

and operation of the proposed improvements. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, potential impacts to cultural resources have been evaluated at ARD. No sites listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places have been identified within the area of potential effects from the selected capital improvements. The Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with this finding. To ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act, a Biological Assessment was completed and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has confirmed that the selected capital improvements will have no effect on any species under the jurisdiction of the Endangered Species Act.

Pursuant to Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, potential environmental and economic impacts on minority and low income populations and communities were assessed. No disproportionate concentrations of minority or low income populations were identified in the areas of potential impacts of the selected capital improvements. Additionally, the Navy has ensured that opportunities for community involvement (including minority and low income individuals and populations) in the NEPA process has been provided.

Cumulative impacts are caused by the incremental impact of the selected capital improvements when added to other past, present, and foreseeable future actions in the area. Navy operations have been occurring in the ARD vicinity over the past 50 years. The tempo of operations and maintenance has increased over time as a result of testing demands. While there have been some limited environmental impacts to the lake, they have been infrequent and minor, causing no significant environmental impact overall. Acoustic testing has not caused a significant impact to recreation and boating activity on Lake Pend Oreille, nor to aquatic resources. No additional plans, in addition to the selected capital improvements, are currently envisioned by ARD. Should additional future plans develop, these will be addressed in subsequent documentation in compliance with NEPA.

The Navy selection of capital improvements results in a balancing of impacts and achieves the needed improvements in operations at ARD, while still responding to the primary concerns of agencies and the public who commented on the DEIS: Minimize or eliminate dredging, minimize visual impacts and the height of structures,

and avoid the acquisition of the Bayview Public Park parcel. There are no significant impacts associated with the proposed capital improvements that cannot be mitigated through use of best management practices, proper scheduling, and continued coordination with the community. The selected improvements fulfill the purpose and need and represent the environmentally preferred alternative.

Questions regarding the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to: Officer in Charge, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Acoustic Research Detachment, PO Box 129, Bayview, Idaho, 83803-0129 (Attention: Mr. Dave Gerzina), telephone (208) 683-2321, extension 4200.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Duncan Holaday,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Installations and Facilities).*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License; U.S. Foam Corporation

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to U.S. Foam Corporation, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government owned inventions described in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,190,624, entitled "Electroheological Fluid Chemical Processing," "5,194,181, entitled "Process for Shaping Articles from Electrosetting Compositions," and 5,518,664, entitled "Programmable Electroset Materials and Processing." Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any. Written objections are to be filed with the Carderock Division, NSWC, Code 004, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dick Bloomquist, Director, Technology Transfer, Carderock Division, NSWC Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817-5700, telephone number (301) 227-4299.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

D.E. Koenig, Jr.,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Advisory Committee for National Electric and Magnetic Fields

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee.

DATES: Thursday, May 1, 1997: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday, May 2, 1997: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 6E-083, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Imre Gyuk, EMF Program Manager, EE-14, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The National Electric and Magnetic Fields Advisory Committee (NEMFAC) advises the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on the design and implementation of a five-year, national electric and magnetic fields (EMF) research and public information dissemination (RAPID) program. The Secretary of Energy, pursuant to Section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486, has overall responsibility for establishing the national program which includes health effects research, development of technologies to assess and manage exposures, and dissemination of information.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, May 1, 1997

9:00 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks

9:15 a.m. Status of RAPID program extension

10:00 a.m. Summary of FY97 non-Federal contributions

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Status of RAPID engineering research

11:15 a.m. Status of RAPID communication activities

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Record of expenditures and budgets

2:00 p.m. Status of RAPID health effects research

2:20 p.m. Project reporting requirements

2:30 p.m. Science review symposium

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Science review symposium, discussion

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, May 2, 1997

9:00 a.m. Site visits for quality assurance
 9:30 a.m. Regional EMF facilities, progress reports
 10:00 a.m. Summary of replication experiments
 10:30 a.m. Break
 11:00 a.m. NEMFAC business
 11:30 a.m. Open time for public comments
 12:30 a.m. Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Dr. Gyuk at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Depending on the number of requests, comments may be limited to five minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

Transcript and Minutes: A transcript and 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Copies of the minutes will also be available by request.

Issued at Washington, D.C. on April 15, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2153-000]

Amerada Hess Corporation; Notice of Filing

April 14, 1997.

Take notice that on April 4, 1997, Amerada Hess Corporation tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protest should be filed on or before April 23, 1997. 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. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-327-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 14, 1997.

Take notice that on April 4, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-327-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon natural gas service to certain delivery points (meters and/or taps) located in Texas and Oklahoma, authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-435-000 and CP88-433-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso proposes to abandon delivery points used for the transportation and delivery of natural gas to WESTCO Gas, Inc. (WESTCO). El Paso states that WESTCO owns and operates facilities for the distribution, transportation, and sale of natural gas to consumers situated in Gray, Wheeler, Donley, and Collingsworth Counties, Texas and Beckham County, Oklahoma. WESTCO has ultimately succeeded to the interests and properties of Rimrock Gas Company (Rimrock).

El Paso further states that it received authorization for the construction of

certain delivery points and the sale for resale of natural gas to Rimrock, by order issued June 28, 1968 in Docket No. CP68-224. Additional delivery points were added pursuant to orders issued August 21, 1969 and May 8, 1980 in Docket Nos. CP69-23 (42 FPC Para. 562) and CP80-129 (11 FERC Para. 61,147), respectively. These facilities were required by El Paso to facilitate the delivery ad sale of natural gas from its interstate transmission pipeline system to Rimrock for resale to various community and irrigation customers.

The delivery point facilities were constructed on existing nonjurisdictional well-tie and lateral gathering lines in El Paso's Panoma and South Zybach Gathering Systems. El Paso's Panoma Gathering System is located in Texas in the counties of Gray, Donley, Collingsworth, and Wheeler. El Paso's South Zybach Gathering system is located, in part, in Beckham County, Oklahoma. El Paso further states that effective April 1, 1988, El Paso sold the Panoma Gathering System facilities, on which these delivery point facilities in Texas are located, to Meridian Oil, Inc. (Meridian). Effective January 1, 1996, El Paso transferred the South Zybach Gathering System facilities, on which one delivery point in Beckham County, Oklahoma is located, to El Paso Field Services Company (Field Services). To facilitate the delivery of gas, Meridian and Field Services have continued to provide deliveries to WESTCO on El Paso's behalf. Although El Paso abandoned the facilities serving WESTCO, El Paso retained the certificate authorization permitting WESTCO, El Paso retained the certificate authorization permitting the sale in interstate commerce of natural gas to WESTCO for resale to the various consumers in the described areas.

El Paso also states that El Paso and WESTCO are parties to a Transportation Service Agreement dated August 7, 1991 (TSA) providing for the firm transportation of WESTCO's full requirements of natural gas for delivery to various residential and irrigation consumers in the States of Texas and Oklahoma.

WESTCO has informed El Paso that it has obtained gas supply and transportation services for the delivery points in the Panoma Gathering System in Texas from Hunter Gas Gathering, Inc. Gas supply and transportation services for the delivery point in the South Zybach Gathering System in Beckham County, Oklahoma would be provided by El Paso Gas Marketing Company and Field Services, respectively. Accordingly, El Paso