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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-75-000]

Freeport LNG Development, L.P.; Notice of Technical Conference

September 10, 2003.

On September 24, 2003, staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) will convene a cryogenic design and technical conference concerning Freeport LNG Development, L.P.'s proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and storage facility in Brazoria County, Texas.

The conference will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the Best Western Clute Inn & Suites in Clute, Texas. In view of the nature of security issues to be explored, the conference will not be open to the public. Attendance at the conference will be limited to existing parties to the proceeding and to representatives of interested local, state, and federal agencies. Any person planning to attend the September 24 conference must notify the Office of General Counsel (Joel Arneson) at (202) 502-8562 by noon on September 23, 2003. Participants will be required to sign a non-disclosure statement prior to admission.

Information concerning any changes to the above may be obtained from the Commission's Office of External Affairs

at (202) 502-8004 or toll free at 1-(866) 208-FERC (208-3372).

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Final Comment Request

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Final notice of submission for OMB review; State and Local Government Information (EEO-4)

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announces that it is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for a one-year extension of the existing collection as described below. A notice that the EEOC would be submitting this request was published in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 2003, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. One comment was received.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before October 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Karen Lee, Policy Analyst, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail at KFLEE@OMB.EOP.GOV. Comments may also be sent to Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th floor, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine. The telephone number of the FAX receiver is (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll-free number.) Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal. This limitation is necessary to assure access to the equipment. Receipt of FAX transmittal will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4470 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TDD). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the

Commission's library, Room 6502, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joachim Neckere, Director, Program Research and Surveys Division, 1801 L Street, NW., Room 9222, Washington, DC 20507; (202) 663-4958 (voice) or (202) 663-7063 (TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission solicits public comment to enable it to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

One comment was received from a software development company in response to the June 20, 2003 notice. The comment supported the EEOC's request for a one-year extension of the current information collection.

Overview of This Information Collection

Collection Title: State and Local Government Information (EEO-4).

OMB Number: OMB Number 3046-0008.

Frequency of Report: Biennial.

Type of Respondent: State and local government jurisdictions with 100 or more full-time employees.

Description of Affected Public: State and local governments excluding elementary and secondary public school districts.

Number of responses: 10,000.

Reporting Hours: 40,000.

Cost to respondents: \$600,000.

Federal Cost: \$47,000 (annualized).

Number of Forms: 1.

Abstract: Section 709(c) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(c), requires employers to make and keep records relevant to a determination of whether unlawful employment practices have been or are being committed and to make reports therefrom as required by

the EEOC. Accordingly, the EEOC has issued regulations set forth in Title 29, chapter XIV, subpart 1, § 1602.30. State and local governments with 100 or more full-time employees have been required to submit EEO-4 reports since 1973 (biennially in odd-numbered years since 1993). The individual reports are confidential.

EEO-4 data are used by EEOC to investigate charges of employment discrimination against state and local governments and to provide information on the employment status of minorities and women. The data are shared with several other Federal government agencies. Pursuant to section 709(d) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, EEO-4 data are also shared with 86 State and Local Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPAs). Aggregated data are also used by researchers and the general public.

Burden Statement: The estimated number of respondents included in the EEO-4 survey is 5,000 state and local governments. The estimated number of responses per respondent is approximately two (2) reports. The annual number of responses is approximately 10,000 reports and the total annual burden is 40,000 hours. In order to help reduce survey burden, respondents are encouraged to report data on electronic media as much as possible.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

For the Commission.

Cari M. Dominguez,

Chair.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

National Science and Technology Council; Committee on Science; Subcommittee on Research Business Models

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces four workshops sponsored by the National Science and Technology Council / Committee on Science / Subcommittee on Research Business Models.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The Subcommittee will hold three one-day regional workshops:

- Monday, October 27, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (PST). Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Building 50 Auditorium; Berkeley, CA 94720.
- Wednesday, November 12, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CST). Coffman

Memorial Union, University of Minnesota; 300 Washington Ave. S.E.; Minneapolis, MN 55455.

- Monday, November 17, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). The University of North Carolina, Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516.

The Subcommittee will subsequently hold a two-day agenda setting meeting:

- Tuesday, December 9, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) and Wednesday, December 10, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). Jefferson Auditorium, South Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, DC, 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Holland, Office of Science & Technology Policy; 1650 Pennsylvania Avenue; Washington, DC 20502. Telephone: (202) 456-6130. Email: mholland@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meetings: The three regional workshops will assist the Subcommittee in its review of policies, procedures, and plans relating to the business relationship between federal agencies and research performers. A subsequent two-day meeting in Washington, DC will assess the input from the regional meetings and help prioritize the agenda of the Subcommittee.

The Committee on Science realizes that much has changed about the practice of scientific research over the last several years. The purpose of the Subcommittee on Research Business Models is to advise and assist the Committee on Science and the NSTC on policies, procedures, and plans relating to business models. Our goal is to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the Federal research and development enterprise in a manner cognizant of currently available resources. The Subcommittee will:

—Facilitate a strong, coordinated effort across federal agencies to identify and address important policy implications arising from the changing nature of basic and applied research.

—Examine the concomitant influence these changes have had or should have on business models and business practices for the conduct of basic and applied research sponsored by the Federal government and carried out by academic, industrial, and government entities.

—Review the challenges to improved performance and mechanisms for more transparent accountability of the research enterprise.

These workshops are based upon a request for information published

August 6, 2003 by OSTP in the **Federal Register** (vol. 68, No. 151, p. 46631; available at [http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)).

Tentative Agenda Topics: (Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meetings. The most current agendas will be found on the Subcommittee's Internet site at <http://rbm.nih.gov/>). The three regional workshops will have the following structure:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Summary of **Federal Register** comments
- Morning Panel Discussion (see below for themes of each workshop's panels)
- Afternoon Panel Discussion
- Public Comment Period

Each regional workshop will focus on a subset of the questions posed in the August 6, 2003 **Federal Register** request for information ([http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)) as described below.

Monday, October 27, 2003, Berkeley, CA

The theme of this workshop will be "Alignment of Funding Mechanisms with Scientific Opportunities." Our focus will include the following issues published in the August 6, 2003 **Federal Register** notice ([http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)): Research support, multidisciplinary/collaborative research, and research Infrastructure.

- Morning Panel—"Does How We Support Research Determine What We Get: Perspectives from the S&E Community."
- Afternoon Panel—"New Models for Supporting Science & Engineering Research."

• Information concerning pre-registration, accommodations and directions is available at <http://isswprod.lbl.gov/ConferenceReg/Registration.asp?ID=33>.

Wednesday, November 12, 2003, Minneapolis, MN

The theme of this workshop will be "Common Practices among Agencies." Our focus will include the following issues published in our August 6, 2003 **Federal Register** notice ([http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)): Inconsistency of policies and practices among Federal agencies, inconsistency of policies and practices among universities, state and institutional requirements, and regulatory requirements.

- Morning Panel—"When Policies and Practices Collide: What Do Feds Ask for?"
- Afternoon Panel—"Post-Collision: What Should Feds Ask for?"