

the FB-Line facility, located within and atop the F-Canyon (Building 221-F). This decision will allow DOE to stabilize and package plutonium to the storage standard within the same time-frame, if not sooner, as would a modified Building 235-F. DOE will continue to use existing vault space in Building 235-F and Building 105-K (KAMS) for interim storage pending disposition, and existing vault space in FB-Line for interim storage during stabilization actions.

Americium/Curium Solution Stabilization

DOE is amending its December 1995 ROD for stabilizing americium and curium solution at the SRS. Instead of implementing the "Vitrification (F-Canyon)" alternative DOE will implement the "Processing and Storage for Vitrification in the Defense Waste Processing Facility" alternative analyzed in the IMNM EIS. For this alternative, DOE will transfer the solution, after chemical adjustments as necessary, to the HLW storage and treatment system. The americium and curium isotopes will be vitrified to a glass form with SRS HLW in the DWPF. DWPF canisters are being stored on-site in the Glass Waste Storage Building pending transfer to a geologic repository for permanent disposal. DOE estimates approximately ten additional DWPF canisters [approximately 6000 DWPF canisters are forecast to be produced at the SRS] will result from adding the americium/curium solution to the HLW inventory.

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Jessie Hill Roberson,

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos; Meeting

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), Los Alamos. 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: Wednesday, November 28, 2001, 1 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Cities of Gold Hotel, Conference Room, Pojoaque, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Manzanares, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: www.nnmcab.org.

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

1-4:30 p.m. Board Business

Amendments to Bylaws

Openness Plan

Recruitment/Membership

Reports from Committees

Report from Chair

Report from Staff

4:30-6 p.m. Dinner Break

6-8:30 p.m. Report from New Mexico

Environmental Department

Presentation on Recovery and

Rehabilitation from Cerro Grande

Fire

Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of the meeting.

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 Menice Manzanares at the address or telephone number listed above. 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 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 at the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday through

Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Menice Manzanares at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 29, 2001.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Revised Schedule Regarding Issues Arising Under Bonneville Power Administration's New Large Single Load Policy Review

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

ACTION: Notice of revised schedule for policy issue review and issuance of a record of decision.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in the schedule for the policy review of certain issues relating to BPA's existing policy on New Large Single Loads (NLSL). Three issues were identified in the initial **Federal Register** notice (published June 25, 2001) as follows: (1) BPA preference customer service to direct service industrial (DSI) load; (2) the transfer of "contracted for, committed to" (CFCT) load determinations between preference customers; and (3) whether BPA should close the class of CFCT load served by BPA customers.

DATES: NLSL ROD publication date on Issues 2 and 3: November or December 2001. Record of Decision on Issue 1: late FY 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Fitzsimmons, Account Executive, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208, telephone (503) 230-3685. Information can also be obtained from your BPA Customer Account Executive.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Issue 1. BPA received approximately 60 comments on all three issues. After a review of the comments, BPA determined that additional regional discussion would benefit the resolution of the first issue. BPA will invite participation in an appropriate public process for the purpose of addressing this issue in a broader context of issues than the NLSL policy review affords.

This extended review is expected to take place during fiscal year 2002 and may be informed by a more comprehensive process reviewing broader electric power issues. Upon conclusion of this process, BPA plans to issue a record of decision on the first issue, prior to the end of FY 2002, taking into consideration the public comment already received and any additional comment on the issue received during the extended review.

Issues 2 and 3. The treatment of any transfer of "contracted for, committed to" (CFCT) loads between public agency or cooperative preference customers; and the issue of whether BPA should close the class of CFCT load served by BPA customers will be addressed in a record of decision which BPA plans to publish during the next sixty days.

BPA is directed by section 3(13) of the Northwest Power Act to treat large retail loads at a consumer's facility, served by a public body, cooperative, investor-owned utility, or Federal agency customer, which load increases power requirements in excess of 10 average megawatts (aMW) in any consecutive 12-month period, as within the definition of New Large Single Loads. For purposes of BPA's sales of electric power to a utility or Federal agency customer, the designation of the load at a consumer's facility as a NLSL does not affect the amount or quality of electric service which BPA provides. BPA treats these loads as any other load in terms of its supply of power and quality of service obligations under its utility power sales contracts. Designation of a load as a NLSL, however, does affect the power rate of the electric power sold for service to that load. BPA may not sell electric power at the Priority Firm (PF) rate to utilities for service to NLSLs. Rather, electric power sold by BPA for utility service to NLSLs is sold at the New Resources (NR) rate, which historically has been a higher rate than the PF rate.

BPA's NLSL policy is a combination of contract and policy decisions recorded in several documents. A statement of those decisions has been consolidated into one document, and it is available on BPA's Web site: <http://www.bpa.gov/Power/subscription>.

While BPA received comments on certain aspects of Issue 1, one area that had not been addressed in the policy process was the transfer of non-DSI loads larger than 9.9 aMW to service from a preference customer. Commenters on Issue 1 expressed the desire to address the more general issue. That issue is whether BPA should change its NLSL policy to allow any large loads at a consumer's facility—

new and existing—larger than 9.9 aMW to transfer their load service to a public body, cooperative or federal agency customer in contract increments of only 9.9 aMW ["phase on"], and receive service at BPA's PF rate.

BPA will continue to apply its current policy during the extended review period. The policy states that in making any NLSL determinations BPA considers the entire load at a consumer's facility. If the total electric load associated with a single facility exceeds 9.9 aMW, then the entire electrically connected load is the single load which can be considered as being served by the utility. A utility has a general responsibility to provide service and only limited rights to deny service to consumers. If a consumer's facility has a total connected load exceeding 9.9 aMW and takes service from a utility, even if limited by contract, the load actually placed on the utility is the total connected electric load at the facility. The service would be declared a NLSL by BPA and served at the applicable NR rate if the total plant load that could be served was over 10 aMW.

A change in this policy could permit any large loads at a consumer's facility to separate out the entire load into contract increments of 9.9 aMW, regardless of the total load, and to place the 9.9 aMW per year increments of load on a preference customer at BPA's applicable PF rate. Some comments suggested a need for BPA to adopt this change in policy, others suggested imposition of a limit on the total amount of megawatts that could be transferred under contracts with a utility, and others argued for no change in policy. The extended review will afford an opportunity for parties to comment on the nature and impact of such a change, if any, in the context of future load service for these large loads.

Responsible Official: David Fitzsimmons, Account Executive, Power Business Line, is the official responsible for the review of these issues arising under BPA's NLSL policy.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on October 22, 2001.

Stephen J. Wright,

Acting Administrator, and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

DATES: November 20, 2001.

TIME: 8 A.M.

ADDRESS: Department of Energy, Room 6E-069, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas E. Kaempf, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-7766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased industrial products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions on the following:

- Full committee discussion of recommendations to the Secretaries of Energy and Agriculture and their designated Points of Contacts on the technical focus and direction of request for proposals issued under the Biomass Research and Development Initiative.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Douglas E. Kaempf at 202-586-7766 or Bioenergy@ee.doe.gov (e-mail) for information on DOE building access. You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements