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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 801 of the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 requires the President to submit a National Energy Policy Plan to Congress. The President plans to submit a National Energy Policy Plan to Congress in 1998. Section 801 also states that the President shall "seek the active participation by regional, State, and local agencies and instrumentalities and the private sector through public hearings in cities and rural communities and other appropriate means to insure that the views and proposals of all segments of the economy are taken into account in the formulation and review of such proposed Plan."

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive National Energy Strategy follows this notice.

The hearings are expected to elicit public input on any aspect of the framework, including suggestions for additional detail to accompany the strategies. The five basic goals in the proposed CNES are:

- Goal I. Improve the efficiency of the energy system—making more productive use of energy resources to enhance overall economic performance while protecting the environment and advancing national security.
- Goal II. Ensure against energy disruptions—protecting our economy from external threat of interrupted supplies or infrastructure failure.
- Goal III. Promote energy production and use in ways that reflect human health and environmental values—improving our health and local, regional, and global environmental quality.
- Goal IV. Expand future energy choices—pursuing continued progress in science and technology to provide future generations with a robust portfolio of clean and inexpensive energy sources.
- Goal V. Cooperate internationally on global issues—developing the means to address global economic, security, and environmental concerns.

Participants wishing to speak at the hearings must register on-site. The speaker registry will open one-half hour before each hearing. Although it is not necessary to confirm your attendance in advance, you may notify the Department of your intention to participate by fax or by mail at the address printed above.

Issued in Washington D.C. on February 9, 1998.

Robert W. Gee,

Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 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: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation

DATES: Wednesday, March 4, 1998, 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ramada Inn, 420 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marianne Heiskell, Ex-Officio Officer, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-0314.

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

A business meeting will be conducted with no technical presentation provided.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Marianne Heiskell at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days 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 public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments near the beginning of the meeting.

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 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Marianne Heiskell, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-0314.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 11, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1677-000]

Arizona Public Service Company, Notice of Filing

February 11, 1998.

Take notice that on February 2, 1998, Arizona Public Service Company (APS), tendered for filing revised Service Agreements providing Network Integration Transmission Service under APS' Open Access Transmission Tariff to the Arizona Public Service Company—Merchant Group and Ajo Improvement Company.

A copy of this filing has been served on APS' Merchant Group, AJO Improvement Company and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18

CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 24, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1678-000]

Black Hills Corporation; Notice of Filing

February 11, 1998.

Take notice that on February 2, 1998, Black Hills Corporation, which operates its electric utility business under the assumed name of Black Hills Power and Light Company (Black Hills), tendered for filing an executed Form Service Agreement with Colorado Springs utilities.

Copies of the filing were provided to the regulatory commission of each of the states of Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Black Hills has requested that further notice requirement be waived and the tariff and executed service agreements be allowed to become effective January 12, 1998.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 24, 1998. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1675-000]

Cinergy Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 11, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a service agreement under Cinergy's Power Sales Standard Tariff entered into between Cincergy and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican).

Cincergy and MidAmerican are requesting an effective date of one day after the filing of this Power Sales Service Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 24, 1998. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-2-000]

CLX Energy, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

February 12, 1998.

Take notice that on February 9, 1998, CLX Energy, Inc. (CLX), successor in interest to Calvin Exploration, Inc. (Calvin), filed a petition for adjustment

under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting to be relieved of its obligation to refund to Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) the Kansas ad valorem tax refunds owed by CLX's royalty interest, overriding royalty interest, and other working interest owners, otherwise 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 CLX also requests Commission authorization to amortize its own refund obligation over a 5-year period. CLX's 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 Appeals³ 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.

CLX states that it became successor in interest to Calvin as a result of a March, 1993 merger with Calvin. CLX further states that Panhandle made a total of \$57,731.80 in Kansas ad valorem tax distributions to Calvin, of which \$12,956.03 was distributed to Calvin and \$38,868.10 to the other working interest owners. Royalty owners received \$5,503.83, and overriding royalty owners received \$403.84.

CLX states that it notified the various interest owners of their respective refund obligations, but doubts that anyone will pay the specified amount by the March 9, 1998 deadline for making refunds. CLX also asserts that it is not in a financial position to pursue litigation against the other interest owners, and that paying the entire refund (which is approaching \$200,000) would be financially devastating to CLX.

CLX's petition includes a copy of Securities and Exchange Commission Form 10-Q for the quarter ending December 31, 1997. CLX argues that it would not be fair, equitable, or reasonable to require CLX to pay the entire refund amount when it only received the benefit of a small portion

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 3142(c) (1982)

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 94-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).