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**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

The agenda for the May 17 meeting has not been finalized. However, the meeting will include a series of detailed briefings and discussions on the cost estimates conducted in support of the NIF Rebaseline Plan. Members of the Public wishing to comment on issues before the NIF Laser System Task Force will have an opportunity to address the Task Force during the afternoon period for public comment. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

#### 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 periods. 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 meeting in Livermore, California, 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 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>. Issued at Washington, DC, on May 9, 2000.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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##### **Amoco Energy Trading Corporation, Amoco Production Company, and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company v. El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference**

May 8, 2000.

Pursuant to the Commission's order in *Amoco Energy Trading Corporation et al v. El Paso Natural Gas Company*, 89 FERC ¶ 61,165 (1999), Commission Staff held a Technical Conference on March 9, 2000, to discuss El Paso's February 9, 2000 proposal to change its current allocation methods and all issues related to the allocation of receipt and delivery points on El Paso's system.

At a subsequent technical conference, the participants reached consensus to attend an informal settlement conference. The participants also agreed that the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service (Director) attend the conference to facilitate the settlement negotiations. The parties also agreed that a party could provide to the Director, in advance of the informal settlement conference, a statement of the issues or business interests that they believed needed to be considered. Accordingly, the informal settlement conference will begin with a discussion regarding the settlement process,

followed by a discussion of the statements provided to the Director.

The informal settlement conference will be held on May 16, 2000, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 3M-2A/2B.

All interested parties in the above dockets are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions with respect to the conference, please call Richard Miles, the Director of the Dispute Resolution Service. His telephone number is 1-877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202-208-0702 and his e-mail address is [richard.miles@ferc.fed.us](mailto:richard.miles@ferc.fed.us).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-2117-000]

##### **ANP Bellingham Energy Company; Notice of Issuance of Order**

May 8, 2000.

ANP Bellingham Energy Company (ANP Bellingham) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which ANP Bellingham will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. ANP Bellingham also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, ANP Bellingham requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by ANP Bellingham.

On May 4, 2000, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by ANP Bellingham should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, ANP Bellingham is authorized to issue securities and