

significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. The Committee will meet in open session from 2:30–3:00 p.m. to discuss plans for the 2004 NAEP mathematics framework and VNT math items.

The Design and Methodology Committee will meet in open session from 1:00–3:00 p.m. The Committee will be taking action on the pilot test design and analysis plans, and the validity research agenda for the proposed Voluntary National Tests. The Committee will hear reports on the provisions that might be made for including special needs students in the Voluntary National Tests, and hear an update on the NAEP evaluations.

From 3:00–4:00 p.m., there will be a joint meeting of the Design and Methodology Committee and the Reporting and Dissemination Committees to review and discuss the sampling and reporting plans for NAEP 2000 assessments in mathematics and science.

Also on August 5, there will be a partially closed meeting of the Executive Committee. In open session from 4:00–5:00 p.m. the Committee will review the NAEP and NAGB reauthorizations preparations, and hear a report on the briefings that were given to Congress and the Secretary.

During the closed portion, 5:00–6:00 p.m., the Executive Committee will discuss the development of cost estimates for the NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial affect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Also in closed session, the Executive Committee will discuss the qualifications of current Board members to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of NAGB. Based upon these discussions, the Board will elect a Vice Chairman and recommend a Chairman to the Secretary. This portion of the meeting will relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and, as such, is protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

On August 5, the full Board will convene in open session from 8:00 to

10:30 a.m. The agenda for this session includes approval of the agenda, the report of the Executive Director, NAEP Update, discussion on Mathematics Framework for Year 2004 Assessment, and NAEP and NAGB reauthorization.

Between 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be open meetings of Subject Area #1, Achievement Levels, and the Reporting and Dissemination committees.

Subject Area Committee #1 will meet to discuss issues related to the NAEP Foreign Language Framework Consensus Project, and the reading assessment issues in the proposed Voluntary National Tests.

The Achievement Levels Committee will hear briefings on three items: Preliminary results of the booklet classification and the similarities classification studies; findings of a research study designed to observe the impact of using different response probability criteria for setting achievement levels; and a report which summarizes the different methods that have been used to set achievement levels on NAEP.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee agenda includes a series of reviews for the NAEP assessments: Review of plans for releasing results of the 1998 writing and civics assessments; review of the schedule for release of future NAEP reports; and review of the background questionnaires for NAEP 2000 in math and science. For the proposed Voluntary National Tests, the Committee will consider the workplan for score reporting, 4:00 p.m. The Board will hear the results of a research study concerned with the participation rates of special needs students in NAEP; receive a briefings on the current status of the NAEP redesign and the recommendations for NAGB and NAEP reauthorization.

On August 7, the full Board will be in session from 8:30–adjournment, approximately 11:30 a.m. The agenda includes a briefing on a report titled *Increasing Participation of Special Needs Students in NAEP: Results of the 1996 Research Study*; and an update on the planning for the foreign language framework. Also, the Board will hear reports from its standing committees and, where appropriate, take action on their work.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of

Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Government Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–122–A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Electric Clearinghouse, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. (ECI) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE–27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585–0350 (FAX 202–287–5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202–586–7983 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 8, 1997, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized ECI to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Co., Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization will expire on August 8, 1999. On June 28, 1999, ECI filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for an additional five-year term.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the ECI request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-122-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Mr. Daniel A. King, Esq., Electric Clearinghouse, Inc., 805 15th Street, N.W., Suite 510-A, Washington, D.C. 20005-2207, AND Kathryn L. Patton, Esq., Electric Clearinghouse, Inc., 1000 Louisiana, Suite 5800, Houston, TX 77002-5050.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA-122. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-122-A proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-131-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Sonat Power Marketing L.P.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Sonat Power Marketing L.P. (Sonat) has applied for renewal of its

authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 1997, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized Sonat to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison, Eastern Maine Electric Coop., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Co., Maine Public Service, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Co. That two-year authorization will expire on July 30, 1999. On July 8, 1999, Sonat filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for an additional two-year term.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Sonat request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-131-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with S. Chris Still, Attorney, Sonat Power Marketing L.P., 1900 Fifth Avenue North (35203), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, AL 35202-2563.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which

export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA-131. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-131 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, August 5, 1999: 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: College Hill Library, (Front Range Community College), 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855; fax (303) 420-7579.

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

1. Update on projects and issues being tracked by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board