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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under Public Law 105-78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001 and is required to review and modify the contract to the extent the Board determines necessary, if the contract cannot be modified to the extent the Board determines necessary, the contract shall be terminated and a new contract negotiated.

On March 5, there will be an open meeting of the Achievement Levels Committee from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Committee will be reviewing the proposed final achievement level descriptions for the 1998 civics and writing assessments. On the Voluntary National Tests, the Committee will examine some of the policy issues related to achievement levels in math and reading.

Also on March 5, there will be two partially closed meetings: Subject Area Committee #1, and the Executive Committee. The Subject Area Committee will meet in open session, 2:00-3:00 p.m., to finalize plans for the report to the Full Board on the Voluntary National Tests specifications in 4th grade reading. In closed session, 3:00-4:00 p.m., the Committee will review the RFP for a NAEP Foreign Language Assessment. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because premature disclosure of the information presented for review might significantly frustrate a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

During the open portion of the Executive Committee, 5:00-6:00 p.m., there will be presentations on the following activities: Voluntary National Tests; Reauthorization; Secondary Analysis Grants; and NAEP Redesign.

The Committee will then meet in closed session from 6:00-7:00 p.m., to continue discussion of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. This portion of the meeting must be closed because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would likely to 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.

In addition, during the closed portion the Committee will be taking action on personnel appointments for the positions for Assistant Director of Test Development, and Assistant Director for Reporting and Dissemination. The Committee will discuss the qualifications of the individuals recommended for appointment. These discussions will relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 6, the full Board will convene in open session at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the meeting includes remarks from the Washington State Superintendent of Schools, and an update on NAEP activities.

The Design and Methodology Committee, and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will each meet in open session from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Design and Methodology Committee will be reviewing the grant applications for the NAEP cycles 2000-2003, and a proposal for a NAEP 12th grade longitudinal study. On the Voluntary National Tests, the Committee will be focusing on the contractors linking proposal, and the pilot and field test design. The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will review plans for the schedule and release of upcoming NAEP reports, and the contractors proposed plan for reporting and utilizing the results of the Voluntary National Tests.

Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 will meet jointly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Committees will hear an update of the plans for the next NAEP assessments, as well as, schedule information on the current NAEP assessments in 1998.

The full Board will reconvene beginning at 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon to

hear a briefing on the features of the redesign that have been detailed in the NCES grant applications for the next two cooperative agreements for conducting NAEP. These cooperative agreements will cover two operational aspects of NAEP: (1) Data collection, 2000-2003; and (2) development, scoring, analysis, and reporting. The Board will also consider matters related to the Voluntary National Tests which include hearing an overview of activities under the AIR contract through September, and a report, recommendations, and discussions on the math and reading specifications.

On March 7, the Nominations Committee will meet in open session from 7:30-9:00 a.m. The Committee will discuss modification of the calendar for the 1998 nominations process; prepare for the review of resumes; and set a date for finalizing committee recommendations.

Also on March 7, the full Board will meet from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The Board will hear comments regarding the Voluntary National Tests from the Executive Director of the Council of Great City Schools, and the Superintendent of the Seattle School District. Also, the Board will receive the reports of its committees.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which 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, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting (teleconference).

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting (teleconference) of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and

Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the 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 public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The public is being given less than 15 days' notice because of the need to accommodate the schedules of the members.

**DATES:** February 26, 1998.

**TIME:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., EST.

**LOCATION:** Room 100, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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 Executive Committee teleconference will consist of a review of the agenda for the next quarterly meeting of the Board on March 19 and 20, 1998, and related matters. A final agenda will be available from the Board's office on February 19. 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, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

**Eve M. Bither,**

*Executive Director.*

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## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-1642-000, et al.]

### **Puget Sound Energy, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

February 10, 1998.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

#### **1. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER98-1642-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), tendered for filing the Agreement Regarding Canadian Entitlement between PSE and Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (Chelan). A copy of the filing was served upon Chelan.

*Comment date:* February 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **2. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company**

[Docket No. ER98-1644-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), submitted an Electric Power Service Agreement establishing Wellsboro Electric Company (Wellsboro), as a customer under the terms of CEI's market-based power sales tariff, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 4, and a Transaction Agreement governing a specific sale agreed upon by CEI and Wellsboro.

CEI requests an effective date of January 1, 1998, for the Electric Power Service Agreement and Transaction Agreement. To the extent necessary to permit this requested effective date, CEI requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. CEI states that copies of the filing were served upon Wellsboro and the public utilities commissions of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

*Comment date:* February 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **3. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.**

[Docket No. ER98-1645-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), tendered for filing 3 executed service agreements for point-to-point service under the PJM Open Access Tariff.

Copies of this filing were served upon the parties to the service agreements.

*Comment date:* February 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## **4. Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER98-1646-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Northern Indiana Public Services Company (Northern), filed a Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement pursuant to its Open Access Transmission Tariff and a Service Agreement pursuant to its Power Sales Tariff with the Town of Brookston, Indiana. Northern Indiana has requested an effective date of February 1, 1998.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Town of Brookston, to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* February 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## **5. Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER98-1647-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Northern Indiana Public Services Company (Northern), filed a Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement pursuant to its Open Access Transmission Tariff and a Service Agreement pursuant to its Power Sales Tariff with the Town of Walkerton, Indiana. Northern Indiana has requested an effective date of February 1, 1998.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Town of Walkerton, to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* February 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## **6. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER98-1648-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), tendered for filing the Agreement Regarding Canadian Entitlement between PSE and Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (Chelan). A copy of the filing was served upon Chelan.

*Comment date:* February 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## **7. El Paso Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER98-1650-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, El Paso Electric Company (El Paso), tendered for filing a Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement under its Open Access Transmission Tariff for delivery of up to 200 MW of electricity to Commission Federal de Electricidad during 1998. EPE has asked for a waiver