

Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. **Note:** Due to mail delays, persons wishing to submit public comment on the draft reports are encouraged to fax or e-mail their comments.

Please advise Lisa Epifani, staff director for the Electricity Advisory Board, at least seven days before the meeting if special assistance is required to make the meeting accessible by persons with vision, hearing, or mobility disabilities. Ms. Epifani may be reached at (202) 586-5450 or (202) 586-6279 (fax). 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, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). 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: Thursday, November 7, 2002; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, November 8, 2002; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Crawford, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290; Telephone: 301-903-9458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and

guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Thursday, November 7, 2002, and Friday, November 8, 2002:

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Programs
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program
- Discussion of High Energy Physics University Programs
- Reports on and Discussion of U.S. Large Hadron Collider Activities
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics

- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Glen Crawford, 301-903-9458 or Glen.Crawford@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-235-1]

Office of Fossil Energy; Application To Rescind Presidential Permit; Joint Application for Presidential Permit Sempra Energy Resources and Termoelectrica U.S., LLC

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Sempra Energy Resources (SER) and Termoelectrica U.S., LLC (T-US) jointly applied to rescind Presidential Permit PP-235 held by SER and to issue a Presidential permit to T-US covering the same international transmission facilities. In addition, SER and T-US are requesting expedited consideration of their joint application.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, FE-27/Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038. Existing Presidential permits are not transferable or assignable. However, in the event of a proposed voluntary transfer of facilities, in accordance with the regulations at 10 CFR 205.323, the existing permit holder and the transferee are required to file a joint application with DOE that includes a statement of reasons for the transfer.

On August 29, 2002, SER and T-US jointly filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a transfer from SER to T-US of the facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-235. These facilities include the following facilities and all supporting structures within the right-of-way occupied by such facilities:

Two 230,000-volt electric transmission circuits installed on a single set of steel lattice towers and extending from San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Imperial Valley Substation approximately 6 miles south to the U.S. international border with Mexico.

At the border these transmission facilities connect to similar facilities owned by Termoelectrica de Mexicali (TDM) and continue south 3 miles to the 500-megawatt natural gas fired powerplant currently being developed by TDM west of the town of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico.

SER is a California corporation engaged in the development, ownership, and operation of non-regulated electric generating facilities and the wholesale sale of electric power. T-US, a Delaware limited liability corporation, will own and operate the U.S. portion of the transmission facility. Both SER and T-US are indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Semptra Energy, a California corporation. SER and T-US request the recession of PP-235, issued to SER on December 5, 2001, and the simultaneous issuance of a Presidential permit to T-US for the same facilities enabling the parties to effectuate an internal corporate reorganization that will result in T-US owning, operating, and maintaining the transmission facility as an exempt wholesale generator (EWG).

The proposed transfer of these facilities has no effect on the proceeding currently before FE in Docket EA-235. SER's application to export a maximum of 12 MW of electric energy to the TDM powerplant using these same transmission facilities. In the EA-235 proceeding, SER proposes to export electric energy for the purpose of providing "black start" capability to the TDM powerplant and for providing ancillary equipment power when the facility's electrical generating equipment is not in operation. These transmission facilities are not interconnected with the electrical distribution system of Mexico owned and operated by Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico.

Construction of the international transmission facilities that are the subject of this application was completed by SER earlier this year; however, the transmission line has not yet been energized. SER and T-US plan to energize the facility in October 2002 and, therefore, have requested expedited consideration of this joint application. Accordingly, DOE has shortened the public comment period to 15 days in order to allow completion of this proceeding within the applicants' time period.

Since restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over

international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888 (Promotion Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, on July 27, 1999, (64 FR 40586) DOE initiated a proceeding in which it noticed its intention to condition existing and future Presidential permits, appropriate for third party transmission, on compliance with a requirement to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission service. That proceeding is not yet complete. However, in this docket DOE specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of applying the open access requirement on facilities proposed to be transferred to T-US.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Alberto Abreu, Director, Permitting and Licensing, Semptra Energy Resources, 101 Ash Street, P.O. Box 1831, San Diego, CA 92112-4150.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the

application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation" from the options menu, and then "Pending Proceedings."

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Anthony J. Como,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Department of Energy's Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Department of Energy's annual report on its alternative fuel vehicle acquisitions for fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Executive Order 13149, this notice announces the availability of the 1999 and 2000 reports which summarize the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) compliance with the annual alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirement for its fleet. Additionally, the reports include data relative to the agency's effort in reducing petroleum consumption.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies, EE-2G, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shabnam Fardanesh on (202) 586-9171 or shabnam.fardanesh@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211-13219) as amended by the Energy Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-388, Section 310(b)(3)(b)) and Executive Order 13149 (April 2000) were intended to decrease the country's dependence on petroleum for transportation purposes. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires Federal fleets to acquire 75 percent of their new covered vehicles acquisitions as alternative fuel vehicles. In fiscal year 1999, DOE acquired 112 percent of its new covered vehicles as alternative fuel