

Nuclear materials management subcommittee (~ 1 hour)
 Yucca Mountain update (~ 30 minutes)
 Materials disposition program and nonproliferation policy (~ 45 minutes)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)
 Dose reconstruction (~ 30 minutes)
 Environmental remediation and waste management subcommittee report (~ 1 hour)
 Risk management & future use subcommittee report (~ 30 minutes)
 Presentation of membership candidates for 1998 (~ 10 minutes)
 Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 10 minutes)

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

If necessary, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, January 26, 1998.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming'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.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802, or by calling her at (803) 725-5374.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 18, 1998, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: San Juan County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 117 South Main, Monticello, Utah 84535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO, 81502 (970) 248-7727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: Update on project status, and reports from subcommittees on local training and hiring, health and safety, and future land use.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Audrey Berry'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 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 5 minutes to present their comments at the end of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand

Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303) 248-7727.

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Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Information Collection and Dissemination Activities

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Agency electric power information collection and dissemination activities: comment request on provisions for confidentiality.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the confidentiality treatment that will be given to electric power data collected in surveys conducted by the EIA.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 16, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to John Colligan, Energy Information Administration, EI-524, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0650, (202) 426-1174, e-mail jcolliga@eia.doe.gov, and FAX (202) 426-1311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the electric power forms and instructions should be directed to John Colligan at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration (EIA) is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates

data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The EIA, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Also, with respect to its information collections, EIA must have approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The EIA conducts surveys to collect electric power data from electric utilities, electric power marketers, nonutility electric power producers (cogenerators, small power producers, and other nonutility electric power generators), and the North American Electric Reliability Council regions. The electric power data collected include, but are not limited to: ownership, accounting/financial, generation, fuels consumed, capacity, heat rates, demand, purchases, sales, peak loads, imports/exports, revenues, plants, equipment, distribution systems, reliability, load management, and environmental data. EIA also collects projections of load, capacity, and other related information.

EIA surveys currently used to collect this information are:

EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report";

EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities";

EIA-417R, "Electric Power Systems Emergency Report";

EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report";

EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operations and Design Report";

EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions";

EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report";

EIA-861, "Annual Electric Utility Report";

EIA-867, "Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report"; and

EIA-900, "Monthly Nonutility Sales for Resale Report."

(The surveys used by EIA to collect electric power information may change in the future as EIA adjusts its collections to the deregulation occurring in the electric power industry.)

II. Current Actions

Given the changes in the electric power industry as it moves from regulation to open competition, the EIA is reviewing the confidentiality treatment of electric power data collected and is soliciting comments from both data providers (*i.e.*, survey respondents) and data users. EIA is soliciting comments to determine what data should be treated as confidential trade secrets or proprietary information whose release would cause substantial competitive harm to the survey respondents. EIA would also like to determine what data should be treated as nonconfidential and whose release at the respondent-level is in the public interest.

For data determined to be confidential, EIA would adhere to the provisions for confidentiality discussed in Appendix A to this notice. When releasing aggregate data collected in surveys where confidentiality was pledged, EIA uses statistical disclosure avoidance techniques to ensure that confidential, company-identified data are not disclosed. EIA identifies table data cells where, if published, the data could be used to determine confidential, company-identified data. For such a data cell, EIA suppresses the cell and, if necessary, other data cells to ensure that the data remains confidential.

Comments received will be used by EIA to develop a new comprehensive policy for the treatment of electric power data collected by EIA.

Currently, EIA treats data collected on forms EIA-411, 412, 417R, 759, 767, 826, 860, and 861 as nonconfidential. EIA treats some data reported by nonutilities on the EIA-867 as nonconfidential and other data (*e.g.*, fuels consumed, generation, purchases of electricity, sales, electricity used at the facility, customers, maximum contract amount by customer, deliveries by customer, environmental information, and electric generator information) as confidential. All data reported by nonutilities on Form EIA-900 are treated as confidential.

Any proposed revised provisions for confidentiality of electric power data will be included with the surveys submitted for OMB's approval in 1998. Those surveys, if approved by OMB,

will be implemented to collect data beginning in January 1999.

Also, during 1998 EIA will issue a separate notice requesting comments from both data providers and data users on the electric power data that EIA should collect in the future. That notice will be part of EIA's presurvey consultation program.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents, data users, and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses. Responses should contain detailed explanations of what data elements should be treated as confidential and what elements should be treated as nonconfidential. The reasons for the suggested confidentiality treatment should also be provided. Please make your comments as specific as possible with respect to forms, categories of data, data elements, and types of respondents supplying the data.

Issues

A. What electric power data should be treated as nonconfidential when collected by EIA and, thus, be available for dissemination in company-specific form? Please explain how release of individually-identifiable data is in the public interest and where release overrides any possible competitive harm to the company that provided the data.

B. What electric power data should be treated as confidential by EIA and, thus, should be kept confidential and not disclosed in a disaggregated form to the public to the extent that it satisfies applicable statutes and regulations? Please explain how release of these data at the respondent level would cause competitive harm.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the electric power surveys. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., January 7, 1998.

Lynda T. Carlson,

*Director, Statistics and Methods Group,
Energy Information Administration.*

Appendix A—EIA's Standard Provisions for Confidentiality

When the EIA treats data as confidential, it follows the provisions for confidentiality below.

The Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice concluded on March 20, 1991, that the Federal Energy

Administration Act requires the EIA to provide company-specific data to the Department of Justice, or to any other Federal agency when requested for official use, which may include enforcement of Federal law. The information contained on the form may also be made available, upon request, to another component of the Department of Energy (DOE); to any Committee of Congress, the General Accounting Office, or other Congressional agencies authorized by law to receive such information. A court of competent jurisdiction may obtain this information in response to an order.

The information contained on the form will be kept confidential and not disclosed to the public to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the DOE regulations, 10 CFR 1004.11, implementing the FOIA, and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C 1905.

Upon receipt of a request for this information under the FOIA, the DOE shall make a final determination whether the information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the procedures and criteria provided in the regulations. To assist us in this determination, respondents should demonstrate to the DOE that, for example, their information contains trade secrets or commercial or financial information whose release would be likely to cause substantial harm to their company's competitive position. A letter accompanying the submission that explains (on an element-by-element basis) the reasons why the information would be likely to cause the respondent substantial competitive harm if released to the public would aid in this determination. A new justification does not need to be provided each time information is submitted on the form, if the company has previously submitted a justification for that information and the justification has not changed.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel.

DATES: Wednesday, February 18, 1998; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Thursday, February 19, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Diebold, Executive Secretary,

High Energy Physics Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-22, GTN, Germantown, Maryland 20874, Telephone: (301) 903-4801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, February 18, 1998, and Thursday, February 19, 1998

Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Programs
Status Report on the Office of Energy Research

Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program

Discussion of DOE HEP Program and FY 1999 Congressional Budget Request

Report of the Subpanel on Planning for the Future of U.S. High Energy Physics

Report of the NRC Committee on Elementary Particle Physics

Discussion of HEP Programs at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Argonne National Laboratory and the FY 1999 Congressional Budget Requests

Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics Public Comment (10 minute rule)

Public Participation: The two-day meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Panel is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Executive Secretary at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Minutes: Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP73-184-009 and CI73-485-008]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company, a Division of Colorado Interstate Corporation, and CIG Exploration, Inc.; Notice of Request for Abandonment of "Gas Search" Program Conditions

January 7, 1998.

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting permission and approval for abandonment of "Gas Search" program conditions. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CIG's filing states that in 1974 the Federal Power Commission approved a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (Stipulation) in the referenced dockets,¹ which allowed CIG and its affiliate, CIG Exploration, Inc. to undertake a program to cause newly developed gas reserves to be dedicated to CIG's system for CIG's sales for resale. Under the terms of the Stipulation, all of the reserves acquired were dedicated to CIG's system and production from the reserves was subject to "life of the field" purchase contracts. In approving the Stipulation the FPC adopted as its own all of the conditions and dedications set forth in the Stipulation.

CIG states that while the exploration phase of the Gas Search program has terminated, there remain in place the commitments and dedications and other elements of the Gas Search program which, according to CIG, have become anachronistic. Accordingly, CIG states that it and the directly affected customers have agreed as a matter of contract to terminate all remaining terms and conditions of the Gas Search program which continue in effect. However, because of the underlying Stipulation, CIG is seeking formal abandonment of that aspect of the 1974

¹ See, 51 FPC 74; reh'g denied, 51 FPC 754 (1974).