

accordance with applicable DOE, U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements and regulations. Plutonium will be packaged in certified Type B accident resistant packages for transport; and

- The RFETS and Hanford Material stored at SRS may be moved between Building 105-K and the APSF to allow for operational flexibility.

Some of the surplus plutonium at RFETS and Hanford, approximately 1 metric ton at each site, is currently under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards as a component of the United States nonproliferation policy to remove weapons-usable fissile materials from use for defense purposes. DOE has designed the APSF for IAEA safeguards and intends that plutonium stored in the APSF will be available for IAEA safeguards. Surplus plutonium under IAEA safeguards at RFETS and Hanford that may be shipped to the SRS, will remain available for IAEA safeguards in the APSF. Since plutonium that may be stored in Building 105-K will remain in shipping containers and not be accessible for full IAEA safeguards controls (e.g., physical sampling, destructive analyses), DOE is considering, with the IAEA, the application of IAEA verification controls to ensure the plutonium stored in Building 105-K is not diverted for defense purposes. In addition, DOE intends, as indicated in the Storage and Disposition ROD, that DOE's program for surplus plutonium disposition will include IAEA verification as appropriate.

If the DOE decides to pursue the No Action alternative for the disposition of surplus plutonium, the SRS, RFETS, and Hanford materials would remain in storage at their current sites in accordance with the No Action alternative in the Storage and Disposition PEIS ROD. If the DOE decides to immobilize surplus plutonium at Hanford, the SRS and RFETS materials would be shipped to Hanford in accordance with the decisions reached in the SPD EIS ROD.

V. Conclusion

Under the previous ROD, a maximum of 10 metric tons of surplus plutonium, including plutonium from RFETS and existing onsite plutonium, would be stored at SRS in the APSF, pending disposition, provided that SRS is selected as the immobilization site following completion of the SPD EIS. Transfer of plutonium from RFETS to SRS would begin when the APSF is completed in 2001.

With this amended ROD, a total of approximately 11.6 metric tons of surplus plutonium from both Hanford and RFETS (in addition to existing onsite SRS surplus plutonium, for a total of approximately 14 metric tons of surplus plutonium) would be stored at SRS in the APSF and Building 105-K, pending disposition, provided SRS is selected as the immobilization site. Transfer of plutonium from RFETS to SRS would begin when the modifications to Building 105-K are completed, i.e., in about 2000; shipments of plutonium from Hanford to SRS would begin in about 2002.

DOE has decided to implement a revised program to provide for safe and secure storage of weapons-usable fissile materials. DOE will prepare to advance the consolidation of the storage of weapons-usable plutonium by modifying existing facilities at the SRS in South Carolina, and phasing out surplus plutonium storage at RFETS in Colorado and Hanford in Washington. Consistent with the Storage and Disposition PEIS ROD, this Amended ROD supports the Department's objectives to phase out the storage of all weapons-usable plutonium at the RFETS and Hanford as soon as possible and to reduce the number of sites where surplus weapons-usable plutonium is stored.

The decision process reflected in this Notice complies with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations in 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and 10 CFR Part 1021.

Issued in Washington, D.C., August 6, 1998.

Laura S. H. Holgate,

Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas

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 (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 25, 1998: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Amarillo Association of Realtors, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

1:30 p.m. Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
1:45 p.m. Co-Chair Comments
2:00 p.m. Immobilization
3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE
3:45 p.m. Ex-Officio Reports
4:00 p.m. Low-Level Waste Seminar Update
5:00 p.m. Task Force/Subcommittee Minutes
5:30 p.m. Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jerry Johnson'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 at any time throughout the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street,

Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 10, 1998.

Althea T. Vanzego,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. FE C&E 98-05—Certification Notice—160]

Office of Fossil Energy; Tenaska Frontier Partners, Ltd. Notice of Filing of Coal Capability Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: On July 20, 1998, Tenaska Frontier Partners, Ltd. submitted a coal capability self-certification pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to

publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owner/operator of the proposed new baseload powerplant has filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

Owner: Tenaska Frontier Partners, Ltd.

Operator: Tenaska Frontier Partners, Ltd.

Location: Grimes County, Texas.

Plant Configuration: Combined-Cycle.

Capacity: 800 megawatts.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing Entities: PECO Energy.

In-Service Date: May, 2000.

Issued in Washington, D.C., July 31, 1998.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-704-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 7, 1998.

Take notice that on July 31, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), filed in Docket No. CP98-704-000 a request for authorization pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) to construct, own, and operate a new delivery point, PGS-Worthington Springs, on its system to accommodate deliveries of natural gas to the State of Florida, Department of Corrections (The State), under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, FGT proposes to construct, own, and operate a new tap, electronic flow measurement (EFM) equipment and approximately 100 feet of 2-inch connecting pipeline in Union County, Florida to deliver natural gas for the State of Florida through a new meter station and 6.25 miles of 4-inch non-jurisdictional pipeline constructed, owned, and operated by TECO Peoples Gas Inc. (TECO). FGT asserts that the new delivery point will be added to the existing FTS-1 Service Agreement

between FGT and The State to allow deliveries of natural gas to TECO's new meter station.

FGT states that this new delivery point will not increase the contractual gas quantities nor increase the current certificated level of service under the existing FTS-1 Service Agreements. FGT estimates the total cost of the proposed construction to be approximately \$76,000, inclusive of tax gross-up. FGT indicates that TECO will reimburse FGT for all costs directly and indirectly incurred by FGT for the construction of the new delivery point.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2680-039]

Consumers Energy Company and the Detroit Edison Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 7, 1998.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA is for an application to construct Lake Michigan angler access facilities in Ottawa County, Michigan. The proposed action involves the construction of a 2,500-foot boardwalk and 31-car parking area, at the Port Sheldon site, near the Town of West Olive, Michigan. A draft environmental assessment (DEA) of this application and Notice of Availability of the DEA were issued by the Commission on September 22, 1997. The FEA, like the DEA, finds that approval of the proposed action would not constitute a major federal action significantly