

development need to be made as soon as possible to accommodate planned arrival schedules of the CVNs to the Pacific Fleet (one as early as 2001) and to gain infrastructure benefits prior to upcoming ship maintenance periods (commencing in 1999).

There are three major U.S. areas of Navy concentration in the Pacific: San Diego, CA complex; Puget Sound, WA complex; and Pearl Harbor, HI complex. Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island in the San Diego Naval Complex and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) Bremerton and NAVSTA Everett in the Pacific Northwest are currently designated as CVN home ports. All three locations will be considered as alternative locations for the proposed actions. Although not currently designated as a CVN home port, Pearl Harbor is capable of accommodating deep-draft ships and will also be evaluated as a potential home port.

The EIS will analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed actions at the alternative locations discussed above, including any associated facilities development and dredging, and other reasonable alternatives identified during the public scoping process. Environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS include: geology, topography, and soils; dredging, hydrology, and water quality; pollution prevention; biology and natural resources; noise; air quality; land use; historic and archeological resources; socioeconomic, schools, and housing; transportation/circulation/parking; public facilities and recreation; safety and environmental health; aesthetics; utilities; and environmental justice. Issue analysis will include an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts associated with the proposed actions. No decision to implement the proposed actions will be made until the NEPA process is complete.

ADDRESSES: The Department of the Navy has initiated a scoping process for the purpose of determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues relative to these proposed actions. Public meetings to receive oral comments from the public will be held in the four primary areas of consideration (San Diego, CA; Bremerton, WA; Everett, WA; and Honolulu, HI). The dates and locations of these meetings are as follows: Bremerton, WA: February 3, 1997, 7:00 pm, Bremerton High School, 1500 13th Street, Bremerton, WA; Everett, WA: February 4, 1997, 7:00 pm, Snohomish County Administration/Courthouse Building, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, WA;

Pearl Harbor, HI: February 6, 1997, 7:00 pm, Leeward Community College, 96-045 Ala Ike Street, Pearl City, HI; Coronado, CA: February 10, 1997, 7:00 pm, Village Hall, Village Elementary School, 600 6th Street, Coronado, CA. These meetings will also be announced in local area newspapers. Navy representatives will be available at the scoping meetings to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. A brief presentation describing the proposed actions and the NEPA process will precede a request for public comments. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals, take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that they feel should be addressed during the preparation of the EIS. Oral comments will be limited to three minutes. Agencies and the public are invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the commenter believes the EIS should address. Written comments or questions regarding the scoping process and/or the EIS should be postmarked no later than February 28, 1997 and sent to the following address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Muslin (Code 03PL), Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190; telephone (619) 532-3403.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

D. E. Koenig,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, *Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 1997. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the same location and will

include presentations on the GIS and Commission Web Site, U.S. Geological Survey's National Water Quality Assessment Program for the Delaware River Basin and a review of Basin States' policies on discharges to intermittent streams.

In addition to the subjects listed below which are scheduled for public hearing at the business meeting, the Commission will also address the following matters: Minutes of the December 11, 1996 business meeting; announcements; General Counsel's report; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; a resolution to adopt the 1996-1997 Water Resources Program and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Current Expense and Capital Budgets. A proposed current expense budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, in the aggregate amount of \$3,445,500 and a capital budget (Water Supply Storage Facilities Fund) reflecting revenues of \$2,187,500 and expenditures and transfers of \$2,074,500. Copies of the current expense and capital budget are available from the Commission on request by contacting Richard C. Gore.

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact

1. *Manetas Farms, Inc. D-81-40 RENEWAL* 3. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 46.5 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's agricultural irrigation system from Pond Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Commission approval on June 19, 1991 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all ponds remain limited to 46.5 mg/30 days. The project is located in Fairfield Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

2. *C S Water and Sewer Associates D-87-96 CP RENEWAL*. An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 4.88 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 1, 4 and 5. Commission approval on April 26, 1989 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 4.88 mg/30 days. The project is located in Lackawaxen Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

3. *Stockton Water Company D-95-51 CP*. An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 1.5 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from new Well No. 5, and to limit the withdrawal from all wells to 6 mg/30

days. The project is located in Stockton Borough, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

4. *AlliedSignal, Inc. D-96-20.* A project to expand the Rohm & Haas Frankford Plant barge dock, operated by AlliedSignal, Inc., on the Delaware River near the Bridesburg area in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The project entails new dredging of approximately 0.44 acres adjacent to the existing barge berth to enable simultaneous mooring of two barges.

5. *P & S Development Company D-96-40.* A project to construct a 30,000 gallon per day sewage treatment plant (STP) to replace an existing malfunctioning septic system. The STP will continue to serve The Village Center at Hamlin, a commercial complex located along State Route 590 approximately one mile west of the State Route 191 intersection in Salem Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The STP will provide secondary biological treatment with the sequencing batch reactor activated sludge process as well as tertiary filtration, chlorine disinfection and dechlorination prior to discharge to an unnamed tributary of the West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek in Salem Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

6. *PECO Energy Company D-96-63.* A project to continue operation of the existing United States Steel (USS) Fairless Works Powerhouse and transfer the ownership to PECO Energy Company. PECO proposes to operate the two steam turbines at up to 78 megawatts of electrical capacity to provide electric energy to its regional service center (which in turn can serve the Pennsylvania-Maryland-New Jersey Interconnection Grid). The steam energy will continue to be used by the USS steel fabrication facilities. PECO will divert up to 4,641 mg/30 days (154.7 mgd) of water via the existing USS withdrawal facilities on the Delaware River, primarily for use as cooling water; however, USS will continue to own and operate the intake facilities. The existing cooling water discharge to the Delaware River, just downstream of the intake, will be operated under the responsibility of PECO. The project is located adjacent to the Delaware River in Falls Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, just upstream of the Newbold Island area.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact George C. Elias concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing

are requested to register with the Secretary prior to the hearing.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

Anne M. Zamonski,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford Site

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), Hanford Site.

DATES: Thursday, February 6, 1997: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, 1997: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Cavanaugh's at Columbia Center, 1101 N. Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Yerxa, Public Participation Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA, 99352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

February Meeting Topics

The Hanford Advisory Board will receive information on and discuss issues related to: FY97 and FY98 Budgets and approach to advice on FY99 Budget, Tank Waste Remediation, 200 Areas Soils Remediation Strategy, N Springs Shoreline Remediation Strategy, Technology Development, Archeological Resource Protection, Reactors on the River, and Institutional Controls. The Board will also receive updates from various Subcommittees, including updates on: the draft Hanford Advisory Board Work Plan, the National Equity Dialogue, the FFTF Restart Decision, Plutonium Disposition Decision, and Tri-Party Agreement Negotiations.

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 Jon Yerxa's office at the address or telephone number listed above. 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. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

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 Jon Yerxa, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling him at (509)-376-9628.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 13, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP-97-163-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 10, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP97-163-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate an interconnection between ANR and Central Louisiana Electric Company (CLECO), in St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana. ANR makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-480-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR states that the proposed interconnection will consist of a gas chromatograph, associated electronic measurement facilities, and a 10-inch tap on ANR's existing 30-inch pipeline.