

commenced on both boundaries to the STM site under Right-of-Way easements from other parties.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on February 13, 1998.

**Frank M. Stewart,**

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## 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 (Pub. L. No. 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 10, 1998, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM.

**ADDRESSES:** ANA Hotel, Ballroom I, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 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

*Tuesday, March 10, 1998*

8:30–8:45 AM Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman

8:45–10:15 AM Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper on Technical Issues in Transmission System Reliability—Facilitated by Philip Sharp

10:15–10:30 AM Break

10:30–11:45 AM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on the Role and Shape of the Independent System Operator—Facilitated by Philip Sharp

11:45–12:45 PM Lunch

12:45–1:45 PM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on Ancillary Services and Bulk-Power Reliability—Facilitated by Wm. Newman

1:45–2:45 PM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on Incentives for Transmission Enhancement—Facilitated by Susan Tierney

2:45–3:30 PM Working Session: Guest Presentation & Discussion of State and Regional Reliability Issues—Philip Carver, Oregon Office of Energy and Facilitated by Roger Hamilton

3:30–4:00 PM Public Comment Period

4:00 PM 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 Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 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, D.C., between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the

Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on February 20, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1170-000]

#### CLECO Energy, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 19, 1998.

CLECO Energy, L.L.C. (CLECO Energy) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, CLECO Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by CLECO Energy. On February 17, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's February 17, 1998 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (F):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by CLECO Energy 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 385.214.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, CLECO Energy is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CLECO Energy, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.