

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Secretary of Energy Advisory Board;
Notice of Open Meeting****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 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:* Tuesday, March 25, 1997, 8:00 am—4:00 pm.*Place:* The Madison Hotel, Dolley Madison Ballroom, 15th and M Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.**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 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

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

- 8:00-8:15 Opening Remarks & Objectives; Philip Sharp, Chairman, Electric System Reliability Task Force;
8:15-9:15 Discussion: Assumptions Regarding the Future Electricity Industry
9:15-10:15 Discussion: Basic Concepts and Operating Requirements for Electric System Reliability
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-11:45 Panel Discussion & Roundtable: Policy and Institutional Issues, Panelists: NERC, Power Marketer, & DOE
11:45-12:00 Public Comment
12:00-1:15 Lunch

- 1:15-3:45 Panel Discussion & Roundtable: Policy and Institutional Issues (Continued), Panelists: NERC, Power Marketer, & DOE
3:45-4:00 Scheduling of Next Meeting
4:00 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: The 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 March 5, 1997.

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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 changes and extension to Form NWP-830R A-G, "Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste."

DATE: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 12, 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.

ADDRESS: Send comments to Kathy Gibbard, Energy Information

Administration Survey Manager, EI-531, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, (phone number (202) 426-1129; e-mail address KGIBBARD@EIA.DOE.GOV, and FAX number (202)426-1280).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Kathy Gibbard 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. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 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.

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Also, EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Form NWP-830R A-G is designed to be as the service document for entries into the Department of Energy's accounting records. Electric utilities transmit data concerning payment of their contribution to the