

desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicants(s) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Public Meetings on Drinking Water Issues

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public meeting on March 10-12, 1999, at the Hyatt Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, for the purpose of information exchange with stakeholders on issues related to the Information Collection Rule (ICR) data organization and analysis and treatment and analytical methods research and development for microbial pathogens and disinfection byproducts (DBPs). The meeting will start at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, March 10 and will adjourn on Friday, March 12 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will provide: (1) a framework for ICR data analysis; (2) an overview and schedule of ongoing and future research in support of the Stage 2 microbial pathogen and disinfection byproduct rules; and (3) an open forum to discuss balancing the risk from DBPs and microbial pathogens.

In addition, over the next twelve months, EPA plans to hold other meetings on technical issues related to

the development of the Stage 2 microbial pathogens and disinfection byproduct rules. Members of the public who are interested in attending these meetings should contact Eddie Scher, RESOLVE, via e-mail at escher@resolv.org, or via fax at 202-338-1264, to be included on the mailing list and to be informed of these meetings.

EPA invites all interested members of the public to participate in the March 10-12 meeting and future meetings to share information related to the Stage 2 microbial pathogens and disinfection byproduct rules. As with all previous meetings in this series, to the extent that is available, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow any member of the public to attend any of the meetings for any length of time. Approximately 50 seats will be available for the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Crystal Rodgers of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-0676 or by e-mail at rodgers.crystal@epamail.epa.gov.

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Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at the Madison Hotel, 15th & M Streets, NW, Washington, DC and Thursday, March 4, 1999 in the Science Advisory Board Conference Room (Room M3709), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The hotel telephone number is (202) 862-1600. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 5:00 pm on both days.

Charge to the Committee

The Science Advisory Board (SAB) has been asked to review and comment on the FY2000 Presidential Budget proposed for EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and the overall Science and Technology (S&T) budget proposed for the EPA. The RSAC will consider how well the budget request: