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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Teleconference Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open teleconference meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss the interim findings and recommendations of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force.

Note: Copies of the interim findings and recommendations of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force may be obtained from the following Internet address <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab/> or by contacting the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092.

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force.

DATES: Monday, January 10, 2000, 4 pm–5:30 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: Participants may call the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 to reserve a teleconference line and receive a call-in number. Public participation is welcomed. However, the number of teleconference lines is limited and are available on a first come basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF

Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) The engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, January 10, 2000

4:00 pm–4:10 pm Welcome & Opening Remarks—Dr. John McTague, NIF Task Force Chairman

4:10 pm–4:30 pm Overview of the National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force's Interim Findings and Recommendations—Dr. John McTague, NIF Task Force Chairman

4:30 pm–5:00 pm Public Comment Period

5:00 pm–5:30 pm NIF Task Force Review & Comment and Action—Dr. John McTague, NIF Task Force Chairman

5:30 pm Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its open teleconference meeting, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes: A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the open teleconference

meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Implementation of Regional Fish and Wildlife Policy

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's scoping meeting for its Implementation of Regional Fish and Wildlife Policy Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). BPA has established a scoping period during which all interested and affected persons and agencies are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to the development and implementation of a regional fish and wildlife policy is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the implementation of such a policy.

DATES: Please send written comments to the address below no later than Tuesday, February 29, 2000. Comments may also be made at an EIS scoping meeting to be held at the Governor Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 611 SW 10th, Portland, Oregon, on Thursday, February 3, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the informal meeting, a brief overview of the EIS and presentation of background information will be followed by an open house during which attendees may discuss the EIS with BPA's EIS team. Written information will also be available, and BPA staff will answer questions and accept oral and written comments. The scoping meeting will be held in

conjunction with several other meetings related to fish and wildlife recovery efforts in the Pacific Northwest.

BPA invites comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS. Send comment letters and requests to be placed on the project mailing list to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC-7, PO Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. The phone number of the Communications office is 503-230-3478 in Portland; toll-free 1-800-622-4519 outside of Portland. Comments may also be sent to the BPA Internet address: comment@bpa.gov. Please be sure to note that your comments are on the Implementation of Regional Fish and Wildlife Policy EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Charles C. Alton—KEC-4, Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-5878, fax number 503-230-5699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout the Pacific Northwest region there are several ongoing processes to develop plans and programs for the management, recovery, and mitigation of the Columbia River Basin's fish and wildlife resources. These plans and programs will help to shape a regional fish and wildlife policy direction that will guide BPA's mitigation and recovery efforts, including its funding, for the next decade or more. BPA expects to shift its fish and wildlife spending accordingly.

BPA currently funds over 70 percent of the fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery efforts on behalf of the Federal Columbia River Power System. Consequently, BPA has a responsibility to understand the impacts of those efforts and to ensure it can fund them efficiently. Therefore, BPA is preparing an EIS that examines the impacts that may arise from implementing one of the fish and wildlife policy directions reflected in the alternatives being considered in the ongoing regional processes. A Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1999 (64 FR 56488).

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on December 22, 1999.

J.A. Johansen,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC00-1-000, et al.]

Energy East Corporation and CMP Group, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 29, 1999.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Energy East Corporation and CMP Group, Inc.

[Docket No. EC00-1-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1999, Energy East Corporation (Energy East) and CMP Group, Inc. (CMP Group), tendered for filing a letter with the Commission to update the Commission on matters that had occurred since their joint application of authorization and approval of their proposed merger was filed on October 1, 1999.

Comment date: January 20, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, L.L.C.

[Docket Nos. EG99-15-001 and EG00-59-000]

Take notice that on December 21, 1999, Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, L.L.C. (Commonwealth Chesapeake), tendered for filing an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status, pursuant to Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 as amended (PUHCA), 15 U.S.C. 79z-5a(a)(1) (1994) and Section 365.8 of the Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR 365.8.

Commonwealth Chesapeake is a Virginia limited liability company that is constructing and will own and operate a 312 megawatt, oil-fired electric generating peaking facility to be located in Accomack County, Virginia. Commonwealth Chesapeake states that it will be engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates, as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of PUHCA, and exclusively in the business of owning and/or operating an eligible facility and selling electric energy at wholesale.

Comment date: January 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. Commonwealth Edison Company; Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana

[Docket No. ER99-3886-001]

Take notice that on December 21, 1999, Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana tendered for filing in compliance with the Commission's September 29, 1999 Order Accepting for Filing, as Modified, Revisions to Open Access Tariff, 88 FERC ¶ 61,296.

Comment date: January 10, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. ISO New England Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-749-000]

Take notice that on December 22, 1999, ISO New England Inc. (the ISO), tendered for filing a correction to its filing of December 8, 1999 in the referenced docket.

Copies of said filing have been served upon all participants in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) and all non-Participant entities that are customers under the NEPOOL Open Access Transmission Tariff, as well as, on the governors and utility regulatory agencies of the six New England States.

Comment date: January 11, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER00-889-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1999, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), tendered for filing a Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement with Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) and a Notice of Cancellation of a predecessor Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement with ODEC.

PJM requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement and an effective date of December 1, 1999 for the new Network Integration Service Agreement and the cancellation of the prior agreement.

Copies of this filing were served upon ODEC and the state commissions within the PJM control area.

Comment date: January 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER00-890-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1999, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), tendered for filing 18 signature pages of parties to the Reliability Assurance Agreement among Load Serving Entities in the PJM Control Area (RAA), four of which are replacement pages for entities