

1825 S.W. Broadway, Portland, OR 97207, Contact: Cora Grey (503) 725-4458—August 14, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras, Faculty of General Studies, Amphitheater #5, Barbosa Avenue, San Juan, PR 00931-3323, Contact: Evelyn Rivera, (787) 764-8063—August 14, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

John Jay College, 445 West 59th Street, Room 1311N, New York, NY 10019, Contact: Karen K. Texeira-Delucca (212) 237-8280 or Josefina Couture (212) 237-8275—August 14, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Washington, DC, Auditorium, Regional Office Building 3, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Washington, DC 20202, Contact: Federal TRIO Programs Staff (202) 708-4804—August 19, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Dated: July 7, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with 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: Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

DATES AND TIMES: Wednesday, July 23, 1997, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm and Thursday, July 24, 1997, 8:30 am–11:30 am.

ADDRESSES: Bechtel Corporation, Hoteling Suites, Second Floor, 50 Beale Street, San Francisco, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), United States Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge

in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

- 1:00–1:30 pm—Opening Remarks & Introductions; Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman.
- 1:30–2:45 pm—Working Session: Review of the Draft ESR Task Force Interim Report.
- 2:45–3:00 pm—Break.
- 3:00–4:30 pm—Working Session: Review of the Draft ESR Task Force Interim Report.
- 4:30–5:00 pm—Public Comment Period.
- 5:00 pm—Adjourn.

Thursday, July 24, 1997

- 8:30–8:45 am—Opening Remarks & Summary of Agreements; Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman.
- 8:45–10:00 am—Working Session: Final Review of the ESR Task Force Interim Report.
- 10:00–10:15 am—Break.
- 10:15–11:00 am—Discussion: Next Steps—Approach to Addressing & Resolving the Remaining Task Force Issues.
- 11:00–11:30 am—Public Comment Period.
- 11:30 am—Adjourn.

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in San Francisco, California the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice

is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Electric System Reliability Task Force may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://vm1.hqadmin.doe.gov:80/seab/>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 9, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; OCRWM Spent Nuclear Fuel Transportation Workshops

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management will hold two public workshops in August 1997 to discuss issues related to the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA). These discussions will assist the Department of Energy in developing policy related to transportation activities and implementing a transportation program that provides for safe, uninterrupted and uneventful shipment of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

DATES and ADDRESSES:

- August 7, 1997, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., Dallas, TX
- August 8, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Dallas, TX
- August 12, 1997, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., Reston, VA
- August 13, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Reston, VA

To Pre-Register: If you are interested in attending either of these workshops, please reply for the Dallas workshop by July 21, 1997, and for the Reston

workshop by July 28, 1997. Please provide your name, organization, address, phone number and the specific workshop (Dallas or Reston) you plan to attend to: Sharon J. Long, Waste Acceptance and Transportation Division, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (RW-44), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-5263. Fax: (202) 586-9764. E-Mail: Sharon.J.Long@rw.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sharon J. Long (202)-586-5263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is mandated under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (the Act), to provide for the safe management, including transportation, and permanent disposal of our Nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The Act created the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste (OCRWM) within the Department to implement this mandate. These workshops will provide a forum for interested parties to discuss issues and concerns related to NWPAT transportation activities. There will be two separate facilitated workshops. On the second day of each workshop, individuals from each session will report back to the group in the closing plenary session. An opportunity will be provided for public comments.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved in Dallas and in Reston. Please contact the hotels directly for reservations: The GRAND Kempinski Dallas (972) 386-6000 (cut-off date for reservations is July 18) and Hyatt Regency at Reston Town Center (703) 709-1234 (cut-off date for reservations is July 25).

Airport shuttles to hotels are available. In Dallas, transportation to the hotel is available via SuperShuttle at a cost of \$12-13 one way—advance reservations are required—(800) 258-3826. In Reston, a complimentary Hyatt shuttle bus runs between Dulles airport and the hotel.

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Ronald A. Milner,

Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC Form-580]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

July 8, 1997

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of request submitted for review to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of these comments to the Commission, as explained below. The Commission received comments from two entities in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of March 13, 1997 (62 FR 11852) and has replied to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments must be filed within 30 days of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. Collection of Information: FERC Form No. 580, "Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices, Docket No. IN79-6"
2. Sponsor: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. Control No.: 1902-0137. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three year extension of

these mandatory collection requirements.

4. Necessity of Collection of Information: Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The FPA was amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (P.L. 95-617) to require the Commission to review "not less frequently than every two (2) years * * * of practices * * * to ensure efficient use of resources (including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy) * * *". The information is used to: (1) evaluate fuel costs in individual rate filings; (2) review fuel costs passed through automatic fuel adjustment clauses, as determined during periodic compliance audits of utility books and records; and (3) to initiate Commission action under Section 205(f)(3) of the FPA. The Commission's regulations require that a determination be made that wholesale rates are just and reasonable. To make this determination, it is necessary to investigate and analyze the different types of costs incurred in providing electric service. One such expense is fuel costs, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the electric utility's total operating costs.

To allay its concern that utilities lack incentives to minimize fuel costs, Congress directed the Commission to review utility fuel and energy purchase practices to insure that fuel costs are reasonable. To properly assess the effectiveness of utility fuel procurement programs it is necessary to address a wide range of issues that directly impact fuel expenses.

5. Respondent Description: The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 150 respondents.

6. Estimated Burden: 6,031 total burden Hours (12,061 every two years), 129 respondents, 64.5 responses annually (129 responses every two years), 93.5 hours per response (average).

Statutory Authority: Sections 205(f) of the Federal Power Act, as amended by Section 208 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. (49 Stat. 851; 16 U.S.C. 824d).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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