

(3) The number of exemplar items produced by the method.

In Part Two of the study each prospective respondent will be sent a selection of items from the 1990 Science NAEP Physical Science item pool. All of the items have been "released" for public review. Respondents will be asked to rank order the items according to the perceived level of difficulty. The ranking task will involve four overlapping sets of 8–9 items per set. Each item will be displayed on a separate card. Item sets will include obtained and bogus clusters. Participants will be asked if the items appear to cluster together, and if so, what are the common tasks or content areas that form the basis of the cluster. They will be asked to determine if the clusters reflect Basic, Proficient, or Advanced performance, based on the NAGB policy definitions of achievement levels. Finally, participants will be asked the following question:

If you were told that American students can do item N, what would you assume this meant? Specifically, what percent of students would need to be able to answer correctly in order for you to agree that students can do the item? (40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, (90%, 100%).

The results of Part One will then be evaluated according to the degree to which they agree with the informed judgments about item difficulty.

The response rate for the survey used in Part Two is expected to be 80% or higher. Only persons who served as panelists for pilot studies, achievement levels-setting meetings, and validation research for the 1998 Science NAEP will be invited to participate. These individuals have shown keen interest in NAEP by their participation in the ALS process. The mailing list for these individuals is being updated, and those who can be contacted will be asked in advance if they will agree to participate in the survey. Only persons who consent will receive the survey and accompanying materials. Follow-up procedures will include mailing reminder postcards, making telephone calls, and sending replacement materials.

No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

**Burden Statement:** The estimated total respondent burden is 228 hours, and the average burden per respondent is 1.5 hours. This is a one-time survey. Neither small business nor other small entities are included in the survey.

## II. Request for Comments

NAGB solicits comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is an appropriate method to determine the "message" portrayed by the items regarding student performance on NAEP reported to the public.

(ii) Enhance the accuracy, quality, and utility of the information to be collected.

(iii) Evaluate whether the design of this survey maximizes the response rate, i.e. the number of selected persons who will respond.

Records are kept of all public comments and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia)

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Kirtland Area Office (Sandia). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, May 19, 1999: 5:30 p.m.–9 p.m. (MST).

**ADDRESSES:** North Valley Center, 3825 4th, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, (505) 761-4025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, (505) 845-4094.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m.

*DOE Quarterly Report*

6 p.m.

- Call to Order/Roll—Diane Terry, Acting Chair

- Public Comments (10 minutes)
- Opening Comments from Acting Chair (Including brief overview of retreat, any update information and incorporation deadline)
- Facilitated Check-in
- Review Agenda
- Approve Minutes from Last Meeting
- Committee Reports

#### New Business

Vote on Tobi for Monthly Meeting Facilitator 7 p.m.

- Process Work lead by Tobi
  1. Including information on important issues that need to be discussed, as identified by the CAB at Retreat
  2. Consensus Building Process
  3. Ground Rules
  4. Vision Statement

#### Break (15 Minutes)

8:15–8:55 p.m.

- Group Discussion:
  1. Leadership Criteria
  2. Process for Electing New Officers

#### Public Comments (5 Minutes)

9 p.m.  
Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting Wednesday, May 19, 1999.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mike Zamorski's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mike Zamorski, Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, PO Box 5400, MS-0184, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845-4094.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 4, 1999.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-240-001]

#### Dynegy Midstream Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Tariff Compliance Filing

May 4, 1999.

Take notice that on April 28, 1999, Dynegy Midstream Pipeline, Inc. (DMP), 1000 Louisiana, Suite 5800, Houston, TX 77002, submitted for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets:

First Revised Sheet No. 31

First Revised Sheet No. 199

DMP states that it is submitting these sheets in compliance with the March 31, 1999 Letter Order in the above-referenced proceeding approving a non-conforming service agreement with Kansas Gas Service Company. DMP states that the March 31 Order required DMP to reflect the non-conforming service agreement with Kansas Gas Service in its tariff. DMP requests waiver of the 30-day notice requirement so that these sheets may be made effective May 1, 1999.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-369-000]

#### East Tennessee Natural Gas Company, Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 4, 1999.

Take notice that on April 29, 1999, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee), Post Office Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP99-369-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon by sale to the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), a municipality engaged in the local distribution of natural gas to the public, its Knoxville Lateral located in Knox County, Tennessee for a purchase price of \$44,500. East Tennessee makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-412-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission. The filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

East Tennessee states that the Knoxville Lateral was constructed in order to facilitate the transportation and sale of natural gas in interstate commerce, and that KUB is the only customer served by the Knoxville Lateral. Specifically, East Tennessee proposes to abandon approximately 5.5 miles of 12-inch diameter gas pipeline and related appurtenances that extends from East Tennessee's Mile Post 3116A-101+0.0 to Mile Post 3116-101+5.54 (Side Valve 3116A-101 to Side Valve 3116A-1401). East Tennessee states that the metering facility associated with this lateral, Meter No. 75-9005, will continue to be owned by East Tennessee.

East Tennessee avers that no environmental effects will result from this proposed abandonment and sale, since ownership of the existing facilities will simply be transferred to KUB. No facilities will be constructed or removed, and it is indicated that KUB intends to operate the pipeline as part of its integrated local distribution system.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to Section

157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-286-000]

#### Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc., Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 4, 1999.

Take notice that on April 28, 1999, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing with the Commission the revised tariff sheets listed below in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for effectiveness on May 1, 1999:

First Revised Sheet No. 10  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 24  
Second Revised Sheet No. 141  
Second Revised Sheet No. 142  
Third Revised Sheet No. 144  
First Revised Sheet No. 145  
First Revised Sheet No. 146  
First Revised Sheet No. 147  
First Revised Sheet No. 148  
First Revised Sheet No. 149  
First Revised Sheet No. 150  
First Revised Sheet No. 441

According to Granite State, the primary purpose of its tariff filing is to revise the methodology in its Rate Schedule LMS (Load Management Service) for settling cash-outs with its transportation customers or imbalances between nominations for service and actual deliveries of gas. Granite State further states that, since it commenced restructured operations on November 1, 1993, in compliance with Order Nos. 636, *et seq.*, as an Operational Balancing Agreement (OBA) holder with Tennessee Gas Pipeline (Tennessee) it subscribed to Tennessee's Load Management Service to manage over and under daily and monthly transportation service deliveries from Tennessee for ultimate transportation and delivery to customers on Granite