

Benton County that are included in Alternative One's proposed wildlife refuge boundary are not included in the Preferred Alternative because they are still subject to planned remediation activities and are not yet appropriate to be included in a national wildlife refuge.

DOE selected the Preferred Alternative over Alternative Two primarily because DOE considers the amount of area that would be designated for Low-Intensity Recreation, High-Intensity Recreation, Industrial, and Research and Development land use under Alternative Two to be too limited to allow DOE to effectively meet its current Hanford Science and Technology mission or economic development mission. In Alternative Two, Conservation (Mining) is absent as a land use which would restrict DOE from using existing site sand, gravel and basalt resources needed for site activities such as remediation, road building, and building foundations. Furthermore, the DOE Preferred Alternative reserves space and infrastructure to support potential National Security and Energy Resources missions. One of the implicit consumptive uses associated with the Alternative Two's reserved treaty rights (e.g., grazing) conflicted with a strongly expressed stakeholder value not to allow grazing on the Hanford Site.

Alternative Three provides DOE with appropriate Industrial, Research and Development, and Industrial Exclusive areas to effectively meet its current Hanford Science and Technology mission or economic development mission. Furthermore, Alternative Three reserves space and infrastructure appropriate to support potential DOE National Security and Energy Resources missions. However, Alternative Three does not adequately address DOE's resource trustee mission. The DOE Preferred Alternative designates the major portion of the Hanford Site for Preservation, allowing DOE to more effectively protect the biological, cultural, and aesthetic resources than would be possible under the Agriculture, Conservation (Mining), Conservation (Mining and Grazing), Low-Intensity or High-Intensity Recreation designations presented in Alternative Three.

Alternative Four provides less area for Low-Intensity Recreation, High-Intensity Recreation, Industrial, Research and Development, and Conservation (Mining) than does the Preferred Alternative. The area reserved for Conservation (Mining) is appropriate for gravel resources, but not for fine soils or basalt. DOE selected the

Preferred Alternative over Alternative Four primarily because DOE considers the amount of area that would be designated for Low-Intensity Recreation, High-Intensity Recreation, Industrial, and Research and Development land use under Alternative Two to be too limited to allow DOE to effectively meet its current Hanford Science and Technology mission or economic development mission. Additionally the DOE Preferred Alternative reserves space and infrastructure to support potential National Security and Energy Resources missions. One of the implicit consumptive uses associated with the Alternative Four's reserved treaty rights (e.g., grazing) conflicted with a strongly expressed stakeholder value to not allow grazing.

Conclusion

DOE has considered the environmental and relevant concerns presented by the cooperating agencies and tribal governments, organizations, officials, and individuals on the proposed action to establish a CLUP for the Hanford Site. DOE has decided to implement the DOE Preferred Alternative map with stated land-use designations and implementing policies and procedures as presented in Chapter 6 of the HCP EIS.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Carolyn L. Huntton,

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force.

DATES: Monday, November 15, 1999, 8:30 am–3:30 pm and Tuesday, November 16, 1999, 8:30 am–11:45 am.

ADDRESSES: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Conference Room A, Building 123, 7000 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94551–0808. Note: For their convenience,

members of the public who plan to attend this open meeting are requested to contact Ms. Kathleen Moody of the LLNL Protocol Office in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate access to the meeting site. Ms. Moody may be reached at (925) 423–5948 or via e-mail at moody2@llnl.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB–1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586–1709 or (202) 586–6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) the engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, November 15, 1999

8:30–8:45 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Introductions & Objectives—Dr. John McTague, Task Force Chairman
8:45–9:00 am—LLNL Welcome & Orientation
9:00–9:45 am—Briefing & Discussion: Defense Programs' Overview, NIF Mission Requirements and Parameters
9:45–10:15 am—Briefing & Discussion: State of the NIF Project
10:15–10:30 am—Break
10:30–11:00 am—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Experimental Plan
11:00–12:30 pm—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Project Engineering Overview
12:30–1:15 pm—Lunch
1:15–2:15 pm—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Project Management Overview
2:15–3:15 pm—Briefing & Discussion: Integration of Conventional Facilities and Laser Systems
3:15–3:30 pm—Public Comment Period

3:30 pm—Adjourn

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

8:30–8:35 a.m.—Opening Remarks & Objectives—Dr. John McTague, Task Force Chairman

8:35–9:15 am—Briefing & Discussion: Laser System Performance Requirements

9:15–10:15 am—Briefing & Discussion: Laser System Elements

10:15–10:30 am—Break

10:30–11:15 am—Briefing & Discussion: Optics Development Plan and Requirements

11:15–11:45 a.m.—Public Comment Period

11:45 am—Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment periods. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Livermore, California, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes: A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-21-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Filing of Report

November 5, 1999.

Take notice that on October 21, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing its final report under an interim proposal accepted by the Commission on September 16, 1998, in Docket No. TM98-2-21-000. Pursuant to a settlement in Docket No. RP95-408 *et al.*, Columbia was to transfer its products extraction facilities to MarkWest Hydrocarbons (MarkWest). Columbia reports that it has resolved matters with MarkWest. Consequently, Columbia states that it is terminating its products extraction service, and commencing on November 1, 1999, providing to MarkWest all of the 650,000 Dth annual quantities collected by Columbia through its Retainage Adjustment Mechanism.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before November 15, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-59-000]

Crossroads Pipeline Co.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 5, 1999.

Take notice that on November 2, 1999, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume

No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed below for effectiveness on December 2, 1999:

First Revised Sheet No. 9
First Revised Sheet No. 19
First Revised Sheet No. 25.2
First Revised Sheet No. 27
First Revised Sheet No. 43
First Revised Sheet No. 48
Second Revised Sheet No. 66
Second Revised Sheet No. 74
Original Sheet No. 76A
Original Sheet No. 76B

Crossroads states that the purpose of this filing is to set forth in its tariff a negotiated rates provision pursuant to the Alternative Rates Policy Statement (74 F.E.R.C. ¶ 61,076 (1996)).

Crossroads further states that copies of its filing have been served on its customers under Rate Schedules FT-1, IT-1 and GPS/GLS and on the regulatory agencies of the states on Indiana and Ohio.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP94-72-009, FA92-59-007, RP97-126-015 and RP97-126-000]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

November 5, 1999.

Take notice that an informal conference will be convened in this proceeding on Friday, November 12,