The hearing schedule for each site will be as follows:

9:00 am-12:00 noon Testimony on students with limited English proficiency

1:00 pm-4:00 pm Testimony on students with disability

Individuals wishing to present oral testimony should register in advance by the registration date indicated above in the schedule for the specific hearings. To register in advance, contact Katherine Fraser at the National Association of State Boards of Education at 1-800-368-5023, Extension 8572. Request to speak will be accommodated until all time slots are filled. Individuals who do not register in advance will be permitted to register and speak at the meeting in order of registration, if time permits. Each speaker is intended to have at least five minutes: the actual time available will be determined in part by the volume of registered speakers. While it is anticipated that all persons who desire will have an opportunity to speak, time limits may not allow this to occur. The National Association of State Boards of Education will make the final determination on advance selection and scheduling of speakers. People who register to give oral testimony will receive additional information, including issues to consider related to the National Academy of Sciences report entitled "High Stakes," which contains recommendations about inclusion and accommodations in testing.

Written testimony is invited and welcomed. All testimony will become part of the public record and will be considered by the Governing Board in developing policy for the voluntary national tests about inclusion and accommodations for students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency.

## **Written Statements**

Written statements submitted for the public record should be postmarked by November 15, 1998 and mailed to the following address: Mark D. Musick, Chairman, (Attention: Ray Fields), National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002–4233.

Written statements also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to Ray\_Fields@ED.GOV by November 15, 1998. Comments sent by e-mail must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Inclusion in the public record cannot be guaranteed for written statements, whether sent by mail or

electronically, submitted after November 15, 1998.

One or more members of the Governing Board will preside at each hearing. The proceedings will be recorded for print transcription. The hearings also can be signed for the hearing-impaired, upon advance request.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information will be sent prior to each hearing to individuals who register by the date indicated above for the respective hearings. The information to be sent will include: the procedures for the hearings, the schedule for providing oral testimony at each site, and the issues to address from the relevant National Academy of Sciences recommendations in the report "High Stakes."

## **Steps After Hearings**

A transcript will be prepared for each hearing as well as a written summary of the testimony. After the six hearings have been completed, two syntheses will be prepared of the testimony presented at all of the hearings, one covering issues and recommendations related to inclusion and accommodations in testing pertaining to students with disabilities and one covering issues and recommendations pertaining to students with limited English proficiency. A presentation on the hearings and the synthesis reports will be made at the March 1999 meeting of the Governing Board. The Governing Board will consider this information in formulating policy regarding inclusion and accommodations of students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency in the proposed voluntary national tests.

### **Public Record**

A record of all Governing Board proceedings with respect to the public hearings will be available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, in Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20002.

Dated: September 10, 1998.

## Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE-PS07– 99ID13676 Aluminum Partnerships Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce energy consumption and environmental impacts for the aluminum industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the aluminum industry in the "Aluminum Industry Technology Roadmap" (May 1997), for the aluminum sector areas of Primary Aluminum Production, Semi-Fabricated Products, and Finished Products. Approximately \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2000 funds is available to totally fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making up to six cooperative agreement awards for projects with duration's of four years or less. A minimum 30% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects. Collaborations between industry, national laboratory, and university participants are encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: T. Wade Hillebrant, Contract Specialist; Procurement Services Division; U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401–1563: telephone (208) 526–0547

83401–1563; telephone (208) 526–0547. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about September 3, 1998, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/ solicit.html. Application package forms are available at http://www.id.doe.gov/ doeid/application.html or may be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be written. Those intending to propose must notify Mr. Hillebrant via fax, letter or e-mail. Include company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, e-mail address and fax number. Write to the contract specialist at the address above, via fax number (208) 526-5548, or via email to hillebtw@inel.gov.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on September 2, 1998.

#### R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director Procurement Services Division. [FR Doc. 98–24698 Filed 9–14–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## **Environmental Management Advisory Board Meeting**

**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 Committee meeting:

**NAME:** Environmental Management Advisory Board.

DATE AND TIMES: Thursday, October 8, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Department of Energy/ Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Room 1E–245, Washington, D.C. 20585.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James T. Melillo, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Envionmental Management; Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB), EM-22, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secre tary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management program from the perspectives of affected groups and state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will help to improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program.

## Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Chairmen Open Public Meeting Opening Remarks Technology Development and Transfer Committee Report Science Committee Report Privatization Committee Report Long Term Stewardship Committee Report

Accelerating Closure Committee Report Public Comment Period

Working Lunch/Worker Health and Safety Committee

Native American Cultural Awareness Board Business

Public Comment Period Meeting Adjourns

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

## **Public Participation**

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should either contact James T. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call 1-(800) 736-3282, the Center for **Environmental Management** Information and register to speak during the public comment session of the meeting. Individuals may also register on October 8, 1998 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing to speak to the Board, on a first come, first serve basis. Those who call in and reserve time will be given the opportunity to speak first. The Board Chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

### **Transcripts and Minutes**

A meeting transcript and minutes will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 10, 1998.

### Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-764-000]

# ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 10, 1998.

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR),

500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP98-764-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to operate under the provisions of Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) an existing interconnection in Texas County, Oklahoma, that has been constructed pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Pursuant to Section 311 of the NGPA, ANR constructed an interconnection to the facilities of Hitch Enterprises, Inc., facilities consisted of a 2-inch turbine meter, a 2-inch insulating flange, a 4-inch tap valve, and an electronic measurement system. The cost of the facilities was approximately \$64,000, which was fully reimbursed by Hitch. ANR delivers natural gas at this interconnection under rate Schedule ITS of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1.

ANR states that the construction of the proposed interconnection facilities will have no effect on its peak day and annual deliveries, that its existing tariff does not prohibit additional interconnections, that deliveries will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers and that the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

## David P. Boergers,

Secretary

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