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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Technical Conference; Design Concepts of Future Electric Transmission

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery
and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Technical Conference.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) will conduct a technical conference in the Washington, DC area to discuss the design of future electric transmission. The technical conference will discuss the likely demand for future electric transmission and whether the development of conceptual alternative extra high voltage (EHV) systems would assist generation developers, State energy policy officials, utility planners, and other stakeholders. The specific agenda, list of panelists, and meeting location will be posted on the OE Web site at <http://www.oe.energy.gov> as they become available.

DATES: The technical conference will be held on March 4, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Schnagl, Director Transmission Adequacy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, phone (202) 586-1056, or e-mail john.schnagl@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A robust and reliable electricity system is vital to our national economy, security, and well-being. Numerous proposals have been made to modernize the electric transmission systems. Included among these proposals is the construction of an EHV transmission system to augment the existing transmission systems. OE believes it is important to begin a thorough review of whether an EHV system should be considered by States and regional planning entities. To that end, OE is seeking a broader discussion on the ranges of opinion regarding the future requirements of the electric transmission system, and what actions should be considered now to help ensure that the appropriate transmission system is available to meet those future needs.

This technical conference is part of OE's ongoing evaluation of electric transmission adequacy and is not part of the 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The technical conference will pursue two primary areas of interest: Identification of the fundamental issues to be considered in designing future transmission; and exploration of the pros and cons of building an EHV network, in terms of energy and economic efficiency, reliability, access to renewable generation, and reduction of carbon emissions. These areas will be addressed during three panel discussion sessions.

Panel I will address projections of future transmission needs and factors that should be considered to help ensure that an appropriate transmission system is available to meet future needs, including anticipated contributions from Smart Grid, storage, and distributive generation. Panel II discussions will address whether there are advantages to an EHV design over the traditional transmission planning process, what the pros and cons of a supplemental EHV system might be, and what the relationship between the existing transmission system and an EHV system would be. Several entities have proposed conceptual EHV designs. Panel III will address the primary objectives in each design, the criteria that should be considered in selecting any particular design, whether an EHV system could be built in stages with broad public benefits realized with each stage, and the amount of an EHV system that must be completed before the public could see major benefits.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 27, 2009.

Anthony J. Como,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Permitting, Siting and Analysis, Office of
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Trespassing on DOE Property: Idaho Operations Office Properties

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office,
Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of designation of Idaho
Operations Office properties and
facilities as off-limits areas.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby amends and adds to the previously published site descriptions of various DOE and contractor occupied

buildings as off-limits areas. The three buildings are located at 535, 625, and 655 University Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415. In accordance with 10 CFR part 860, it is a federal crime under 42 U.S.C. 2278a for unauthorized persons to enter into or upon these Idaho Operations Office properties and facilities. If unauthorized entry into or upon these properties is into an area enclosed by a fence, wall, floor, roof or other such structural barrier, conviction for such unauthorized entry may result in a fine not to exceed \$100,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. If unauthorized entry into or upon the properties is into an area not enclosed by a fence, wall, floor, roof, or other such structural barrier, conviction for such unauthorized entry may result in a fine of not more than \$5,000.*

DATES: Effective Date: February 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Ann Williams, Office of General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6899, or Matt Smith, Office of Chief Counsel, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Ave., MS 1209, Idaho Falls, ID 83415, (208) 526-7109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE), successor agency to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), is authorized, pursuant to § 229 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2278a), and § 104 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5814), as implemented by 10 CFR Part 860, published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 1993 (58 FR 47984-47985), and section 301 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151), to prohibit unauthorized entry and the unauthorized introduction of weapons or dangerous materials into or upon any DOE facility, installation, or real property. By notices dated November 1, 1983 (48 FR 50390), January 23, 1987 (52 FR 2580), August 5, 1988 (53 FR 29512), and May 10, 2000 (65 FR 30094), DOE prohibited unauthorized entry into or upon the "Idaho National Engineering Laboratory" and "Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory" (now the Idaho National Laboratory, or INL), and various DOE and contractor occupied facilities, including the Willow Creek

* By operation of law, the Criminal Fine Improvements Act of 1987, Pub. L. No. 100-185, 101 Stat. 1279 (1987), increased the fine amounts from \$1000/\$5000 to \$5000/\$100,000. See, e.g., *U.S. v. Lentsch*, 369 F.3d 948, 950 (6th Cir. 2004) (quoting 58 FR. 47984 (Sept. 14, 1993)); see also 10 CFR 860.5.

Building, the Engineering Research Office Building, and various DOE vehicle and bus parking facilities located in Idaho Falls, Arco, on Highway 20, Bonneville County, Blackfoot, Mackay, Shelley, Rexburg, Rigby, and Pocatello, Idaho.

Since the last published notice on May 10, 2000, DOE has leased three new facilities in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Accordingly, DOE prohibits the unauthorized entry and the unauthorized introduction of weapons or dangerous materials, as provided in 10 CFR 860.3 and 860.4 into and upon these Idaho Operations Office sites. The sites referred to above have previously been designated as off-limits areas, and this notice adds to those off-limits areas. Descriptions of the sites being designated at this time are as follows:

1. University Boulevard—1

535 University Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415, more particularly described as Lot 4, Block 1 Education Research Center, Division #1, an addition to the City of Idaho Falls being a part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 12, T.2N., R.37E., B.M. Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho.

2. University Boulevard—2

655 University Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415, more particularly described as Lot 3, Block 1 Education Research Center, Division #1, an addition to the City of Idaho Falls being a part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 12, T.2N., R.37E., B.M. Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho.

3. University Boulevard—3

625 University Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415, more particularly described as Lot 1, Block 1 Education Research Center, Division #1, an addition to the City of Idaho Falls being a part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 12, T.2N., R.37E., B.M. Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho.

Notices stating the pertinent prohibitions of 10 CFR 860.3 and 860.4 and the penalties of 10 CFR 860.5 are being posted at all entrances of the above-referenced areas and at intervals along their perimeters, as provided in 10 CFR 860.6.

Glenn S. Podonsky,

*Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer,
Office of Health, Safety and Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-598-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-598); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

January 26, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice (73FR70339, 11/20/2008) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by February 24, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, *c/o oira_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include OMB Control Number 1902-0166 as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7345.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC09-598-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. For paper filings, an original and 2 copies of the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-598-001. All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under FERC-598 "Self Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status" (OMB Control No. 1902-0166) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subchapter F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005).¹

EPA 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935) in its entirety, including section 32, which provided for the Commission to exempt wholesale generators from PUHCA 1935 on a case-by-case basis, upon application. Following the repeal of PUHCA 1935 and the enactment of PUHCA 2005, in Order No. 667² the Commission amended its regulations to add procedures for self-certification by entities seeking exempt wholesale generator (EWG) and foreign utility company (FUCO) status. This self-certification is similar to the process available to entities that seek qualifying facility status.

An EWG is a "person engaged directly or indirectly through one or more affiliates, and exclusively in the

¹ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law No. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451, *et seq.*).

² Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, 70 FR 75,592 (2005), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31,197 (2005) *Order on reh'g*, 71 FR 28,446 (2006), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31,213 (2006), *order on reh'g*, 71 FR 42,750 (2006), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31,224 (2006), *order on reh'g*, FERC ¶ 61,133 (2007).

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