

proposed work in computer science and applied mathematics should be included with the other project costs on the Budget Page. However, applicants are also requested to list the proposed computer science and applied mathematics costs separately in an appendix, as the Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research may support this part of the work (up to 20–25% of the total project cost). The Office of High Energy and Nuclear Physics expects to fund three or four successful projects, depending on the size of the awards.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria listed in descending order of importance as codified in 10 CFR 605.10(d) (www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/605index.html):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project,
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach,
3. Competency of the applicant's personnel and adequacy of the proposed resources,
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation of applications under item 1, Scientific and Technical Merit, will pay particular attention to:

- (a) the potential of the proposed project to achieve a major advance in high energy and/or nuclear physics;
- (b) the potential of the proposed project to advance the state-of-the-art in computational modeling and simulation in areas pertinent to high energy and nuclear physics research;
- (c) the need for extraordinary computing resources to address problems of critical scientific importance to the high energy physics or nuclear physics program and the demonstrated abilities of the applicants to exploit terascale computers;
- (d) knowledge of and coupling to previous efforts in scientific simulation;
- (e) the extent to which the project incorporates broad community (industry/academia/other federal programs) interaction;
- (f) the extent to which the results of the project are likely to be extensible to other program or discipline areas; and
- (g) the importance of the proposed project to the mission of the Office of High Energy and Nuclear Physics and its impact on overall DOE goals.

The evaluation under item 2, Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach, will also consider the following elements related to appropriateness of the proposed

Scientific Computing Hardware Infrastructure to be used and of the quality of planning:

- (a) Viability of the plan with respect to the scale and nature of current and future Computing Hardware Infrastructure needed;
- (b) clarity of the plan in detailing areas of work to be addressed by discipline scientists, computational scientists, applied mathematicians, computer scientists and computer programmers;
- (c) quality of the plan for effective collaboration among participants;
- (d) quality of the plan for ensuring communication with other advanced computation and simulation efforts;
- (e) viability of the plan for deploying the software and for assuring long-term maintenance, support, and re-use of the scientific codes and software infrastructure developed;
- (f) viability of the plan for verifying and validating the models developed, including verification using experiment results; and
- (g) quality and clarity of the proposed work schedule and project deliverables.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and the agency's programmatic needs.

Note, that external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers may be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures may be found in the Application Guide for the Office of Science (SC) Financial Assistance Program and in 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to SC's Financial Assistance Guide and required forms is made available via the Internet using the following Web site address: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

In addition, for this notice, project descriptions must be 25 pages or less, including tables and figures, but excluding attachments. The application must also contain an abstract or project summary, letters of intent from all non-funded collaborators, and short curriculum vitae of all senior personnel. On the SC grant Face Page (DOE Form 4650.2), in block 15, also provide the Principal Investigator's phone number, FAX number, and E-mail address.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 101–6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period beginning in January 2001. The Committee will provide advice to the Director, Office of Science, on the basic energy sciences program.

The Secretary has determined that the renewal of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 99–91), and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

Further information regarding this advisory committee can be obtained from Rachel Samuel at (202) 586–3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald

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), Fernald. The Federal

Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, February 5, 2001 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Fernald Environmental Management Project Site, Services Building Conference Room, 7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, OH 45219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Yasutis, Phoenix Environmental, 6186 Old Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, at (703) 971-0030 or e-mail; lyasutis@theperspectivesgroup.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda:

6:00 p.m. Call to Order

6:00–6:15 p.m. Chair's Remarks and Announcements

6:15–8:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Rebaselining Scenarios

8:15–8:30 p.m. Public Comment

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Office, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 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 five minutes to present their comments.

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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, c/o Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS-76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253-8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel Renewal

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, App. 2, and section 101-6.1015(a)(1), title 41, Code of Federal Regulations and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel has been renewed for a two-year period, and joint ownership has been instituted for the Department of Energy and National Science Foundation (NSF) beginning in January 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel will provide advice to the Director of the Office of Science (DOE), and the Assistant Director, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Directorate (NSE), on long-range planning and priorities in the national high-energy physics program. The Secretary of Energy and Director of the National Science Foundation have determined that renewal of the Panel is essential to conduct business of the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. The Panel will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-691-000]

Duke Energy Hinds, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

Duke Energy Hinds, LLC (Duke Hinds) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Duke Hinds will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Duke Hinds also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Duke Hinds requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Duke Hinds.

On January 9, 2001, 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 Duke Hinds 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, Duke Hinds is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security or another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Duke Hinds's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 8, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://>