

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER07-1287-001.

*Applicants:* Apple Group LLC.

*Description:* Apple Group LLC submits two amendments to Market Based Rate Application and a revised tariff designated at Original Sheet 1 to FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume 1.

*Filed Date:* 09/13/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20070917-0055.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER07-1368-000.

*Applicants:* Westar Energy, Inc.

*Description:* Westar Energy Inc submits A Notice of Cancellation of an Electric Power Supply Agreement with the City of St Marys, Kansas designated as First Revised Rate Schedule 244.

*Filed Date:* 09/13/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20070917-0057.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER07-1369-000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, LLC.

*Description:* PJM Interconnection, LLC submits Joint Operating Agreement executed on 5/20/07 and 5/22/07 with New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 09/13/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20070917-0056.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric securities filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ES07-54-001.

*Applicants:* Electric Transmission Texas, LLC.

*Description:* Electric Transmission Texas, LLC submits pro-forma financial information as a supplement to its 8/1/07 Application.

*Filed Date:* 09/13/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20070917-0067.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

Take notice that the Commission received the following open access transmission tariff filings:

*Docket Numbers:* OA07-31-001.

*Applicants:* Aquila, Inc.

*Description:* Order No. 890 Errata Filing of Aquila, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 09/14/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20070914-5008.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 5, 2007.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern

time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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 proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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*Acting Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8472-2]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Public Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Committee MARSAME Review Panel

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two public meetings of the SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) augmented with additional experts to review the draft document entitled "Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment (MARSAME) Manual," December 2006.

**DATES:** The SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) MARSAME Review Panel will hold a public teleconference on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time, and a public face-to-face meeting on October 29 through October 31, 2007, commencing at 9 a.m. Eastern Time on Monday, October 29, 2007.

The final agendas for these public meetings will be posted on the SAB's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconference meeting of October 9, 2007 will take place via telephone only. The October 29-31, 2007 meeting will take place at the Renaissance M Street Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code for the public teleconference meeting, or further information concerning the face-to-face public meeting may contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by mail at the EPA SAB Staff Office (1400F), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 343-9984; by fax at (202) 233-0643; or by e-mail at: [kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov](mailto:kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov). General information concerning the SAB can be found on the SAB Web Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**Technical Contact:** For questions and information concerning the draft MARSAME document, background information, as well as briefing and other background materials provided to the RAC MARSAME Review Panel which are pertinent to the meetings in this notice, please contact Dr. Mary E.

Clark of the U.S. EPA, ORIA by telephone at (202) 343-9348, fax at (202) 243-2395, or e-mail at [clark.marye@epa.gov](mailto:clark.marye@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) on behalf of the Federal agencies participating in the development of the MARSAME Manual (see below) requested the SAB to provide advice on a draft document entitled "*Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment (MARSAME) Manual*," December 2006. MARSAME is a supplement to the "*Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual*" (MARSSIM, EPA 402-R-970-016, Rev.1, August 2000 and June 2001 update). The SAB Staff Office announced this advisory activity and requested nominations for technical experts to augment the SAB's Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 11356; March 13, 2007). MARSAME was developed collaboratively by the multi-agency work group (60 FR 12555; March 7, 1995) and provides technical information on approaches for planning, conducting, evaluating, and documenting radiological disposition surveys to determine proper disposition of materials and equipment (M&E). The techniques, methodologies, and philosophies that form the basis of this manual have been developed to be consistent with current Federal limitations, guidelines, and procedures. The multi-agency work group which developed the MARSAME manual consists of the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD); the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

MARSSIM was limited to surfaces soils and building surfaces. The MARSAME supplement addresses M&E potentially affected by radioactivity, including metals, concrete, tools, equipment, piping, conduit, furniture and dispersible bulk materials such as trash, rubble, roofing materials, and sludge. Such M&E may be containers and packages in general commerce or from licensed users of radioactivity. The wide variety of M&E requires additional flexibility in the survey process, and this has been incorporated in MARSAME. MARSAME encourages an effective use of resources, and when finalized, will be a multi-agency consensus document.

The purpose of this supplement to MARSSIM is to provide information for the design and implementation of technically defensible surveys for

disposition of M&E, where disposition is defined as the future use, fate, or final location of something. MARSAME provides information on selecting and properly applying disposition survey strategies and selecting measurement methods.

The U.S. EPA SAB conducted the scientific peer reviews of the companion Multi-Agency documents, MARSSIM (EPA-SAB-RAC-97-008, dated September 30, 1997) and the Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols (MARLAP) Manual (EPA-SAB-RAC-03-009, dated June 10, 2003). Two previous SAB consultations have taken place for MARSAME (EPA-SAB-RAC-CON-03-002, dated February 27, 2003, and EPA-SAB-RAC-CON-04-001, dated February 9, 2004). The SAB reports can be found on the EPA SAB's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, the SAB Staff Office hereby gives notice of one public teleconference meeting and one face-to-face public meeting of the SAB Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) augmented to deal with this subject. The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The augmented RAC will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB procedural policies.

**Purpose of the Teleconference and Meeting:** The purpose of the teleconference is to: introduce the subject and discuss the charge to the Panel; determine if the review and background materials provided are adequate to respond to the charge questions directed to the SAB's RAC MARSAME Review Panel; and agree on charge assignments for Panelists. The purpose of the meeting is to: receive presentations by the Multi-Agency Work Group Staff; deliberate on the charge questions; and draft a report in response to the charge questions pertaining to the draft MARSAME Manual, dated December 2006.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** A roster and biosketches of the RAC MARSAME Review Panel members, the meeting agenda, and the charge to the SAB's RAC MARSAME Review Panel will be posted on the SAB Web Site at (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) prior to the meetings. The draft document, "*Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment (MARSAME) Manual*," December 2006 (NUREG-1575, Supp. 1; EPA 402-R-

06-002; and DOE/EH-707) is available at <http://63.151.45.33/marsame/system/index.cfm>, or <http://epa.gov/radiation/marssim/publicpreview.htm#obtain>. In addition to the hotlinks above, the charge to the RAC's MARSAME Review Panel, and other supplemental information may be found at the SAB Web Site (<http://www.sab.gov/sab>).

Additional background materials on the December, 2006 draft MARSAME Manual and other materials related to this topic may be found at:

MARSAME: <http://63.151.45.33/marsame/system/index.cfm>, or: <http://epa.gov/radiation/marssim/publicpreview.htm#obtain> for the draft document itself,

MARSSIM: <http://epa.gov/radiation/marssim/index.html>, or: <http://epa.gov/radiation/marssim/obtain.htm> for the document itself; and

MARLAP: <http://epa.gov/radiation/marlap/index.html>, or: <http://epa.gov/radiation/marlap/manual.htm#voli> for the document itself.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the SAB Panel to consider during the advisory process.

**Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker with no more than a total of fifteen minutes for all speakers. For face-to-face meetings, in general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public face-to-face meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Interested parties should contact the DFO, contact information provided above, in writing via e-mail seven days prior to the teleconference meeting date. For the October 9, 2007 teleconference meeting, the deadline is Tuesday, October 2, 2007. For the October 29, 30, and 31, 2007 meeting, the deadline is Monday, October 22, 2007 to be placed on the public speaker list. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office seven days prior to the teleconference meeting. For the Tuesday, October 9, 2007 teleconference meeting, the deadline is Tuesday, October 2, 2007; for the October 29, 30 and 31, 2007 meeting the deadline is Monday, October 22, 2007, so that the information may be made available to the SAB RAC MARSAME Review Panel for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail to [kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov](mailto:kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov) (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat,

WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Meeting Accommodations:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the DFO, contact information provided above. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 18, 2007.

**Anthony F. Maciorowski,**

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Agency Recognition of Multiple Principal Investigators on Federally Funded Research Projects

**AGENCY:** Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Financial Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of policy on recognition of multiple Principal Investigators (PIs) on awards made under Federal research and research-related programs.

**SUMMARY:** Many areas of today's research require multi-disciplinary teams in which the intellectual leadership of the project is shared among two or more individuals. To facilitate this team approach through recognition of the contributions of the team leadership members, OSTP issued a memorandum to all Federal research agencies on January 4, 2005, requiring them to formally allow more than one PI on individual research awards. The Federal agencies then sought input from the research community—scientists, research administrators, and organizations that represent components of the scientific community—on how best to implement this policy. This input was sought via a Request for Information published in the **Federal Register** on July 18, 2005 that posed a series of questions around core elements that will comprise each agency's implementation plan. The six core elements, to be posted on the Research Business Models (RBM) Web Site, include: (1) Statement of what constitutes a PI; (2) designation of contact PI; (3) application instructions for listing more than one PI; (4) PIs at different institutions; (5) access to award and review information; and (6)

identification of all PIs in public data systems. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice provides background on the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (COS), the plan to recognize multiple PIs on Federal research projects, a summary of the responses to the Request for Information, and the government response to the comments submitted. The final policy on the recognition of multiple PIs is contained in the Policy Section.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background on RBM

This project is an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (COS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council. The RBM Subcommittee's objectives include:

- Facilitating a coordinated effort across Federal agencies to address policy implications arising from the changing nature of scientific research, and
- Examining the effects of these changes on business models for the conduct of scientific research sponsored by the Federal Government.

The Subcommittee used public comments, agency perspectives, and input from a series of regional public meetings to identify priority areas in which it would focus its initial efforts. In each priority area, the Subcommittee is pursuing initiatives to promote, as appropriate, either common policy, the streamlining of current procedures, or the identification of agencies' and institutions' "effective practices." As information about the initiatives becomes available, it is posted at the Subcommittee's Internet site <http://rbm.nih.gov>.

#### II. Background on the Recognition of Multiple PIs on Federal Research Projects

Many areas of research, in particular, translations of complex discoveries into useful applications, require multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teams. Innovation and progress still spring from and depend on creative individual investigators, but collaborative synergy plays an increasingly important role in advancing science and engineering.

Multi-disciplinary research teams can be organized in a variety of ways. Research teams vary in terms of size, hierarchy, location of participants, goals, and structure. Depending on the size and the goals, the management

structure of a team may include: A director and/or multiple directors, assistant or associate directors, managers, group leaders, team leaders, investigators, and others as needed. Regardless of how a research team is organized, a pertinent and important question is how to apportion credit fairly if multiple individuals provide the intellectual leadership and direction of the team effort.

Acting on the recommendation of the RBM Subcommittee, the COS concluded that team research would be enhanced if all Federal agencies allowed more than one PI on individual research awards. Some agencies already do this, either formally or informally, but the COS action, which led to a directive to all research agency heads by the Director, OSTP, dated January 4, 2005, extends the practice to all research agencies as a matter of policy.

#### Request for Information

A Request for Information soliciting input from the research community on several core issues related to recognizing multiple PIs was published in the **Federal Register** on July 18, 2005 to guide the agencies as they developed their plans for implementing the policy on recognizing multiple PIs.

**Respondents:** A total of sixty-three comments were received from twenty-nine biomedical scientists, twenty-three universities (Office of Sponsored Projects or Vice President for Research), nine professional associations, one small business, and one unknown affiliation.

#### Core Elements of Agency Implementation Plans, RFI Questions, Comments From Respondents, and Agency Responses to Comments

**General:** Overall opinions on the Multiple PI policy (if stated in the comment) were overwhelmingly favorable: 45 in favor, 8 opposed. Answers to the individual questions in the RFI were listed and categorized only if the respondent addressed that issue specifically. Many respondents did not reply to the questions individually or address some of the issues at all. Numbers in parentheses indicate multiple responses citing the same issue or suggestion.

#### #1: Statement of What Constitutes a PI

Q 1: Will listing more than one individual as a PI present any difficulties for you or your institution?

##### Comments:

- Need explicit criteria, give examples of what is and is not a PI. (7)
- PI means and needs to be just one individual. (12)