

disposed of during the first 6 months post Cerro Grande Fire. The remaining buildings, including Building 2–1 that houses the OWR vessel, and the associated structures and utilities and infrastructure, continue to be vulnerable to damage from flooding and mudflows as a result of the fire and the changed environmental conditions upstream from the Facility. While all buildings are vulnerable, the support buildings and structures are especially at risk due to their construction characteristics.

Project Description

NNSA proposes to decontaminate and demolish (D&D) the OWR vessel and the remaining Omega West Facility structures located within Los Alamos Canyon at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. The activities would consist of characterization and removal of radiological and other potential contamination in all the structures and subsequent demolition of the structures; dismantlement of the reactor vessel; segregation, size reduction, packaging, transportation, and disposal of wastes; and removal of several feet of potentially contaminated soil from beneath the reactor vessel; and recontouring and reseedling of the site. Decontamination of the Omega West Facility would include the removal of nonradiological and radiological contamination from building and structure surfaces throughout the Omega West Facility. The extent of decontamination performed would be limited to those activities required to minimize radiological and hazardous material exposure to workers, the public, and the environment. Once the Omega West Facility has been decontaminated, the buildings, structures, foundations, and other facility components would be demolished. All building and structural materials would be removed from the canyon and sent to appropriate disposal sites.

Alternatives

The draft EA considers one alternative, the Phased Removal Alternative, in addition to the Proposed Action and the No Action alternatives. Under Phased Removal Alternative, part of the Omega West Facility would be demolished in the near-term and part would be left undemolished until some point in the next 20 to 30 years. The Proposed Alternative would remove the entire Omega West Facility from the floodplain, out of the canyon, disposition the waste from the demolition, and would restore the site to a near natural condition.

Floodplain Impacts

The proposed action would benefit the floodplain. Removal of the Omega West Facility would restore floodplain values by removing obstructions to the natural flow and function of the floodplain. It would also remove a source of potential radioactive and non-radiological contamination to the downstream floodplain. Should a rain event occur during this activity, there may be some sediment movement down canyon because of the loosened condition of the soil from all the demolition and disposition.

Floodplain Mitigation

Best management practices for minimizing soil disturbance would be in place to reduce the potential for erosion. No debris would be left in the canyon bottom. There would be no vehicle maintenance or fueling within 100 feet of the stream channel. Any sediment movement from the site would be short term and temporary.

Issued in Los Alamos, New Mexico on March 19, 2002.

Corey A. Cruz,

*Acting Director, U.S. Department of Energy,
National Nuclear Security Administration,
Office of Los Alamos Site Operations.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Amendment to notice of open meeting.

On March 5, 2002, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel 67 FR 9962. This notice announces information on how to gain access to the upcoming High Energy Physics Advisory Panel meeting that will be held April 26–27, 2002 at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

Due to security requirements at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (FNAL), you must enter the Laboratory via the Pine Street entrance. Please visit their website at: <http://www.fnal.gov>—go to the visiting Fermi web link which will give directions along with maps of the area. If you wish to be added to the visitor list ahead of time, you must contact Mary Cullen of FNAL at 630–840–3211 no later than April 19, 2002. When arriving at the Laboratory via the Pine Street entrance, the guard will direct you to the Lederman Science

Center to pickup your badge. If your name is not on the list, the guard will direct you go to the Lederman Science Center to sign in the appropriate forms and then they will set up a badge for you to attend the meeting.

Also, this meeting will be webcast for those who cannot attend. The address to logon to this meeting is: <http://www-visualmedia.fnal.gov/real/HEPAP.htm>.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; Coal Policy Committee of the National Coal Council Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Coal Policy Committee of the National Coal Council Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 25, 2002, at 11:00 am.

ADDRESSES: Chicago Hilton & Towers, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202/586–3867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Coal Policy Committee of the National Coal Council is to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues. The purpose of this meeting is to review the Council's draft report on electricity supply and emissions control.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to order by Mr. Malcolm Thomas, Chairman, Coal Policy Committee.
- Review and discuss the Council's draft report on electricity supply and emissions control.
- Discussion of other business properly brought before the Coal Policy Committee.
- Public comment—10 minute rule.
- Adjournment.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. 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 Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

Transcripts

The transcript 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, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-169-003]

Alliance Pipeline L. P.; Notice of Application

March 27, 2002.

Take notice that on March 18, 2002, Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance), pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Subparts B and C of Part 153 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the NGA filed an application to amend its Presidential Permit (Permit) to reflect the actual peak day capacity of the authorized border-crossing facilities between the United States and Canada. The current Permit, issued on September 17, 1998, 84 FERC 61,239 (1998), indicates a capacity of 1.632 Billion cubic feet per day (Bcfd) or 1.593 Bcfd plus fuel. The proposed amendment would have the Permit reflect actual operating experience and results of recent engineering analyses not currently reflected in the Permit, all as more fully set forth in the

application, which is on file with the Commission, and open for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Alliance requests that the Commission amend the Presidential Permit to reflect the actual peak day capacity, a flow which could occur in very limited circumstances, of 1.8 Bcfd, inclusive of fuel, for the authorized border-crossing facilities. No new rates or rate schedules are proposed. The facilities will continue to provide improved access to supplies of natural gas and improve the dependability of international energy trade. No changes are proposed to the currently authorized facilities.

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to Dennis Prince, Vice President-Regulatory Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, Alliance Pipeline L.P., Old Shady Oak Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344-3252 or call (952) 983-1000.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before April 17, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project

provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GP94-2-011]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Refund Report

March 27, 2002.

Take notice that on March 22, 2002, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing with the Commission its Refund Report made to comply with the April 17, 1995 Settlement (Settlement) in Docket No. GP94-02, *et al.* as approved by the Commission on June 15, 1995 (Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., 71 FERC ¶ 61,337 (1995)).

On February 20, 2002 Columbia states that it made refunds, as billing credits and with checks, in the amount of \$308,553.40. The refunds represent deferred tax refunds received from Trailblazer Pipeline Company and Overthrust Pipeline Company. These refunds were made pursuant to Article VIII, Section E of the Settlement using the allocation percentages shown on Appendix G, Schedule 5 of the Settlement. The refunds include interest at the FERC rate, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart F, Section 154.501(d).

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be