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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE's existing Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program was mandated by section 1605(b) of Energy Policy Act of 1992. The current program operates under guidelines issued by the Department on October 19, 1994 (59 FR 52769). These guidelines give program participants considerable flexibility. As a consequence of this flexibility, the reports of greenhouse gas emissions or emissions reductions submitted to DOE are often not consistent, complete or verifiable.

On February 14, 2002, the President:

Directed the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to propose improvements of the current voluntary emissions reduction registration program under section 1605(b) of the 1992 Energy Policy Act within 120 days. These improvements will enhance measurement accuracy, reliability, and verifiability, working with and taking into account emerging domestic and international approaches.

Directed the Secretary of Energy to recommend reforms to ensure that businesses and individuals that register reductions are not penalized under a future climate policy and to give transferable credits to companies that can show real emissions reductions.

To achieve these objectives it will be necessary to supplement or supplant the existing guidelines with new, more rigorous reporting requirements.

On May 6, 2002, the Department of Energy solicited public comments on various issues relevant to its efforts to implement the President's directives.

After consideration of these public comments, the Secretaries of Energy, Commerce and Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency wrote the President on July 8, 2002, stating that improvements to the existing Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program should:

1. Develop fair, objective, and practical methods for reporting baselines, reporting boundaries, calculating real results, and awarding transferable credits for actions that lead to real reductions.

2. Standardize widely accepted, transparent accounting methods.

3. Support independent verification of registry reports.

4. Encourage reporters to report greenhouse gas intensity (emissions per unit of output) as well as emissions or emissions reductions.

5. Encourage corporate or entity-wide reporting.

6. Provide credits for actions to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as well as for actions to reduce emissions.

7. Develop a process for evaluating the extent to which past reductions may qualify for credits.

8. Assure the voluntary reporting program is an effective tool for reaching the 18 percent goal.

9. Factor in international strategies as well as State-level efforts.

10. Minimize transactions costs for reporters and administrative costs for the Government, where possible, without compromising the foregoing recommendations.

These workshops are intended to help us determine the specific improvements that should be made to the Department's guidelines by encouraging open dialogue among all of the utilities, businesses, institutions, environmental groups, individuals and other affected interests. Through these workshops, we hope to receive as much constructive input to this process as possible.

The Presidential directives that began our review of the existing program guidelines, and the objectives identified in the July 8 letter to the President, are the starting point of our current efforts. Most of the issues that need to be addressed and resolved as part of this process fall into two broad categories: Emission Reporting and Emission Reductions. In both areas, we will be endeavoring to develop more rigorous guidelines that will help encourage future reports that are reliable, objective and verifiable. Another key objective is that the guidelines should encourage full reporting by the broadest possible spectrum of utilities, businesses and institutions responsible for greenhouse gas emissions.

A full agenda and various other materials will be made available prior to the workshop at: <http://www.pi.energy.gov/enhancingGHGregistry/index.html>.

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Barton W. Marcois,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee. The 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, October 24, 2002, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, October 25, 2002, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

ADDRESSES: U. S. Department of Energy, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 287-1709. Alternately, Mr. Weinig may be contacted by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov or by FAX at (202) 287-1705.

Purpose of Committee: To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's expertise concerning other energy-related statistical matters.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 24, 2002

- A. Opening Remarks by the ASA Committee Chair, the EIA Administrator and the Director, Statistics and Methods Group, EIA. Room 8E-089
- B. Major Topics (Room 8E-089 unless otherwise noted)
 1. Update on Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey.
 2. Completion of EIA's System for the Analysis of Global Energy Markets.
 3. Information Quality Guidelines Completed: What's Next?
 4. Natural Gas Data Program Updates.
 5. Using Data from Combined Heat and Power Plants to Estimate Natural Gas Industrial Prices.
 6. Managing Risk in Energy Markets (Room 5E-069).
 7. Public Questions and Comments.
 8. State Level Coal Forecasting.
 9. Estimating Monthly Data for Non-Utility Generation and Fuel Consumption from Annual and Monthly Time Series (Room 5E-069).
 10. Estimating and Presenting Power Sector Fuel Use in EIA Publications and Analyses.
 11. Public Questions and Comments.

Friday, October 25, 2002, Room 8E-089

- C. Major Topics
 1. EIA's Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program.
 2. Organization and Delivery of Energy Information in Spatially Referenced Form.

3. The ASA Committee on Energy Statistics Contributions to the EIA.

4. Public Questions and Comments.

D. Closing Remarks by the Chair

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William I. Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above. This **Federal Register** Notice is being published less than 15 days before the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

A Meeting Summary and Transcript will subsequently be available through Mr. Weinig who may be contacted at (202) 287-1709 or by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL03-9-000]

Alternate Power Source, Inc. Complainant, v. Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Northeast Utilities System Respondent.; Notice of Complaint and Request for Fast Track Processing

October 10, 2002.

Take notice that on October 8, 2002 Alternate Power Source Inc., filed a complaint against Northeast Utilities System and Western Massachusetts Electric Company alleging discriminatory transmission pricing practices and violations of filed rate tariffs.

Copies of said filing have been served upon the utility regulatory agencies for two New England States.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file 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). Protests will be considered by the Commission in

determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. The answer to the complaint and all comments, interventions or protests must be filed on or before October 28, 2002. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. The answer to the complaint, comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-3-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

October 10, 2002.

Take notice that on October 3, 2002, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP03-1-000, an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, ownership and operation of certain natural gas compression facilities and appurtenances in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, referred to as the Line 2000 Power-up Project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso proposes to construct, own and operate compression stations at nine new or existing mainline compressor stations on its transmission system to add a total transportation capacity of 320,000 Mcf of natural gas per day. Specifically, El Paso proposes to install compression facilities with a

total of 151,600 horsepower on Line 2000 at the existing Casa Grande, Lordsburg, Florida, El Paso, and Cornudas Compressor Stations, and new facilities near milepost (MP) 609 in Cochise County, Arizona (the Cimarron Station), at the former Tom Mix Oil Pump Station located near MP 530 in Pinal County, Arizona, at the former Black River Oil Pump Station located near MP 946 in Culberson County, Texas, and at a new site at approximately MP 1101 in Winkler County, Texas (the Wink Compressor Station). It is explained that the additional capacity would enable El Paso to transport gas from the eastern portion of its system—the Keystone and Waha Pools—to the southern and western portions and would enhance flexibility on the system. El Paso will use the new compression to further integrate its south mainline systems and increase flexibility.

It is explained that the project was proposed in response to issues raised by various parties in four separate proceedings regarding capacity allocation as a result of changed circumstances on El Paso's system.¹ El Paso states that the Commission's order on May 31, 2002, in Docket No. RP00-336-002 established a set of procedures and deadlines to effectuate two principle changes in service on El Paso's system: the conversion of firm FT-1 Full Requirements (FR) service to contract demand (CD) service with specified volumetric entitlements; and the conversion of system-wide receipt point rights to quantified rights and specific receipt points or at supply pools. El Paso states that in a subsequent September 20, 2002 order, the Commission encouraged it to construct the power-up facilities and has directed El Paso to include the capacity from the Line 2000 Power-up Project in its initial allocation of capacity to converting FR shippers. According to El Paso, however, the Commission, in the September 20 order extended the effective date for the reallocation of capacity to May 1, 2003, assuming that the Power-up facilities would be up and running by the summer of 2003.

However, El Paso states that it will take approximately 24 months to bring the Line 2000 Power-up project into service.

El Paso contends that the in-service date for the facilities is dependent upon the timing of certificate approvals, the receipt of air quality permits, and the delivery of the compression equipment.

¹ Docket Nos. RP00-139-000, RP00-336-000, RP01-484-000, and RP01-486-000.