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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-137-A]

### Application to Amend Electricity Export Authorization; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) has submitted an application to amend its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 7, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)(16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On April 14, 1997, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized NYSEG to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada using the international electric transmission facilities owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the New York Power Authority.

On September 17, 2002, NYSEG applied to amend its existing export authorization by adding to the list of authorized export points those international transmission facilities owned by Citizens Utilities Company, the Joint Owners of Highgate Project, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by NYSEG, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the NYSEG application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-137-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Mr. John R. Tighe, Manager, Bulk Power Sales, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park, Post Office Box 5224, Binghamton, New York 13902-5224 and Mr. William J. Cronin, Esq., Rosa Pietanza, Esq., Huber Lawrence & Abell, 605 Third Avenue, 27th Flr, New York, New York 10158.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

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**Anthony J. Como,**

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Idaho Operations Office Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-03ID14434 University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, is soliciting applications for special research grant awards that will upgrade and improve U.S. nuclear research and training reactors. It is anticipated that on October 1, 2002, a full text for Solicitation Number DE-PS07-03ID14434 for the 2003 URI Program

will be made available at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The deadline for receipt of applications will be on December 5, 2002. Applications are to be submitted via the IIPS Website. Directions on how to apply and submit applications are detailed under the solicitation on the Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Stallman, Contract Specialist at [stallmkm@id.doe.gov](mailto:stallmkm@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued in accordance with 10 CFR part 600.6(b), eligibility for awards under this program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities having a duly licensed, operating nuclear research or training reactor because the purpose of the University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) program is to upgrade and improve the U.S. university nuclear research and training reactors and to contribute to strengthening the academic community's nuclear engineering infrastructure.

The statutory authority for this program is Pub. L. 95-91.

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**R.J. Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 7, 2002, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, November 8, 2002, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** West Coast Hotel, 1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 376-6216; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### *Tentative Agenda*

Thursday, November 7, 2002

- Tank Waste Program
  - Strategic Initiative 2: Accelerate Tank Waste Treatment Completion by 20 Years
  - Accelerated Tank Retrieval and Closure Issues
  - M-45 Tri-Party Agreement Draft Change Package (Single-Shell Tank Retrieval and the Establishment of Accelerated Waste Retrieval and Closure Demonstration Projects)
- Waste Treatment
  - Supplemental Technologies
  - Potential Enhancements to the Vitrification Plant
  - Challenges: Funding, Technology Development
  - Hanford's Draft Long-Term Stewardship Plan
  - Goals and Outcomes for November Long-Term Stewardship Workshop

Friday, November 8, 2002

- Update on the Draft Hanford Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Public Involvement Processes (*e.g.* HAB press releases, DOE ads, fact sheets)
- Discussion on FY 03 Hanford Advisory Board Meeting Schedule
- Committee Updates

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Yvonne Sherman's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be

available by writing to Yvonne Sherman, Department of Energy Richland Operation Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling her at (509) 376-1563.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy; Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, November 14, 2002, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202/586-1023.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy; assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy methane hydrate research and development program; and, submit to Congress a report on the anticipated impact on global climate change from methane hydrate formation, methane hydrate degassing and consumption of natural gas produced from methane hydrates.

#### **Tentative Agenda**

*Wednesday, November 13*

- Welcome and Introductions—Mike Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy and Arthur Johnson, Advisory Committee Chairman
- Joint meeting with the Interagency Coordinating Committee—8:30 to noon Briefings on Methane Hydrate Accomplishments, Future Activities and R&D Issues by Minerals Management Service; National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration; National Science Foundation; Naval Research Laboratory; U.S. Geological Survey; and Department of Energy

- Presentation and discussion—Ocean Drilling Program Leg 204 to Hydrate Ridge

- Presentation and discussion—Mallik Well and other Arctic studies

Ten minutes will be allowed for questions and public comment after each presentation.

- Review of draft report to Congress on Hydrates and Global Climate Change

*Thursday, November 14*

- Continue review and revision of report to Congress on Hydrates and Global Climate Change

- Discussion of additional recommendations to Department of Energy

- Public comment period

- Adjournment, about 3:00 p.m.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairmen 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 Edith Allison 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.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days 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. Transcripts will be available by request.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

### Coal Policy Committee of the National Coal Council

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.