the Stock Seminar (item 1 above), the Simulation Exercise (item 3), and the SEQ (item 4) are under the control of the IEA Secretariat and the SEQ. It is expected that the following Agendas will be followed:

I. Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy (September 27 and 28 (a.m.))

- Welcome by SEQ Chairman, and IEA Executive Director
- Presentation by Secretariat of Background Note on Global Oil Stock Situation and Synopsis of Replies to SEQ Questionnaire on Stockholding and Stockdraw
- Session 1—Stocks as a Means of Rapid Response, and Demand Restraint Operations

How the Administrations and the industry would ensure quick and effective response to a major disruption: presentations and discussion

- Session 2—IEA Stock Strategies: Key Issues
Trends and Issues in Industry Inventories, Minimum Operating Rates and Usable Stocks: presentations and discussion
For What Disruption Should We Prepare?: presentations and discussion
Crude Oil v Products; What is the Most Effective Weapon in an Emergency?: presentations and discussion
The Governmental Control Issue: Under What Conditions Can Governments Ensure Drawdown? How can adequate legislation be put in place?: presentations and discussion
- Session 3—Experience Sharing with Non-Member Countries (NMCs) in Emergency Response
How would NMCs react in a disruption? How can stockholding be promoted as an NMC priority?: presentations and discussions
- Chairman's Summary

II. Disruption Simulation Exercise Program—September 28 (p.m.)–September 30 (a.m.)

Disruption—Stage 1

Plenary

- Introduction by SEQ Chairman and IEA Oil Markets & Emergency Preparedness Director
- Introduction of Simulation Facilitator, External Market Group, Internal Market Group and Steering Group
- Logistics are described by Head of Emergency Planning and Preparations Department (EPPD)
- Rules of the game are defined and simulation initiated
- The Stage 1 event is announced
- A brief analysis of the market impact by the Internal Market Group
Participants break out into Teams; Teams will:
- Respond to specific questions on market analysis and IEA decision making
- Report on what action(s) if any the IEA should take at this point
- Submit a report to the Facilitator

Plenary

- Presentation of four team reports (more if sufficiently diverse)
- Reactions from the External Market Group to each team report presentation
- Reactions from Internal Market Group on fundamentals following all team reports
- Discussions on the recommendations
- Review and critique of the first day of the exercise

- Chairman's Summary of the Stage 1 Session

Disruption—Stage 2

Plenary

- Introduction by SEQ Chairman
- Simulation is initiated by Facilitator
- The Stage 2 event is announced
- A brief analysis of the market impact by the Internal Market Team
Participants break out into Teams; Teams will:
- Respond to specific questions on market analysis, and IEA policy decisions
- Report on what action(s) the IEA should take at this point
- Submit a report to the Facilitator

Plenary

- Presentation of four team reports (more if sufficiently diverse)
- Reactions from the External Market Group to each team report presentation
- Reactions from Internal Market Group on fundamentals following all team reports
- Discussion and conclusions
- Chairman's Summary

Cross Sector Y2K Session

Plenary

- Background briefings: presentation covering IEA findings on Y2K and results of IEA member country survey
- Cross-Sectoral panel, chaired by Deputy Executive Director, IEA, on potential disruptions and cross-sectoral issues.
- Introduction to pre-Y2K oil market situation: Internal Market Group
- Logistics are described by Head of EPPD
Participants break out into Teams; Teams will:
- Respond to specific questions
- Make pre-January 1st policy recommendations for the IEA (e.g. an IEA contingency plan)

Plenary

- Presentation of four team reports (more if sufficiently diverse)
- Reaction from the External Market Group to each presentation

Y2K Simulation Session

Plenary

- Presentation by Deputy Executive Director of pre-Y2K policy recommendations
- Simulation is initiated by the Facilitator
- News Flash: Y2K disruption announced

- A brief analysis of the market impact by the Internal Market Group

Participants Break Out Into Groups

Review IEA policy recommendations discussed on September 29 in light of disruption scenario Teams will:

- Develop recommendations on an IEA response(s) to the event
- Recommend arrangements to monitor situation after January 1 and follow-up evaluations
- Recommend process and timing of IEA decisions (e.g. October 27 Governing Board, November 19 SEQ and December 10 Governing Board and possible SEQ/Governing Board meetings in early January 2000)

Plenary

- Presentation of team reports
- Reactions from the External Market Group to each team report presentation
- Reactions from Internal Market Group on fundamentals following all team reports
- Discussions and formulation of IEA policy recommendations (content, process and timing)
- Recommendations for monitoring situation after January 1 and follow-up arrangements
- Chairman's summary

III. The Standing Group On Emergency Questions—September 30 (p.m.)–October 1 (a.m.)

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 95th Meeting
3. SEQ Work Program
—The Year 2000 Work Program of the SEQ
—The Result of the Questionnaire Survey on Program of Work 2000
4. Evaluation of Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy
5. Evaluation of Disruption Simulation Exercise Stages 1 and 2
6. The Year 2000 Problems and IEA Response Plans
—Replies to Questionnaires on Y2K Issues
—Results of IEA 1999 Regional Seminars
—Initial Discussion of Possible IEA Actions
7. Policy and Legislative Developments in Member Countries
—Recent Strategic Petroleum Reserve Developments
—Developments in other IEA Countries
8. Current IAB Activities
9. Report on Petroleum Coke Production, Trade, Use and Treatment in IEA Statistics by Working Group

10. Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Countries
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on 1 April 1999
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on 1 July 1999
11. Emergency Response Issues of IEA Candidate Countries
 - Emergency Response Review of the Czech Republic
 - Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Candidate Countries
12. Emergency Data System and Related Questions
 - Base Period Final Consumption—“Q398–Q299”
 - Monthly Oil Statistics (MOS) April 1999
 - MOS May 1999
 - MOS June 1999
13. Emergency Response Reviews of IEA Countries
 - Emergency Response Review of Germany
 - Emergency Response Review of France
 - Emergency Response Review of Turkey
 - Updated Schedule of Emergency Response Reviews
14. Emergency Reference Guide
 - Update of Emergency Contact Points
15. Other Business
 - Celebration of 25 years of SEQ work on energy security at November SEQ meeting

IV. The Agenda for the Brief Meeting of the IAB on September 27 (Item 2) Is Preparation for the Simulation Exercise

V. The Agenda for the IAB Meeting on September 30 (Item 5) is

- Approval of the Record Notes of Previous IAB Meetings
- Lessons learned at the Seminar on IEA Oil Stock Strategy and the Disruption Simulation Exercise
- Future IAB activities in support of the SEQ Work Program for 2000
- Succession of the IAB Chairmanship

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), these meetings are open only to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel, representatives of members of the SEQ, representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission, and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, or the IEA.

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Mary Anne Sullivan,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

September 15, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Change in Land and Water Rights.
- b. *Project No.*: 2576-021.
- c. *Date Filed*: August 6, 1999.
- d. *Applicant*: Connecticut Light and Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project*: Housatonic.
- f. *Location*: The Housatonic project is located on the Housatonic River and its tributaries in Fairfield, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties, Connecticut. This project does not utilize Federal or Tribal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Raul de Brigard, Connecticut Light and Power Company, P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270 (860) 665-3561.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jon Confrancesco at Jon.Cofrancesco@ferc.fed.us or telephone 202-219-0079.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: October 15, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Mail Code: DLC, HL-11.1, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project*: Connecticut Light and Power Company, license for the Housatonic Project, requests Commission approval of a proposed change in land rights involving Candlewood Lake, a reservoir within the project's Rocky River Development. Specifically, the licensee proposes to enter into an agreement with the five municipalities that surround Candlewood Lake (Brookfield, Danbury, New Fairfield, New Milford, and Sherman) that would grant the

municipalities a conservation restriction at Candlewood Lake. The conservation restriction will enable the municipalities to ensure that Candlewood Lake remains a lake consistent with its recreational and environmental values in the event of a future termination of the Commission's jurisdiction over the project. The conservation restriction contains specific requirements related to the water level and use of the lake. The licensee states the proposed conservation restriction is subject to and subordinate to the project license; is in the public interest; and will preserve the scenic, recreational, and environmental values of Candlewood Lake while at the same time allowing the licensee to use it for hydroelectric operations.

1. *Locations of the application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.