

DATES: Tuesday, April 25, 2000, 9 AM–4 PM, Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E–089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586–7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building on the day of the meeting. Public participation is welcomed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB–1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–7092 or (202) 586–6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in Russia is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the policy priorities established by the Department of Energy to pursue nonproliferation and nuclear safety programs in the Russian Federation. Special emphasis will be placed on program areas that may not have been addressed in the past. The Task Force will focus on assessing the performance of DOE's programs in achieving national security and nonproliferation missions, as well as providing policy recommendations on how the Department can be most effective in supporting U.S. national security interests. The Task Force will investigate, but will not be limited to, the following programs: (1) Initiatives for Nonproliferation, (2) Nuclear Cities Initiative, (3) Material Protection Control and Accounting Program, (4) Second Line of Defense Program, (5) Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Purchase Agreement, (6) Plutonium Disposition Program, and (7) International Nuclear Safety Program.

Tentative Agenda

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9 AM–9:15 AM Opening Remarks
9:15 AM–10 AM Briefing on DOE Moscow/DOE Presence in Russia
10 AM–10:45 AM Briefing on the Expanded Threat Reduction Initiative
10:45 AM–11 AM Break
11 AM–12 AM Briefing on Budget Issues
12 PM–1:15 PM Lunch
1:15 PM–3:45 PM Roundtable with NGO Representatives

3:45 PM–4 PM 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 Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in Russia and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. 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 open meeting, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign in 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, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 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 open 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, DC, between 9 A.M. and 4 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>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on April 11, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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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 (Pub.

L. 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: Wednesday, April 26, 2000, 8:30 AM–3 PM.

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.

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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

The agenda for the April 26 meeting has not been finalized, however the topics to be addressed will include the following:

–Response to the Findings and Recommendations of the Interim Report of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force, January 10, 2000—

A discussion of the Department of Energy's response to the key findings and recommendations of the Task Force's Interim Report.

-NIF Rebaseline Plan—A discussion of the key milestones, basis and current status of the NIF Rebaseline Plan, February 2000 (NIF-0038376-0B.3)

-Criteria, Guidelines and Options Used as the Basis for the NIF Total Project Cost Estimate—A discussion of the key criteria, assumptions, and guidance used in the development of the NIF Project Cost Estimate, Schedule and options.

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- 8:30–9 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Introductions & Objectives—Dr. John McTague, Task Force Chairman
- 9–10 a.m.—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Project Response to the Interim Report Findings and Recommendations
- DOE
 - University of California
 - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- 10–10 a.m.—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Rebaseline Plan, Implementation and Status
- 10:20–10:35 a.m.—Break
- 10:35–12:30 p.m.—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Cost Estimation and Scheduling Systems for the NIF Rebaseline
- 12:30–1:30 p.m.—Lunch
- 1:30–2:30 p.m.—Briefing & Discussion: NIF Progress Since the December Meeting
- Overview
 - Optics
 - Construction & Beampath Infrastructure
- 2:30–3 p.m.—Public Comment Period
- 3 p.m.—Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1030-000 and EL00-33-000; ER00-1463-000; ER00-1502-000, ER00-1259-000 and EL00-38-000; ER00-1517-000; and ER00-1598-000 (Not Consolidated)]

AmerGen Vermont, LLC; Orion Power MidWest, LLC; Bonnie Mine Energy, L.L.C. and Louisiana Generating LLC; San Joaquin Cogen Limited; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Calvert Cliffs, Inc., Constellation Generation, Inc. and Constellation Power Source, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 10, 2000.

AmerGen Vermont, LLC, Orion Power MidWest, LLC, Bonnie Mine Energy, LLC and Louisiana Generating LLC, San Joaquin Cogen Limited, and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Calvert Cliffs, Inc., Constellation Generation, Inc. and Constellation Power Source, Inc. (hereafter, "the Applicants") filed with the Commission rate schedules in the above-captioned proceedings, respectively, under which the Applicants will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In

particular, certain of the Applicants may also have requested in their respective applications that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants. On March 29, 2000, the Commission issued an order that accepted the rate schedules for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 29, 2000 Order granted, for those Applicants that sought such approval, their request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix B in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(3) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, if the Applicants have requested such authorization, the Applicants are hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicants, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of the Applicants' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.* * *

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 28, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. This issuance may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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