statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.


Linda C. Tague,
Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.
Title: Application for New Grants for the Disseminating Proven Reforms Program.
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:
Responses: 100,
Burden Hours: 2,000.
Abstract: Grants will help small groups of postsecondary institutions disseminate proven educational innovations from their original site. Originators and prospective adopters will apply and receive support as consortia.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (OMB Control No. 1890±0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92±463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meetings:

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 24, 1998: 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: Boatmen's Bank, Fifth Floor, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Johnson, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477±3125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda
10:00 a.m.—Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
10:15 a.m.—Co-Chair Comments
10:20 a.m.—Plutonium Environmental Impact Statement
11:30 a.m.—Task Force/Subcommittee Reports
12:00 p.m.—Lunch
12:30 p.m.—Ex-Officio Reports
1:00 p.m.—Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE
1:30 p.m.—Risk Reduction
2:30 p.m.—Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make a public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at any time throughout the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed be resolved.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Room located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 537±3742. Hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 5, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,
Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Solicitation DE±RP01–97RW00320 for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services


ACTION: Extension of comment period for draft solicitation for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services.

SUMMARY: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) announced the availability of a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services in the December 1, 1997 Commerce Business Daily (V—Transportation, Travel and Relocation Services—Procurements) and in the December 2, 1997 Federal Register (61 FR 63700). The draft RFP was mailed directly to businesses and other interested parties who had requested earlier versions of the draft RFP and was also made available via the Internet on the OCRWM Home Page at http://www.rw.doe.gov/ and to those parties requesting a copy directly from the Contracting Officer.

DATES: The announcement requested that comments regarding the RFP be submitted to the address listed below no later than February 13, 1998. This notice hereby extends that comment period until April 13, 1998.
ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff


Take notice that on February 2, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet proposed to become effective January 1, 1998:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 92

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheet is being filed in compliance with the Commission’s order dated December 31, 1997, in the referenced proceeding to revise § 1.68 of the General Terms & Conditions of its tariff to specify that, for a two-year trial period, the determination of ANR’s Transporter’s Use (%) as reflected in the fuel matrix in its tariff will be based upon transactional throughput determinants.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in § 154.210 of the Commission’s Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boegers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM97–2–48–003]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff


Take notice that on February 4, 1998, Bowers Drilling Company, Inc. (Bowers) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the Fifth Revised Sheet No. 92, in the referenced proceeding to revise § 1.68 of the General Terms & Conditions of its tariff to specify that, for a two-year trial period, the determination of ANR’s Transporter’s Use (%) as reflected in the fuel matrix in its tariff will be based upon transactional throughput determinants.

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David P. Boegers,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98–1–000]

Bowers Drilling Company, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment


Take notice that on February 4, 1998, Bowers Drilling Company, Inc. (Bowers) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), requesting to be relieved of its obligation to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, as required by the Commission’s September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. GP97–3–000, GP97–4–000, GP97–5–000, and RP97–369–000.² Bowers’ petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission’s September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission’s September 10 order also provided that first sellers could, with the Commission’s prior approval, amortize their Kansas ad valorem tax refunds over a 5-year period, although interest would continue to accrue on any outstanding balance.

Bowers asserts that its financial status cannot absorb the $259,703 charge that it has been assessed, even if the refund were amortized over a 5-year period.

Bowers bases its claim, in part, on an estimate of its net profit over the next five years from the wells located on the leases that Bowers contends are subject to the Kansas ad valorem tax refunds. Using its average 1997 net profit of $14,699 from those 10 wells, Bowers projects its average income over the next five years, using a 15 percent per year decline, to be $46,336 (see below).


From this, Bowers derives an average monthly net income of $3,862 [$46,336 ÷ 12 = $3,862]. Bowers then multiplies its projected $3,862 in average monthly net income by 60 months to derive a 5-year estimated income of $231,720 [$3,862 × 60 = $231,720]. From this figure, Bowers subtracts $41,346 that it attributes to the anticipated plugging of seven (7) of the 10 wells during the 5-year refund period. According to Bowers, this leaves it with an estimated net profit from the subject leases (over the next five years) of just $190,374 [$231,720 – $41,346 = $190,374]. From this, Bowers concludes that $69,329 will remain as an unrecovered balance after the five years have elapsed [$259,703 – $190,374 = ($69,329)].

Bowers also bases its request for relief from its Kansas ad valorem tax refund obligation on a March 17, 1992 take-or-pay settlement with Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), wherein (according to Bowers) it negotiated a mutual release with Williams, from all claims regarding its contracts with Williams, for all periods prior to 1992, including any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission claims arising out of, or in conjunction with, or relating to its contracts with Williams. In view of this, Bowers contends that granting the requested adjustment relief is warranted because the Kansas ad valorem tax refund is a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission claim.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the
