

Additionally, each State vocational rehabilitation agency that is not a consumer-controlled independent commission primarily concerned with rehabilitation is also required to establish a State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) to review, analyze, and advise the vocational rehabilitation agency regarding the performance of its responsibilities under the Act and to work in partnership with the vocational rehabilitation agency in, among other things, developing the vocational rehabilitation agency's goals and priorities and evaluating the effectiveness of the vocational rehabilitation program. Given the composition requirements of the SRC, the SRC ensures that individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders have input in the vocational rehabilitation agency's policies and practices.

Title I of the Act also includes the authorization for the Client Assistance Program and the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program. The American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program provides discretionary grants to governing bodies of Indian Tribes to establish projects that serve American Indians with disabilities on or near reservations. The Client Assistance Program provides formula grants to States for information, referral, advice, and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities who are applying for or receiving services funded under the Act.

Title II of the Act establishes NIDRR and authorizes research and related activities. NIDRR administers a program of rehabilitation research, including rehabilitation research and training centers, rehabilitation engineering research centers, research and demonstration projects, field-initiated projects, utilization and dissemination projects, fellowships, and research training grants.

Title III authorizes personnel training programs and service projects. Training grants are authorized to assist in increasing the number and skills of qualified personnel who provide services to individuals with disabilities. The training program supports pre-service training at degree-granting institutions, experimental and innovative training, continuing education programs, in-service training for personnel of State vocational rehabilitation agencies, and training of interpreters for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and individuals who are deaf-blind.

Title III also authorizes projects for migrants and seasonal farmworkers, recreational programs for individuals with disabilities, parent training, client

choice demonstrations, and special demonstration programs.

Title IV of the Act establishes the National Council on Disability. The National Council on Disability is an independent Federal agency whose duties include providing advice to Congress and the President on the development of programs under the Act and reviewing and evaluating, on a continuing basis, all policies and programs for individuals with disabilities conducted or assisted by the Federal Government.

Section 509 authorizes the Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights Program, which supports a system in each State to protect the human and legal rights of individuals with disabilities who need services that are beyond the scope of the Client Assistance Program and who are not eligible for services from other protection and advocacy programs.

Title VI of the Act authorizes the Projects With Industry and Supported Employment State Grants programs. The primary goal of the discretionary Projects With Industry grant program is to expand job opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the competitive labor market. In order to develop a partnership between business, industry, labor, and the rehabilitation community, each project is required to have a Business Advisory Council to provide advice on available jobs and training requirements.

Supported Employment State Grants is a formula grant program to assist States in developing collaborative programs with public agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide training and other services leading to supported employment for individuals with the most significant disabilities.

Title VII of the Act authorizes funding in Chapter 1 for comprehensive services for independent living and independent living centers, and in Chapter 2 for independent living services for older persons who are blind or have a significant visual impairment. Each State must establish a State Independent Living Council that jointly prepares and submits the required State plan for Chapter 1 independent living services and the State's network of centers for independent living.

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**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 701, *et seq.*

Dated: March 14, 2002.

**Loretta L. Petty,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and, Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-186-A]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; New England Power Pool

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy, on an emergency basis, from the United States to the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (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:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On August 26, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized NEPOOL, a collection of 215 electric utilities, power marketers, and other entities that are engaged in, or propose to engage in, the electric power business in New

England, to export electric energy to Hydro Quebec, the provincial electric utility of the Province of Quebec. In Order EA-186, FE authorized NEPOOL to export electric energy to Hydro Quebec in response to emergency requests for electric supply by Hydro Quebec and only over the 345-kV (operated at 120-kV) facilities owned and operated by the Joint Owners of the Highgate Project located at Highgate, Vermont, and authorized by Presidential Permit PP-82.

On January 25, 2002, FE received an application from NEPOOL to transmit electric energy to the New Brunswick electric system using the existing 345,000-volt transmission line owned by Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO) at Houlton, Maine. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of the MEPCO international transmission facilities was authorized on July 25, 1970, in Presidential Permit PP-43.

The request of NEPOOL for an authorization to make emergency deliveries of up to 700 MW to the New Brunswick system is not in response to a declared emergency situation. Rather, the NEPOOL request is intended to give NEPOOL the ability to respond without delay to any future requests for emergency assistance by New Brunswick. Should such a request for emergency assistance be made, NEPOOL proposes to transmit electric energy to Canada that is surplus to the New England region as determined by the New England Independent System Operator (ISO-NE) which is the Control Area Operator for New England and the entity responsible for scheduling transmission service over virtually all of the bulk power transmission facilities in New England.

In this proceeding, DOE specifically seeks comment on NEPOOL's request to export electric energy at a rate of transmission of up to 700 MW. Studies currently on file with DOE limit exports on the MEPCO transmission line to a transmission rate of 500 MW.

**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 NEPOOL request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-186-A.

Additional copies are to be filed directly with Paul B. Shortley, Chair, NEPOOL Reliability Committee, c/o ISO New England Inc., One Sullivan Road, Holyoke, MA 01040-2841 and David T. Doot, Esq., NEPOOL Secretary, c/o Day, Berry & Howard, LLP, CityPlace I, Hartford, CT 0603-3499.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

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 "Electricity Regulation" and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

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**Anthony J. Como,**

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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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. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 4, 2002, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Jefferson County Airport Terminal Building, Mount Evans Room, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO.

**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. Quarterly update by representative from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

2. Status report on plutonium disposition.

3. Presentation and discussion on surface soil contamination.

4. Other Board business may be conducted as necessary.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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 five minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room located at the Office of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operations for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the address or telephone number listed above.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that