

recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) The engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

#### **Tentative Agenda**

A tentative agenda is currently under development for both Monday, November 29 and Tuesday, November 30, 1999. Times and order are still subject to change, however, topics may include:

Cleanliness Protocols (A Review of the Origin & Evolution of the Requirements, Assembly and Installation Plans and Procedures);  
Procurement Planning (A Review of the NIF Laser System Procurement Plan, and Current Status);  
NIF Cost Methodology (A Review of NIF Costs, and Revised Cost Estimate Plans);  
NIF Project Management (A Review of NIF's Program and Project Management Control and Integration Systems and a Discussion of the Respective Roles and Responsibilities of DOE/DP, DOE/Oakland, UC, LLNL etc.);

The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

#### **Public Participation**

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment periods. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Livermore, California, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task

Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

#### **Minutes**

A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 19, 1999.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Laboratory Operations Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

**DATES:** Thursday, December 2, 1999, 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

**ADDRESSES:** Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Perseverance Hall, Building 54, Room 130, Berkeley, California 94720.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary L. Keaton, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-7261.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

#### **Tentative Agenda**

*Wednesday, December 2, 1999*

8:30-8:45 A.M. Opening Remarks—  
Co-Chairs: E. Moniz & J. McTague  
8:45-9:45 A.M. Briefings & Discussion:  
Laboratory Directed Research and Development  
9:45-10:00 A.M. Break  
10:00-12:00 A.M. Briefings &  
Discussion: Performance Based Management  
12:00-1:30 P.M. Lunch Break  
1:30-2:00 P.M. Briefings & Discussion:  
Update on National Ignition Facility  
2:00-2:30 P.M. Briefing & Discussion:  
Remaining Issues  
2:30-2:45 P.M. Discussion: Roadmaps and Portfolios  
2:45-3:00 P.M. Public Comment Period  
3:00 P.M. Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

#### **Public Participation**

The Chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the Laboratory Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Laboratory Operations Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232]

#### Duke Power Company; Public Notice Public Information Meetings

November 18, 1999.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold two public information meetings to familiarize the public with the Commission's hydropower licensing program. The Commission staff will give an overview of the Commission and its licensing procedures. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. A significant number of hydroelectric projects' licenses will expire between 2000 and 2010, including the Duke Power Company's Catawaba-Wateree Project (Project No. 2232), located in Burke, Alexander, McDowell, Iredell, Caldwell, Lincoln, Catawaba, Gaston, and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina, and York, Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield and Kershaw Counties, South Carolina. The license for the Catawaba-Wateree Project expires in August 2008.

Interested persons are invited to attend either or both meetings scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, December 8, 1999

7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Auditorium, Rock Hill City Hall, 155 Johnston Street, Rock Hill, SC 29731

Thursday, December 9, 1999

7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Auditorium, Catawaba Valley Community College, 2550 Highway 70, SE., Hickory, NC 28602

Please direct any questions regarding these meeting either to Pennie Lewis-Partee, Commission Staff Outreach Support Coordinator, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 219-2722; Mike Struve, WPCOG Council of Governments, 736 Fourth Street, SW., Hickory, NC 28602, (828) 322-9191

(Ext. 148); or Mike Vead, Catawaba Regional Council of Governments, 215 Hampton Street, Rock Hill, SC 29731, (803) 327-9041.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR00-2-000]

#### Lee 8 Storage Partnership; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

November 18, 1999.

Take notice that on November 16, 1999, Lee 8 Storage Partnership (Lee 8) pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve its rates pursuant to Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. Lee 8 rates would be a system-wide maximum rate of \$2.7723 per Mcf deliverability and \$.0576 capacity charge. In addition, Lee 8 states that it will charge .79% of the injected volumes and .79% of the withdrawal volumes as an allowance for compressor fuel and lost-and-unaccounted-for gas on Lee 8's system.

Lee 8's petition states that Lee 8 is a Hinshaw pipeline exempt from Commission regulation under Section 11(c) of the NGA, with facilities located wholly within the state of Michigan.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date of Lee 8's Petition, Lee 8's rates for firm and interruptible storage services will be deemed to be fair and equitable. The Commission may within such 150 day period extend the time for action or institute a proceeding in which all interested parties will be afforded an opportunity for written comments and the oral presentation of views, data and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before December 3, 1999. This petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

[online/rims.htm](http://online/rims.htm) (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-69-000]

#### Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 18, 1999.

Take notice that on November 15, 1999 Northwest Alaskan Pipeline Company (Northwest Alaskan) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, Forty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5, proposed to be effective January 1, 2000.

Northwest Alaskan states that the instant filing is submitted pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, Section 9 of the Alaskan Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976 and Part 154 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations. Northwest Alaskan is submitting this filing pursuant to the provisions of the amended purchase agreements between Northwest Alaskan and Pan-Alberta Gas (U.S.), Inc. (PAG-US), and pursuant to Rate Schedules X-1, X-2 and X-3, which provide for Northwest Alaskan to file 45 days prior to the commencement of the next demand charge period (January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000) the demand charges and demand charge adjustments which Northwest Alaskan will charge during the period.

Northwest Alaskan states that included in Appendix B attached to the filing are the workpapers supporting the derivation of the revised demand charge and demand charge adjustment reflected on the tariff sheet included therein.

Northwest Alaskan states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its affected customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make