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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel.

DATES: Thursday, May 14, 1998; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, May 15, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Rd., Bldg. 54, Perseverance Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Diebold; Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; ER-22, GTN; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290; Telephone: (301) 903-4115

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, May 14, 1998 and Friday, May 15, 1998

Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Programs
 Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program
 Discussion of HEP University Programs
 Reports on and Discussion of HEP Program at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
 Reports on and Discussion of the Use of Computer Networks in High Energy Physics
 Reports on and Discussion of U.S. LHC Activities
 Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics
 Public Comment (10 minute rule)

Public Participation

The two-day meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Panel is empowered to conduct the meeting in a

fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Executive Secretary at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Minutes

Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-41-001]

Hummon Corporation; Notice of Amendment to Petition for Adjustment and Request for Extension of Time

March 31, 1998.

Take notice that, on March 13, 1998, Hummon Corporation (Hummon) filed a supplement, in Docket No. SA98-41-001, amending its March 9, 1998 petition (in Docket No. SA98-41-000) for an adjustment of the Commission's refund procedures with respect to the Kansas ad valorem tax refunds claimed by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), in Panhandle's Statement of Refunds Due, filed in Docket No. RP98-40-000. The March 9 petition was filed on behalf of Hummon and the working interest owners (First Sellers) for whom Hummon operated. Hummon's March 13 amendment deletes Alan Sturm from the list of First Sellers¹ and updates the amount reported to be in dispute with Panhandle. Hummon's March 9 petition and March 13 amendment to the March 9 petition are on file with the

¹ The original list of First Sellers included—George C. Berryman, Donald M. Brod, Phyllis E. Brod Trust, Robert A. Clark, Floyd D. Crockett, Roy B. Henderson, George C. Hill, Byron E. Hummon, Jr., John L. Kiser, Willard J. Kiser, William Mowery Trust, Anne B. Porter Berryman, Alan Sturm and Arthur Vara, Jr.

Commission and open to public inspection.

Hummon's March 9 petition was filed in response to the Commission's September 10, 1997, order in Docket No. RP97-369-000 *et al.*,² on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals,³ which directed first sellers to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. In that petition, Hummon requested:

(1) A 90-day extension for making refunds, so First Sellers and Panhandle could resolve disputes over refund liability, or submit the unresolved disputes to the Commission for resolution;

(2) A 1-year deferral of payment on principal and interest attributable to royalties;

(3) That First Sellers be allowed to escrow—(a) disputed amounts, (b) principal and interest attributable to royalty refunds which have not been collected from royalty owners; (c) principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983; and (d) interest on all other principal amounts claimed to be due by Panhandle; and

(4) That the Commission determine that Hummon is not a working interest owner or first seller of any of the production with respect to which the tax reimbursements were made and, therefore, that Hummon has no refund liability to Panhandle.

The March 9 petition stated that Panhandle's refund claim was for \$11,440.19, and that this covered 100 percent of the Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements, including interest through March 9, 1998. Hummon's March 13 amendment states that First Seller's proportionate share of the refund amount claimed by Panhandle in its Statement of Refunds Due is \$6,472.57, of which \$19.91 has been paid to Panhandle and \$6,452.66 has been placed into escrow.

Any person desiring to answer Hummon's March 13 amendment should file such answer with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, on or before 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and

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. Cir. 1996), cert. denied, 65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754 (May 12, 1997) (Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230).