

on November 13, 1997, in Pendleton, Oregon. DOE received a request to extend the public scoping period, which was originally scheduled to end on December 11, 1997. In response to that request and to ensure that all interested parties have adequate time to comment, DOE is extending the public scoping period to January 30, 1998.

Written comments should be addressed to Ms. Wright at the above address by January 30, 1998, to ensure consideration. DOE will consider comments received after January 30, 1998, to the extent practicable.

Issued at Washington, D.C., this 5th day of December, 1997.

**Peter N. Brush,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test Site

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Nevada Test Site.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, January 7, 1998: 5:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Support Facility, Great Basin Room, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, Telephone: 702-295-0197. Please contact Kevin Rohrer to confirm the meeting location. It may be subject to change.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### January Agenda

5:30 p.m.—Call to Order

5:40 p.m.—Presentations

7:00 p.m.—Public Comment/Questions

7:30 p.m.—Break

7:45 p.m.—Review Action Items

8:00 p.m.—Approve Meeting Minutes  
8:10 p.m.—Committee Reports  
8:45 p.m.—Public Comment  
9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Copies of the 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. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kevin Rohrer, at the 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.

**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 Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 5, 1997.

**Althea T. Vanzego,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response × proposed frequency of response per year × estimated number of likely respondents.)

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 12, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. Forms EIA-411, 826, 861, 867, 900, and NN-417R (to be renumbered EIA-417R), "Electric Power Surveys"

2. Energy Information Administration and Office of Nonproliferation and National Security; OMB No. 1905-0129 (Form EIA-411 was previously approved with OMB No. 1905-0195 and Form NN-417R was previously approved with OMB No. 1901-0288; both forms will be incorporated into the approval for 1905-0129); Revision; Mandatory

3. The Electric Power Surveys collect information on electric power capacity, generation, fuel consumption, fuel receipts, fuel stocks, prices, electric rates, construction costs, and operating

income and revenue. Form EIA-417R collects data on electric power disturbances. Respondents include electric utilities, nonutility electric power producers, electric reliability council members, and independent electric power system operators. Electric power data collected are used by the Department of Energy for analysis and forecasting. Data are also published in various EIA reports.

Based upon presurvey comments received and further study of the industry, the EIA has revised the changes and modifications originally proposed in the **Federal Register** notice of July 29, 1997. Many of the proposed changes, (principally to the Form EIA-861), have not been included in the package submitted to OMB. Included in the changes submitted to OMB is the deletion of the proposed Form EIA-417A. Four of the questions that were included on the Form EIA-417A regarding outages have been incorporated into the Form EIA-861. Additionally, a question pertaining to alternative fueled vehicles has been added to both the Form EIA-861 (electric utility) and the Form EIA-867 (nonutility). Other modifications are described in the supporting statement that has been submitted to OMB and is available upon request.

With respect to the confidentiality of electric power data collected by EIA, the EIA is proposing no changes in its current confidentiality provisions for its electric power surveys and is requesting approval for these surveys for only one year, rather than the normal three-year approval request. During 1998, the EIA will prepare and publish a **Federal Register** notice seeking input and guidance from both electric power data providers and users on the question of confidentiality of electric power data currently collected and published by the EIA. The EIA will formulate a new policy on confidentiality of its electric power data considering input from all interested parties as well as the deregulation of the industry.

4. Business or other for-profit; Federal government; State, local, or tribal governments

5. 90,697 hours (3.73 average hours per response x 2.7 average responses per year x 8,994 respondents)

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., December 3, 1997.

**Jay H. Casselberry,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-100-000]

#### Algonquin, Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

December 5, 1997.

Take notice that on November 24, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, operate, and maintain a pipeline lateral in Norfolk County, Massachusetts, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Algonquin proposes to construct, own operate, and maintain 5,848 feet of 14-inch pipeline lateral extending from an interconnection with its 24-inch and 30-inch mainline system to ANP Bellingham Energy Company's (ANP-Bellingham) proposed electric generating plan in Bellingham, Massachusetts. Algonquin will also construct a metering station at the Bellingham plant and other appurtenant facilities. The estimated cost of the proposed lateral is \$4.6 million. The proposed in-service date is October 1, 1999. Algonquin states that it has entered into a Precedent Agreement with ANP-Bellingham to transport up to 110,000 Dth per day, on a firm basis, for a primary term of 20 years. Algonquin states that the transportation service will be performed under Algonquin's existing Part 284 Rate Schedule AFT-CL and that ANP-Bellingham will be assessed an initial incremental demand rate of \$0.8399 per Dth.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 of 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the