

and final. The program supports innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of important issues and problems in postsecondary education. Grants made under this program are expected to contribute new information in educational practice that can be shared with others. As its name suggests, the Comprehensive Program may support activities in any discipline, program, or student service. Nonprofit institutions and organizations offering postsecondary education programs are eligible applicants. The Comprehensive Program has established a record of promoting meaningful and lasting solutions to various, often emerging, problems and of promoting quality education for all learners.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe\_Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science

#### Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that

public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, October 10, 2000, 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., and Wednesday, October 11, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Long; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U. S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: (301) 903-5565.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

##### Tentative Agenda

Agenda will include discussions of the following:

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

- Welcome and Introduction
- Remarks from Director, Office of Science
- News from Basic Energy Sciences
- FY2001 Budget for Basic Energy Sciences
- Report on the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) Scientific Case

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

- Update on Future BESAC Activities
- Brief Overviews of Basic Energy Sciences Divisions

##### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharon Long at 301-903-6594 (fax) or [sharon.long@science.doe.gov](mailto:sharon.long@science.doe.gov) (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

##### Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days 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 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 18, 2000.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Advisory Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 12, 2000 and Friday, October 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., (Room 1E-245), Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James T. Melillo, Executive Director of the Environmental Management Advisory Board, (EM-10), 1000 Independence Avenue S.W., (Room B-161), Washington, D.C. 20585. The telephone number is 202-586-4400. The Internet address is [james.melillo@em.doe.gov](mailto:james.melillo@em.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Advisory Program from the perspective of affected groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will contribute to the effective operation of the Environmental Management Program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested group an opportunity to present their views on issues facing the Office of Environmental Management and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on those issues.

##### Preliminary Agenda

*Thursday, October 12, 2000*

1:00 p.m. Public Meeting Opens

- Approve Minutes of April 13–14, 2000 Meeting
- Opening Remarks
- Ad hoc Committee on Science and Innovation Report\*
- Ad hoc Committee on Safety and Technology Report
- Interim Report on Safety & Health in Technology Development\*
- EM Response to April Resolution
- Ad hoc Committee on Recycling of Contaminated Materials
- Letter Report\*
- Worker Health & Safety Committee Report
- Letter Report on ISM Sustainability—Best Practices\*
- Technology Development & Transfer Committee Report
- Letter Report on the Gap Analysis of the EQ R&D Portfolio\*
- Contracting and Management Committee Report
- Integration and Transportation Committee Report
- Long-Term Stewardship Committee Report
- Science Committee Report
- Integration and Transportation Report
- Public Comment Period
- 5:15 p.m. Wrap up—Adjourn

Friday, October 13, 2000

- 8:30 a.m Opening Remarks
- Board Discussion
- Public Comment Period
- Board Business
- Votes on EMAB Findings & Resolutions
- New Business
- Board Calendar
- Public comment Period
- 12:00 p.m.Meeting Adjourns
- \*The Board anticipates recommendations to be presented.

#### Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Board, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, please contact Mr. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call the Environmental Management Advisory Board office at 202–586–4400, and we will reserve time for you on the agenda. You may also register to speak at the Meeting on October 12–13, 2000, or ask to speak during the public comment period. Those who call in and or register in advance will be given the opportunity to speak first. Others will be accommodated as time permits. The Board Chairs will conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

#### Transcript and Minutes

We will make the minutes of the meeting available for public review and copying by November 13, 2000. The minutes and transcript of the meeting will be available for viewing at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room(1E–190) in the Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. The Room is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. except on Federal holidays.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00–454–000]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment Authorization

September 15, 2000.

Take notice that on September 6, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), 20 East Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046–2002, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting the issuance of an Order granting permission and approval to abandon the middle river crossing tube across the Sabine River, specifically approximately 890 feet of 10-inch pipe and 13 feet of 14-inch pipe located in Newton County, Texas or Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208–2222 for assistance. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to: Kyle Stephens, Director of Certificates, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas, 77251–1478 at (713) 544–7309.

According to Koch, in 1931 it installed approximately 62 miles of mainline known as Call Junction Line (Index 201). These facilities were originally constructed to provide service to the southeast Louisiana market area and were certificated pursuant to Koch's grandfather certificate issued in FPC Docket No. G–232. The Sabine River

crossing when originally constructed, consisted of three parallel 10-inch tubes and two 14-inch header lines that connect to Index 201 on the west and east side of the river. Koch states that the Sabine River crossing was only used in emergency situations such as in the case of gas supply interruptions. Currently, no gas is flowing on Index 201 from its western terminus to the intersection of Index 201–6. Further, Koch states that it has no firm commitments on this section of Index 201 which includes the Sabine River crossing. Koch proposes to abandon approximately 890 feet of 10-inch pipe and 13 feet of 14-inch pipe, which constitutes the middle tube assembly of the Sabine River crossing on Koch's Index 201.<sup>1</sup> Of the total 890 feet of 10-inch, Koch proposes to cut, cap, fill with water and abandon in place approximately 713 feet of 10-inch and to abandon by removal approximately 177 feet of the 10-inch. Additionally, Koch proposes to cut, cap, and abandon in place approximately 13 feet of 14-inch pipe.

Recently, Koch asserts that the natural erosion of the east bank of the Sabine River removed the cover from the middle tube of the crossing, and rendered the pipeline unsupported by soil. Specifically, a 177-foot segment of the middle tube is unsupported and, at certain times of the year, may pose a navigational hazard. As a precautionary measure, Koch states that it has removed the middle tube from service and idled this portion of the crossing assembly pending replacement or abandonment. Koch does not believe that the replacement of the middle tube is economically justified. Koch states that the abandonment of the proposed facilities will not result in a reduction of service to any of its customers, no gas is flowing on Index 201 from its western terminus to the intersection of Index 201–6, which includes the river crossing. The remaining southernmost tube, located approximately 148 feet downstream of the middle tube, is intact and not experiencing any erosion at this time and is capable of flowing approximately 14.58 MMCF/d across the river if necessary.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the

<sup>1</sup> The northernmost tube was removed in October 1998 as authorized in Docket No. CP97–257–000.