Dated: April 28, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 98-11893 Filed 5-4-98; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042798E]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Buyback Committee will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at 8:30 a.m., and will continue throughout the day, as necessary.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to revise the current groundfish trawl permit buyback program document in preparation for the June Council meeting.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, according to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Larry Six at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 98-11892 Filed 5-4-98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510-22-F

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042898A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 4, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Honolulu Laboratory,2570 Dole St., Honolulu, HI, Rm. 112; telephone: 808-943-1221.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Precious Corals Plan Team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items: (1) the provisions of the Sustainable Fisheries Act pertaining to Essential Fish Habitat, Bycatch, Fishing Sectors, Fishing Communities, and Overfishing; (2) the use of remotely operated vehicles to harvest deep water precious corals; and (3) other issues as required.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Plan Team for discussion, according to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220

(voice) or 808–522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 98-11891 Filed 5-4-98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510-22-F

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Teleconference

AGENCY: National Educationalal Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting by teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming teleconference of the **Executive Committee of the National** Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The public is being given less than 15 days notice of this meeting because the Committee is required to make a response to a Board contracting initiative within a limited time.

DATES: May 7, 1998. TIME: 1:30-2 p.m. EDST.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal

Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219–2065; fax: (202) 219–1528; e-mail: Thelma Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerppb@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of **Educational Research and Improvement** to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The teleconference is open to the public. The Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Board during the interim between full meetings of the

Board. The Executive Committee will approve the awarding of a contract for logistical support for panels being convened by the National Academy of Education under a previous contract with the Board.

A final agenda will be available from the Board office on May 4, 1998. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208–7564.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site; Notice of Intent To Solicit Competitive Application/ Proposals for Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of intent to solicit competitive applications/proposals for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) of the Department of Energy (DOE) is entrusted to contribute to the welfare of the nation by providing the scientific foundation, technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality, and a secure National defense. RFETS intends to fund a series of grants in special emphasis programs to encourage programs to train Native American, African American, Hispanic American, Asian-Pacific American, Women and Disabled Students to pursue training in the fields of sciences and engineering; and to fund local community projects contributing to diversity-related programs.

DATES: Applications may be submitted at any time within 30 days from the date of this announcement. Applications received within 30 days from the date of this announcement, will be considered; applications received after that date may or may not be considered depending on the status of proposal review and selection.

ADDRESSES: Mail Applications To: Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Contracts and Assets Management Division, PO Box 928, B460, Golden, Colorado 80402–0928.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Dillon, Critique, Inc., Rocky Flats Field Office, (303) 966-3659, or Susan Cook (303) 966-5310 for application forms and additional information. Completed applications or proposals must be sent to the addresses heading. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There** have been six (6) previous awards out of this program. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications/proposals. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications/proposals submitted in response to this notice.

Availability of Fiscal Year 1998 Funds

With this publication, DOE RFETS is announcing the availability of up to \$300,000 in grant funds for fiscal year 1998. RFETS anticipates that multiple grants will be made for a grand total not to exceed \$300,000. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Projects may cover a period of up to 3 years.

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the purposes of funding under this notice include organizations residing in Colorado proposing to implement minority science and engineering projects in Colorado as described in the summary section of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to propose project cost-sharing or sharing of inkind services or resources. The awards will be made through a competitive process to organizations and institutions located in the State of Colorado. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number assigned to this program is 81.116.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Department of Energy RFETS representatives.
Successful proposal(s) will be selected on the opinion of panel members of proposals most able to meet the objectives listed in the summary section of this announcement and best able to meet the needs of this office.

DOE RFETS hereby reserves the right to fund, in part or whole, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this request. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications. Applicants should allow approximately 90 days for DOE evaluation. The status of any application during the evaluation and

selection process will not be discussed with applicants. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on April 22, 1998.

Clyde B. Railsback,

Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-363-000, CP98-364-000, and CP98-365-000]

Etowah LNG Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

April 29, 1998.

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, Etowah LNG Company, L.L.C. (Etowah), AmSouth-Sonat Tower, 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, filed in Docket Nos. CP98-363-000, CP98-364-000, and CP98-365-000, applications pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Etowah to construct and operate a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facility and associated pipeline facilities in Polk County, Georgia, (2) a blanket certificate pursuant to Part 284 Subpart G of the Commission's regulations authorizing the storage of gas for others, and (3) a blanket certificate under Part 157 Subpart F of the Commission's regulations authorizing certain construction of facilities and abandonments, all as more fully set forth in application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Etowah states that it is a limited liability corporation in which Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) and AGL Peaking Services, Inc. (AGL Peaking) hold memberships.

Etowah says that the proposed facilities will consist of: one double wall metal tank capable of storing 2.5 Bcf of natural gas; a pretreatment and liquefaction system, a boil-off recompression system; a LNG trucking system; a vaporization and send out system; and associated control and hazard protection systems. In addition to the LNG facilities Etowah proposes to construct a 12.5 mile, 12.75-inch diameter pipeline and a meter station connecting the proposed LNG facility