

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 4, 2003; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.—Friday, September 5, 2003; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESS: Doubletree Suites Seattle, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA; Phone: (206) 575-8220; Fax: (206) 575-4743.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352; Phone: (509) 376-6216; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

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:

Thursday, September 4, 2003

- Tri-Party Agreement Look Back/Look Ahead: Perspectives from Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Senior Management.
- Discussion with Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Senior Management on Hanford Advisory Board Priorities for the Upcoming Year.
- Process for the Determination Whether There is Transuranic Waste in Certain Tanks—Discussion and Introduction of Draft Advice.
- Overall Strategy and Approach for Groundwater Protection, Monitoring and Remediation under Tri-Party Agreement (Milestone Series-24) Discussion and Introduction of Draft Advice.
- Proposed Changes to the Tri-Party Agreement Establishing New Deadlines for Tank Waste Treatment Activities (M-62). Discussion and Introduction of Draft Advice (Tentative).

Friday, September 5, 2003

- Public Involvement and Its Role/Importance in Decision-Making: Dialogue with the Tri-Party Agreement Agencies.
- Update on Hanford Long-Term Stewardship Plan.
- Informational Session on the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council.
- Adoption of Draft Advice:
 - Process for the Determination Whether There is Transuranic

Waste in Certain Tanks

- Overall Strategy and Approach for Groundwater Protection, Monitoring and Remediation under Tri-Party Agreement (Milestone Series M-24)
- Proposed Changes to the Tri-Party Agreement Establishing New Deadlines for Tank Waste Treatment (M-62) Tentative

• Announcement of Committee Leadership

• Agenda Topics for the November Hanford Advisory Board Meeting

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Yvonne Sherman's office 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 equal time 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Yvonne Sherman, Department of Energy Richland Operation Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352; or by calling her at (509) 376-1563.

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 24, 2003.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to construct the proposed Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project in King County, Washington, based on the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0317-S1, June 2003). BPA has decided to implement the Proposed Action (Alternative 1) identified in the environmental impact statement, which consists of constructing a new 9-mile 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from a tap point on an existing 500-kV line near Kangley, Washington, to BPA's Echo Lake Substation. BPA is taking this action to continue to provide reliable power to customers throughout the Northwest and to other regions and Canada as population grows.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling toll-free 1-888-276-7790. The ROD and EIS are also available on BPA's Transmission Business Line Web site, <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Gene Lynard, Environmental Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; toll-free telephone number 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone number 503-230-3790; fax number 503-230-5699; or e-mail gplynard@bpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action, construction of a new 500-kV transmission line from Kangley, Washington, to Echo Lake Substation, will be constructed next to an existing 500-kV line. Five miles of the route will go through the Cedar River Municipal Watershed (CRW). In addition, Echo Lake Substation will be expanded about three acres to the east and new equipment will be installed to accommodate the new line. The Proposed Action will primarily use 500-kV single-circuit steel lattice structures averaging about 135 feet high. In the CRW, where the line crosses the Cedar River, two 500-kV double-circuit lattice structures will be used to hold the new 500-kV line and the existing 500-kV line. BPA will purchase easements for a new 150-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) for the new line (except at the Cedar River crossing where BPA will use its existing ROW). Clearing of tall-growing vegetation within the ROW will be required to insure reliable transmission service. As part of the Proposed Action, BPA has decided to construct new spur roads, upgrade existing access roads, and remove from service some existing roads; and install fiber optic cable on the new line and part of the existing

500-kV line into Raver Substation. The Proposed Action also includes a commitment to a variety of mitigation measures described in the mitigation section.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on July 21, 2003.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-716-001, FERC-716]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

July 22, 2003.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension of the current expiration date. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May 16, 2003 (68 FR 26591-92) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by August 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may be reached by contacted by fax: at 202-395-7285 or submitting comments electronically to pamelabevery.oirasubmission@omb.eop.gov. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons

filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC03-716-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the FERRIS link. User assistance for FERRIS and the FERC Web site during normal business hours by contacting FERC Online Support by e-mail at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or by telephone at 866-208-3676 (toll free) or TTY at 202-502-8659 or the Public Reference at (202)-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659 or by e-mail to public.reference.room@ferc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-716 "Good Faith Request for Transmission Services and Response by Transmitting Utility Under sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act."
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0170.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory. Requests for confidential treatment of the information are provided for under section 388.112 of the Commission's regulations.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, 16 U.S.C. 824j and 824l. Section 211(a) allows any electric utility, Federal power marketing agency or any other person generating electric energy for sale or resale to apply for an order requiring a transmitting utility to provide transmission services to the applicant. The Commission may issue an order only if the applicant has requested the transmission services from the transmitting utility at least 60 days before applying to the Commission. Accordingly, a request for transmission services is a condition upon which the Commission may order service under section 211. Section 213(a) of the FPA requires a response by the transmitting utility to a good faith request. Unless the transmitting utility agrees to provide such services as rates, charges, terms and conditions acceptable to the person making the request, the transmitting utility, within 60 days of its receipt of the request, or other mutually agreed upon period, provides the person making the request with a detailed written explanation with specific reference to the facts and circumstances of the request including the basis for the proposed rates, charges, terms and conditions for the services as well as any physical constraints that would affect performing the services.

The information is not filed with the Commission, however, the request and response may be analyzed as part of a section 211 proceeding. This collection of information covers the information that must be contained in the request and the response.

Under the revised section 211, the Commission may order transmission services if it finds that such action would be in the public interest, would not unreasonably impair the continued reliability of electric systems affected by the order, and would meet the requirements of amended section 211 of the FPA. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 2.20.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 12 companies (on average) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 1,000 total hours, 10 respondents (average), 1 response per respondent, 100 hours (20 hours for the transmission requestor and