

Assessment Development Committee: Open Session—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;
Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology: Open Session—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

Full Board: Closed Session—12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Open Session—1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 6

Nominations Committee: Closed Session—7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Full Board: Open Session—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Westin Philadelphia, 99 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On March 4, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. to review secure test items for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 12th Grade 2005 Economics Pilot Test. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as disclosure of proposed test items from the NAEP 2005 Economics Pilot Test would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Executive Committee will meet in open session on March 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The committee will then meet in closed session from 5:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. to discuss independent cost estimates for contracts related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an

adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede 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.

On March 5, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda, hear the Executive Director's report; receive an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from the Commissioner of NCES, Robert Lerner; and receive a final report of the NAEP 12th Grade Commission.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 5, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee—will meet in open session.

The full Board will meet in closed session on March 5, 2004, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive reports on the 1990-2000 High School Transcript Study and a Special Study on Charter Schools. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because the results of these two studies are under development and have not been released to the public. Premature disclosure of the information would 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 full Board will meet in open session on March 5 from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., the Board will provide input and discuss the report of the NAEP 12th Grade Commission. This will be followed by a report to the Board from the External Review Panel on the 2009 NAEP Reading Framework Project from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., after which the March 5 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

On March 6, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. to review nominations for Board membership. This discussion pertains solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Thereafter, the full Board will meet in open session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Board will discuss the Draft Reading Framework from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., when the March 6, 2004 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

A final agenda of the March 4-6, 2004 Board meeting can be accessed after February 23, 2004 at <http://www.nagb.org>. Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that 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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dated: January 29, 2004.

Charles E. Smith,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-286]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Avista Energy, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Avista Energy, Inc., (Avista Energy) has applied for authority to export 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 March 4, 2004.

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:

Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202-586-7983 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 December 26, 2003, Avista Energy applied to the Office of Fossil Energy of

the Department of Energy (DOE) for authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada. Avista Energy, formally known as WWP Resource Services, Inc., is a majority-owned subsidiary of Avista Capital, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avista Corp. Avista Energy is incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington. Avista Energy engages in the marketing and trading of electricity and natural gas and is authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to make market based sales of electric power. Avista Energy has the exclusive right to market the entire output of a combined-cycle generating facility located in Rathdrum, Idaho. However, Avista Energy has no franchised electric power service territory and does not own or operate any generation, transmission, or distribution facilities.

All of the electric energy and capacity that Avista Energy proposes to export in FE Docket No. EA-286 will be purchased from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies within the United States. Avista Energy will arrange for the delivery of those exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Bonneville Power Administration. The construction of these international transmission facilities has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

In FE Order No. EA-98-I, Avista Energy was granted the authority to export electric energy to British Columbia Hydro or other future Canadian members of the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP). In this proceeding, Avista Energy is seeking separate authority to export electric energy to Canadian entities that are not members of WSPP.

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 Avista Energy application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-286. Additional copies are to be filed directly with R. Blair Strong, Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP., 717 West Sprague Avenue, Suite

1200, Spokane, Washington 99201-3505, and Dave Dickson, Vice President Energy Trading and Marketing, Avista Energy, Inc., 201 W. North River Drive, Suite 610, Spokane, WA 99201.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impact has 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 Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 27, 2004.

Anthony 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

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-54-000]

ANR Storage Company; Notice of Application

January 26, 2004.

Take notice that on January 16, 2004, ANR Storage Company ("ANR Storage"), Nine E Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046, filed in Docket No. CP04-54-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), 15 U.S.C. 717f(b), as amended, and the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") 18 CFR sections 157.5 *et seq.*, Subpart A, requesting that the Commission issue an order authorizing ANR Storage to abandon a storage service performed by ANR Storage under its Rate Schedule X-11 on behalf of Aquila Inc., successor in interest to Inter City Gas Corporation.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Jacques A. Hodges, Attorney, Nine E Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046, (832) 676-5509.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER04-242-000, EL04-50-000, ER04-115-000, and EL04-47-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, California Independent System Corporation; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

January 27, 2004.

Take notice that on January 23, 2004, the Commission issued an order in the above-referenced dockets initiating an investigation in Docket No. EL04-50-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL04-50-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the Federal Power Act, will be 60 days following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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