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Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2603.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Toxic substances.

Dated: June 23, 2003.

Philip S. Oshida,

*Acting Director, Chemical Control Division,
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining; Public Organization Meeting of the Proposed Rocky Mountain Energy Council

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining will host a public meeting to solicit stakeholder input on the proposed formation of the Rocky Mountain Energy Council at the Sheraton Denver West hotel in Lakewood, Colorado.

DATES: Tuesday, August 26, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, telephone (303) 987-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Annette West at the White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining, 1000 Independence Avenue, WH-1, Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-3464; electronic mail at annette.west@hq.doe.gov (please note that Postal Service mail is delayed due to additional screening at the above address).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Rocky Mountain Energy Council is intended to be a State and Federal partnership that will allow a more effective management strategy for environmentally responsible renewable and nonrenewable energy production as well as cooperative development of energy policies on Federal and State public lands in the Rocky Mountain region. The Council will be responsible for fostering Federal/State partnerships and early collaboration for Federal and State Government decision-making on energy issues facing the Rocky Mountain region and the Nation. It is intended that the Council take a broader

geographic and longer-term perspective on managing renewable and nonrenewable public energy resources, including their identification, production, and transmission to the market. The responsibility of the Council is to address and resolve issues affecting the environmentally responsible development of the valuable public energy resources.

State and Federal managers held a government to government planning and organization meeting on July 8-9, 2003. Participants included representatives from the States of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, and those Federal Agencies with responsibilities for managing, authorizing, reviewing, consulting on, or certifying different aspects of energy projects on Federal lands. The objective of this meeting was to evaluate the benefits of creating a Rocky Mountain Energy Council (RMEC) and, if desired, determine what steps would be needed to organize and implement the RMEC. Participants agreed on the need for a Council to develop streamlined and forward-looking decision processes with respect to energy projects while preserving existing environmental protections.

Three functions for the RMEC were identified:

1. To develop Federal/State partnerships for the long-term management of renewable and nonrenewable energy resources on State and Federal public lands.
2. To allow more forward looking and strategic planning—on a regional basis—for the environmentally responsible development, production, and distribution of the Nation's valuable energy resources.
3. To develop processes for early collaboration and consultation among the State and Federal Agencies responsible for managing, authorizing, consulting on, reviewing, or certifying renewable and nonrenewable energy projects on public land.

Discussions at the July organizational meeting were largely exploratory, and focused on identifying impediments and possible solutions to the following issue areas: how to effectively foster Federal/State partnerships, processes for early collaboration, information sharing, decision processes, conflict resolution, and strategic planning. Issues identified included limited resources, conflicting agency mandates, regulatory and jurisdictional conflicts. A broad agreement was developed that this type of collaborative effort is necessary to address the cross cutting issues raised by energy development on public lands in the west.

The next step in the organizational process is to assure that the proposed Council has input from all interested stakeholders, including the public, industry, local organizations, and Tribal governments. The intent is to build upon the initial organizational discussions of the Council by collecting information and expectations from stakeholders, allowing a first official public meeting of the RMEC to be held by the end of 2003. The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 200 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upon request, interested parties may make oral or written presentations to the Federal and State managers. Such requests should be made no later than August 20, 2003, to Annette West. We request that oral statements be accompanied by a written summary of the statement to be made, which will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Please see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for the contact address and telephone number.

Minutes of the August 26, 2003, meeting will be available for public inspection and downloading at <http://www.etf.energy.gov> by September 26, 2003. Hard copies of the minutes can be requested at the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: July 25, 2003.

James L. Connaughton,

Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested

persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 25, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *The Siwooganock Holding Company, Inc.*, Lancaster, New Hampshire; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Siwooganock Bank, Lancaster, New Hampshire.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire 10 percent of the voting shares of Lancaster National Bank, Lancaster, New Hampshire.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 25, 2003.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of a Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings.

A Special Emphasis is a group of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and agree to be available, to conduct on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not attend regularly-scheduled meetings and do not serve for fixed terms or a long period of time. Rather, they are asked to participate in

particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meetings listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *SEP Meeting on: Limited Competition for AHRQ Research Infrastructure and Capacity Program: Phase II (BRIC).*

Date: August 18, 2003 (open on August 18 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

2. *SEP Meeting on: Coordinating Center for the AHRQ Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics Program and Limited Competition for AHRQ Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics Program (CERTS).*

Date: August 29, 2003 (open on August 29 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

3. *SEP Meeting on: Building the Evidence to Promote Bioterrorism and Other Public Health Emergency Preparedness in Health Care Systems.*

Date: September 4-5, 2003 (open on September 4 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

4. *SEP Meeting on: Safe Practices Implementation Challenge Grants.*

Date: September 4-5, 2003 (open on September 4 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

5. *SEP Meeting on: Small Research Grants for Primary Care Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs).*

Date: September 11-12, 2003 (open on September 4 from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

Place: Quality Suites and Conference Center, 3 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of these meetings should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education, and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 2038, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427-1554.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: July 24, 2003.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), authority vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-20), enacting the following authority: Part C, title II of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's existing delegation of authority and policy on regulations

This delegation is effective upon signature. In addition, I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the HRSA Administrator or other HRSA officials, which involved the exercise of this authority prior to the effective date of the delegation.

Dated: July 10, 2003.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Request for Additional Hospital CAHPS® (HCAHPS) Test Sites

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Request.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is soliciting volunteer sites for the additional testing of a draft Hospital CAHPS (HCAHPS) instrument. The mutual goals of AHRQ and CMS are to develop a standardized survey that is reliable and valid, that will reside in the public domain, and that will make comparative non-identifiable