

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, November 19, 1998, 9:00 AM.

**PLACE:** Four Seasons Hotel 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Margie D. Biggerstaff, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-5), Washington, DC 20585.

*Purpose of the Council:* To provide advice, information, recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues.

*Tentative Agenda*

- Call to order and opening remarks by Dr. E. Linn Draper, Chairman of the National Coal Council.
- Remarks by the Honorable Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy (invited).
- Briefing by Mary Hutzler, Assistant Administrator for Energy Information Administration, on recent EIA Study on Impacts of Kyoto Protocol on the US.
- Report by Dr. Robert Nickell on the Coal Study Work Group.
- Administrative reports.
- Presentation by Dr. Randolph Williams, Environmental Synergy, Inc., on Biodiversity and Carbon Sequestration.
- Report by Steve Jenkins, TECO Energy, on the Fourth Conference of the Parties in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Other business.
- Public comment—10-minute rule.
- Adjournment.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Council is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Margie D. Biggerstaff at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

*Transcripts:* 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 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 20, 1998.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Advisory, Management Advisory Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Energy Information Administration**

**American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics**

**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 hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name:* American Statistical Association's Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee

*Date and Time:* Thursday, November 19, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.; Friday, November 20, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

*Place:* U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20585

*For Further Information Contact:* Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 426-1101.

*Purpose of Committee:* To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's expertise concerning other energy-related statistical matters.

*Tentative Agenda*

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- A. Opening Remarks by the Chairman
- B. Major Topics

1. Handling High-Profile EIA Reports
2. Update on Greenhouse Gas Environmental Impact Studies
3. Electricity Restructuring
4. Panel Discussion on Data Topics in the 21st Century
5. The National Energy Information Center

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6. A New Natural Gas Imports Model for the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System
7. Procedures to Accelerate and Improve Short-Term Natural Gas Estimates
8. Alternatives to Reducing the Cost of the Residential Energy Consumption Survey
9. Public Comment

C. Closing Remarks by the Chairman

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William I.

Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Research**

**Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-02; Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) of the Office of Energy Research (OER), U.S. Department of Energy hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty investigators who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical plasma physics research and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of the individual research programs of exceptionally talented scientists and engineers early in their careers.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in FY 1999, formal applications in response to this notice should be received on or before February 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 99-02 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99-02. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U. S. Postal Service Express, and commercial mail delivery service or when hand carried by the applicant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ronald McKnight, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, Science Division, ER-55, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown,