

on the day of the meeting. Public participation is welcomed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the policy priorities established by the Department of Energy to pursue nonproliferation and nuclear safety programs in the Former Soviet Union. Special emphasis will be placed on program areas that may not have been addressed in the past. The Task Force will focus on assessing the performance of DOE's programs in achieving national security and nonproliferation missions, as well as providing policy recommendations on how the Department can be most effective in supporting U.S. national security interests. The Task Force will investigate, but will not be limited to, the following programs: (1) Initiatives for Nonproliferation, (2) Nuclear Cities Initiative, (3) Material Protection Control and Accounting Program, (4) Second Line of Defense Program, (5) Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Purchase Agreement, (6) Plutonium Disposition Program, and (7) International Nuclear Safety Program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, March 13, 2000

9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Introductions & Objectives
 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.—Overview of DOE programs with Russia and the Former Soviet Union
 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—Break
 10:30 p.m.–11:00 a.m.—Overview of DOE's Office of Nuclear Nonproliferation (NN) Programs
 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.—Briefings on Specific Issues—Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention, Nuclear Cities Initiative, Second Line of Defense
 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.—Lunch Break
 1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.—Briefings on Specific Issues—Material Protection Control and Accounting, Plutonium Disposition
 2:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.—Briefings on Specific Issues—HEU Purchase Agreement, International Nuclear Safety

3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.—Public Comment Period

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 Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union 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 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, U.S. 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 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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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Central Maine Power Company; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

February 29, 2000.

Take notice that on February 28, 2000, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL00-44-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL00-44-000 will be 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-15-002]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

February 29, 2000.

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of February 1, 2000:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 350A

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to respond to the concerns of certain parties by clarifying the transportation cost tracking mechanism of CNG's tariff consistent with the "Stipulation and Agreement Amending Rate Case Settlement" filed October 5, 1999, approved by the Commission in this proceeding on December 21, 1999, 89 FERC ¶ 61,304.

CNG states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures are being served upon parties to the proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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