

safety requirements. DOE is endeavoring to change existing safety orders to revised safety orders and rules. The Board wants to make sure that the requirements-based safety program now embodied in the DOE's safety orders and existing regulations is not compromised.

The Board has held four public Board meetings, to date, in connection with DOE initiatives to revise and improve its nuclear safety requirements. This will be the fifth in that series. On May 31, 1995, the board met in open session, to lay the groundwork for a full assessment of how Standards/Requirements Identification Documents, rules, orders, and other safety requirements are integrated into an overall safety management program for defense nuclear facilities. That public meeting was continued on July 18, 1995. The Board's staff reported on its comprehensive review of existing orders and rules, their adequacy, and the status of DOE revisions to safety orders and rules. Individual Board members presented their views. Then, in a joint meeting with DOE officials on September 20, 1995, DOE's representative reported on the status of DOE's review and proposed revision of nuclear safety orders and rules. The Board at that time identified safety issues requiring resolution, including inappropriate application of "sunset provisions" to safety orders, the need for "corsswalks" showing the disposition of requirements in superseded safety orders and the need to preserve sound engineering practices embodied in guidance documents. The Board reserved its right to further comment after it completed its integrated review of how rules, orders, and other safety requirements are being revised and integrated into an overall safety management program for defense nuclear facilities. The Board reiterated its concern that DOE's streamlining and conversion process not compromise the requirements-based safety program currently embodied in contracts which incorporate applicable DOE safety orders.

On November 7, 1996, the Board held its fourth public meeting to assess DOE's progress in streamlining the safety orders and promulgating new safety rules pertaining to its defense nuclear facilities, and to assure that DOE's activities in streamlining DOE's nuclear safety order system and converting to its new regulatory system did not eliminate the sound engineering practices now codified in its safety orders that are necessary to adequately protect public health and safety. Transcripts of each of the four previous

public meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Board's public document room.

In accordance with the authority granted to the Board, and in furtherance of its continuing responsibility for oversight of these matters vital to the public health and safety, a public hearing is to be conducted by the Board on December 12, 1996, in an open meeting. This hearing is an information-gathering function. Examination of those appearing before the Board will be limited to questions put to them by the Board. Requests to speak at the hearing may be submitted in writing or by telephone. We ask that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on December 11, 1996, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before the hearing. The posting will be made at the Reception Area (room 346) at the start of the 9:00 a.m. meeting.

Anyone who wishes to comment, provide technical information or data, may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. The Board will hold the record open until December 27, 1996, for the receipt of materials. A transcript of this proceeding will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: November 27, 1996

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

Appendix—Issues Identified During November 7, 1996 Meeting

- Technical issues, finalization and issuance of Implementation Guides associated with DOE Order 420.1, Facility Safety.
- Preparation of a nuclear design handbook to capture and document the extensive years of sound engineering practices developed during many years of experience.
- Previous Board comments regarding DOE Order 251.1A, Directives System, and the associated manual.
- Issuance of a Glossary of Terms to include definitions previously contained in DOE orders and rules.

- Revision of DOE Order 435.1 and its associated Implementation Guide.
- The removal of the decommissioning chapter from DOE Order 5820.2A and addition of appropriate requirements and guidance on decommissioning in DOE Order 430.1, Life Cycle Asset Management.
- Board comments and issuance of the Weapons Orders and Implementation Guide, DOE Orders 452.1 and 452.2.
- DOE's action plan for DOE Order 210.1, that has included a performance indicator program to provide an acceptable level of protection for the health and safety of workers and the public at defense nuclear facilities.
- Completion of Implementation Guide, DOE G 460.1-1 for use with DOE Order 460.1, Packaging and Transportation Safety, and Implementation Guide, DOE G 460.2-1 for use with DOE Order 460.2, Departmental Materials Transportation and Packaging Management.
- Compatibility of the Nuclear Safety Rules (10 CFR Part 830) with the integrated safety management concepts of Board Recommendation 95-2, and clarification of the process for submitting Implementation Plans by the contractors.
- Technical issues relative to Nuclear Safety Rules, 10 CFR Part 830.
- Criteria for worker protection and related issues, including: the requirements contained in the proposed Rules 10 CFR Part 830.110, Safety Analysis Report; 10 CFR Part 830.320, Technical Safety Requirements, and 10 CFR Part 830.112, Unreviewed Safety Questions.
- Revised DOE Manual 232.1-1, Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information, and discussion regarding the impact of the proposed rule to provide for reporting consistency throughout the complex.
- DOE's proposed changes to the exemption rule relative to the "adequate protection" and "special circumstances" determination changes discussed by DOE.
- Status of Board staff's comments to the nine Implementation Guides, and planned revisions to the remaining three Implementation Guides and the standards related to Internal Dosimetry, and issuance of the amendment to 10 CFR Part 835 regarding Occupational Radiation Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-

Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

DATES: Tuesday, December 10, 1996: 6:30 pm–9:30 pm; 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm (public comment session).

ADDRESSES: Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann DuBois, Los Alamos National Laboratory Citizens' Advisory Board Support, Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 Onate Street, Espanola, NM 87352, (800)753–8970, or (505)753–8970, or (505)262–1800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

Tuesday, December 10, 1996

6:30 P.M. Call to Order and Welcome
7:00 P.M. Public Comment
7:30 P.M. Old Business
9:00 P.M. New Business
9:30 P.M. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Ann DuBois, at (800) 753–8970. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Herman Le-Doux, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185–5400.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 26, 1996.

Rachel M. Samuel,
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee
Management Officer.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. RP97–88–000]

**Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas
Company; Notice of Proposed
Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

November 25, 1996.

Take notice that on November 20, 1996, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed below, with a proposed effective date of December 20, 1996:

Third Revised Sheet No. 101
Original Sheet No. 101A

Alabama-Tennessee states that this filing is submitted pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and 18 CFR Part 154 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Alabama-Tennessee also states that the tariff sheets are being submitted to replace Alabama-Tennessee's current Section 3.14(e) of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff. Specifically, Section 3.14(e) is being changed so as to provide that Alabama-Tennessee shall be entitled to post capacity subject to the right of first refusal up to one (1) year prior to the expiration of transportation contract(s) if construction is needed.

Alabama-Tennessee has requested that the Commission grant all waivers of its regulations necessary, if any, to implement the revised tariff sheets on December 20, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97–89–000]

**Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas
Company; Notice of Waiver of Tariff
Provisions**

November 25, 1996.

Take notice that on November 20, 1996, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing a petition for waiver of Section 3.14(e) of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, to permit Alabama-Tennessee to conduct a right-of-first refusal process in excess of six months with respect to four expiring firm transportation contracts with Decatur Utilities, City of Decatur, Alabama (Decatur).

Alabama-Tennessee states that the requested one-time waiver is necessary to permit Alabama-Tennessee to provide new FT services for the 1997–1998 winter heating season if Decatur elects to match any bids for capacity under the expiring contracts.

Alabama-Tennessee states that copies of the filing have been served upon all customers of Alabama-Tennessee and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97–104–000]

**CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice
of Application for Abandonment**

November 25, 1996.

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP97–104–000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for