

After the payment of fiscal year 2000 funds against outstanding approved claims through fiscal year 1999, there will be remaining unpaid outstanding approved claims. Thus any approved claim amounts for fiscal year 2000 will be added to the outstanding balances and eligible for prorated payment in fiscal year 2001 based on the availability of funds from Congressional appropriations.

Title X establishes additional requirements for the reimbursement of any costs incurred after December 31, 2002. For any such costs to be eligible for reimbursement, a licensee must submit a plan for subsequent remedial action during calendar years 2000 or 2001, and a plan must be approved by the Department no later than the end of calendar year 2002. Because of the advance planning that is part of the Federal budget process, licensees are encouraged to submit their plans for subsequent remedial action in 2000 to assure adequate time for review and approval.

DATES: The Department will process payments of approximately \$30 million against outstanding approved claims through fiscal year 1999 by April 28, 2000. The closing date for the submission of claims in fiscal year 2000 is May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, H and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. James B. Coffey. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Messrs. James Coffey (505-845-4026) or Gil Maldonado (505-845-4035), U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994 (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. Title X requires the Department of Energy to reimburse

eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a state pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by the Department of Energy in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Submission and Approval of Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action

This notice also provides a reminder of the requirements for eligibility for reimbursement of costs incurred after December 31, 2002. Section 1001. (b)(1)(B)(ii) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 directs the Secretary of Energy to place into escrow funds for the reimbursement of costs incurred after December 31, 2002, in accordance with a plan for subsequent decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action approved by the Secretary. Funds are to be placed into escrow no later than December 31, 2002. 10 CFR 765.30 and 765.31 (59 FR 26730-26731) presents the Department's

requirements and procedures for the submission and approval of plans for subsequent remedial action. Plans for subsequent remedial action may be submitted any time after January 1, 2000, but no later than December 31, 2001. Plans must be approved prior to December 31, 2002, to be eligible for reimbursement. Fiscal year 2003, beginning October 1, 2002, will be the last budget year in which funds can be placed into escrow for the reimbursement of subsequent remedial action. Because the Federal budget cycle is nearly three years from the beginning of formulation to end of execution, the Department will have to develop final

estimates of the total escrow requirement no later than early calendar year 2001. Therefore, the licensees are encouraged to submit their plans for subsequent remedial action to allow sufficient time for review and approval prior to the formulation of the future years' budget requests.

Authority: Section 1001-1004 of Pub. L. 102-46, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

Issued in Washington, DC on this 7th day of January, 2000.

David E. Mathes,

Leader, Small Sites Closure Office, Albuquerque/Nevada Team, Office of Site Closure.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

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) Oak Ridge. 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, February 2, 2000: 6:00-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Roane State Community College, 276 Patton Lane, Student Lounge, Harriman, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Davis, Federal Coordinator/Ex-Officio Officer, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, (423) 576-0418.

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

1. "Watts Bar Fish Consumption Advisory," presented a representative from the Tennessee Department of Conservation, Water and Pollution Control Division.

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 Carol Davis 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 Deputy 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 at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Carol Davis, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling her at (423) 576-0418.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 10, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP00-61-000, CP00-62-000, and CP00-63-000]

Central New York Oil and Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Applications

January 7, 2000.

Take notice that on December 30, 1999, Central New York Oil and Gas Company, LLC, (CNYOG) One Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Suite 1510, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-7101, filed an application in Docket No. CP00-63-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the optional certificate procedures of Part 157(E) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of natural gas underground storage facilities. On that same date, CNYOG also filed in Docket No. CP00-61-000 for a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing CNYOG to render

firm and interruptible storage services on an open access basis pursuant to Part 284(G) of the Commission's regulations at market based rates. CNYOG also filed in Docket No. CP00-62-000 for a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing certain facility construction, operation and abandonment under Part 157(F) of the Commission's regulations. The requested authorizations are more fully set forth in the applications which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. These applications may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

CNYOG proposes to develop a high-performance natural gas storage project (Stagecoach Storage Project) with a maximum working gas capacity of approximately 13.6 Bcf at the Stagecoach Gas Field, an existing natural gas producing field located in Tioga County, New York and Bradford County, Pennsylvania. CNYOG states that the Stagecoach Storage Project will initially be interconnected with the pipeline facilities of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and has the potential to be interconnected with at least three other interstate pipelines and a local distribution company located nearby.

CNYOG states that the Stagecoach Storage Project will have an initial working gas capacity of 11.94 Bcf at a reservoir pressure of 2,850 psi, and approximately 13.6 Bcf at a reservoir pressure of 3,250 psi (all assuming a minimum operating pressure of 600 psi). The Stagecoach Storage Project will be capable of supporting withdrawals of up to 500 Mmcf/d and injections of up to 250 Mmcf/d. CNYOG claims the anticipated performance of the Stagecoach Storage Project will far exceed that typical of depleted reservoir facilities located in the Northeast market area. CNYOG further states that the Stagecoach Storage Project will be ideally suited for meeting the rapidly changing demands of the electric generation market that is driving much of the growth in natural gas demand in the Northeast.

CNYOG is seeking authority to charge market-based rates for the storage services it proposes to provide from the Stagecoach Storage Project.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Jay C. Jimerson, Central New York Oil and Gas Company, LLC; One Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Suite 1510, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-7101. Telephone: (405) 235-0993; Fax: (405) 235-0992; Email: jimerson@ionet.net.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 28, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this