

integration to include energy conservation, pollution reduction, pest management, and crop productivity.

The statutory authority for this program is Sec 107 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, Public Law 93488, 88 Stat. 1240 (U.S.C. 5817) and Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974. Public Law 93-577, 88 Stat. 1878 (42 U.S.C. 5901 et seq.). A copy of the solicitation may be accessed on DOE-ID's home page using Universal Resource Locator address: <http://www.inel.gov/procurement/index.html>. The deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 p.m. MST February 27, 1997.

Procurement Request Number: 07-97ID13507.000.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting.

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:
Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

Dates and Times: Thursday, January 16, 1997, 8:30 AM—5:00 PM.

Place: JW Marriott Hotel, Capital Ballroom—Salon E, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

8:30—9:15 Opening Remarks

Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy
Bob Hanfling, Chairman, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Phil Sharp, Chairman, Electric System Reliability Task Force

9:15—9:30 Task Force Member

Introductions

9:30—9:45 Break

9:45—10:30 Institutional Reliability Issues

Mike Gent, National Electric, Reliability Council

11:15 Technical Reliability Issues

Karl Stahlkopf, Electric Power, Research Institute

11:15—11:45 State Reliability

Perspectives

Duncan Kincheloe, Missouri, Public Utility Commission

11:45—1:00 Lunch

1:00—1:30 Federal Policy Issues

Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary of Energy

1:30—2:00 Public Comment

2:00—4:30 Development of a Task Force Work Plan

4:30 Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

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 Washington, D.C. 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. Written comments may be submitted to David Cheney, Acting Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be 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 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on December 23, 1996.

Gail Cephas,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new form EIA-902, "Geothermal Heat Pump Manufacturers Survey."

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 28, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to James Holihan, Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric, and Alternate Fuels, EI-522, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0650, (202) 426-1147 (telephone number), (202) 426-1308 (fax number), JHolihan@eia.doe.gov (e-mail address).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to James Holihan at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.