

reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**Nancy I. Chu,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Applications of the CME for Designation as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the Russian Ruble

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) applied for designation as a contract market in futures and options on the Russian ruble. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME Russian ruble futures and options.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Michael Penick of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC

20581, telephone (202) 418-5279. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mpenick@cftc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commissions, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 18, 1998.

**John R. Mielke,**

*Acting Director.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 63 F.R. 8167.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 1998.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to March 5, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Golden Field Office; Notice of Time Variance

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of time variance.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy's Golden Field Office is reducing the standard 14 day review and comment period for Notice Of Scoping and Review of Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment in connection with the proposed granting of a Right-Of-Way Easement to the Public Service Company of Colorado. In accordance with 10 CFR 1021.343(b) Reduction of Time Periods, DOE is reducing the time period for review and comment from 14 days to 7 days.

**DATES:** Comments to the notice of Scoping and Predecisional Draft will be due to DOE 7 days after the date of issuance.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Deborah A. Turner, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden CO, 80401, Phone (303) 275-4746, Fax (303) 275-4788.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE NEPA REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT:** Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, Phone (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756, Fax (202) 586-7031.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Service Company of Colorado has conducted extensive public and state agency outreach and coordination regarding the installation of a 26 mile high pressure natural gas line in the state of Colorado. The outreach and coordination activities have been ongoing since August 1996 and all other Federal, State, and local approvals have been obtained. A 0.25 mile portion of this pipeline is proposed to cross the South Table Mountain (STM) Site located in Golden, Colorado. The Golden Field Office is preparing an Environmental Assessment in relation to the potential granting of the Right-of-Way Easement that will allow the 0.25 mile portion of pipeline to be installed across our STM site. Construction and installation of the pipeline has already