

addressed in the applicant prepared EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings. SD1 is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Based on all comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the applicant prepared EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the applicant prepared EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staffs preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the applicant prepared EA; and, (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, tribes, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist GDHC in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the applicant prepared EA.

Site Visit

Commission staff and GDHC will conduct a site visit to the Gibson dam at 9 a.m. on April 11, 2006. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. Any person interested in attending the site visit should contact Steve Marmon no

later than Friday April 7, 2006, at: Steven C. Marmon, Project Manager, Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC, 3633 Alderwood Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225, 360-738-9999 X 122, smarmon@tollhouseenergy.com.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER02-2001-000]

Electric Quarterly Reports; Notice of Electric Quarterly Reports Users Group Meeting

March 7, 2006.

On April 25, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. 2001,¹ a final rule which requires public utilities to file Electric Quarterly Reports. Order 2001-C, issued December 18, 2002, instructs all public utilities to file these reports using Electric Quarterly Report Submission Software. This notice announces a meeting for the EQR Users Group to be held Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at FERC headquarters, 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At the workshop, Commission staff and EQR users will review and update the technical compliance process and review clarifications and additions to the EQR Requirements Guide. A detailed agenda and other relevant documents will be provided at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eqr/groups-workshops.asp> prior to the meeting.

All interested parties are invited to attend. For those unable to attend in person, limited access to the workshop will be available by teleconference. Those interested in participating are asked to register on the FERC Web site at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/eqr-03-29-form.asp>. There is no registration fee.

Interested parties wishing to file comments may do so under the above-captioned Docket Number. Those filings will be available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the

last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or via phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free). For TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Devine of FERC's Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at (202) 502-8522 or by e-mail at eqr@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Expert Peer Review Meeting on the Nanotechnology White Paper External Review Draft

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor for external peer review, will convene a panel of experts and will organize and conduct an independent expert external peer review meeting to review the draft document entitled "Nanotechnology White Paper External Review Draft." The draft document was prepared by the Nanotechnology Workgroup of EPA's Science Policy Council and has recently undergone public review and comment. Versar, Inc. invites the public to register to attend this meeting as observers. In addition, Versar, Inc. invites the public to give oral comments or provide written comments at the external peer review meeting regarding the draft document under review. The panel will review the draft document and consider public comments received in the official public docket for this activity under docket ID number EPA-HQ-ORD-2005-0504 as well as comments made by the public at the meeting. The draft document and peer review charge are available through EPA's Science Inventory at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/si/> and at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/nanotech.htm>. In preparing a final document, EPA will consider Versar, Inc.'s report of the comments and recommendations from the external peer-review meeting, as well as public comments. EPA plans to issue a final white paper on nanotechnology in mid-2006.

¹ Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements, Order No. 2001, 67 FR 31043, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,127 (April 25, 2002); *reh'g denied*, Order No. 2001-A, 100 FERC ¶ 61,074, *reconsideration and clarification denied*, Order No. 2001-B, 100 FERC ¶ 61,342 (2002).

This notice announces the independent expert external peer review meeting location and dates, and how to participate in the meeting.

DATES: Versar, Inc. will hold the independent expert external peer review meeting from April 19, 2006 to April 20, 2006. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on both days. The public may attend the expert external peer review meeting. Members of the public in attendance will be allowed to make brief (no longer than 5 minutes) oral statements during the meeting's public comment period.

ADDRESSES: The independent expert external peer review meeting will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center, located at 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202-737-2200.

How Can I Request To Participate in This Meeting?

Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, is organizing, convening, and conducting the expert peer review meeting. To attend the meeting, register by April 15, 2006, by visiting <http://epa.versar.com/nanotech>. You may also contact Mr. Andrew Oravetz of Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151, at 703-642-6832 or via e-mail at Aoravetz@versar.com, or by sending a facsimile to 703-642-6954 to his attention. You will be asked for your name, contact information, whom you represent, and your title. Please indicate if you intend to make an oral statement during the public comment period at the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding logistics for the external peer review meeting should be directed to Mr. Andrew Oravetz, Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA, 22151; telephone: 703-642-6832; facsimile: 703-642-6954; or via e-mail at Aoravetz@versar.com. If you have questions about the draft document, please contact Dr. Kathryn Gallagher, Office of the Science Advisor, Mail Code 8105-R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-1398; fax number: (202) 564-2070, e-mail: Gallagher.kathryn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is submitting the Nanotechnology White Paper External Review Draft for independent, external peer review. On December 21, 2006, the draft document was announced in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 75812) and made available for a public comment period that ended January 31, 2006. The comment period

was subsequently extended to March 1, 2006 (71 FR 6774, February 9, 2006). Public comments received in the docket will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. Although EPA is under no obligation to do so, EPA may consider comments received after the close of the comment period. The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer review. This draft white paper does not represent and should not be construed to represent any EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

The Nanotechnology White Paper External Review Draft identifies data gaps that need to be filled and recommends research for both environmental applications and implications of nanotechnology that would inform the appropriate regulatory safeguards for nanotechnology. The draft white paper describes the technology and provides a discussion of potential environmental benefits of nanotechnology. Risk management issues and the Agency's statutory mandates are outlined, following an extensive discussion of risk assessment issues. The draft white paper concludes with recommendations on next steps for addressing science policy issues and research needs. Supplemental information is provided in a number of appendices. Following the expert external peer review, EPA plans to issue a final white paper on nanotechnology in mid-2006.

Dated: March 15, 2006.

William H. Farland,

Chief Scientist, Office of the Science Advisor.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—April 2006

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of one meeting (via conference call) of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee.

DATES: The conference call will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 from 2 p.m.

to 4 p.m. eastern time, and may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations during the call will be accepted up to 1 business day before the conference call.

ADDRESSES: Participation in the conference call will be by teleconference only—meeting rooms will not be used. Members of the public may obtain the call-in number and access code for the calls from Lorelei Kowalski, whose contact information is listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.
- *Mail:* Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—February 2006 Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier.* Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031.

Note: This is not a mailing address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0031. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the