

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. 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: Tuesday, March 3, 2004, 12 Noon.

ADDRESSES: To obtain conference call access numbers, please contact Ms. Lori McNamara at (208) 528-8718.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Peggy Hinman, INEEL CAB Administrator, North Wind, Inc., 545 Shoup Avenue, Suite 200, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, Phone (208) 557-7885, or visit the Board's Internet home page at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

The objective for the March 3rd Conference Call of the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board is:

- To finalize a draft recommendation addressing the Draft request for Proposals for a new INEEL Site Contractor

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair at the address or telephone number listed above. Request 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, Gerald C. Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations.

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 through Friday

except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. Peggy Hinman, INEEL CAB Administrator, at the address and phone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 10, 2004.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats. 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, March 4, 2004, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: College Hill Library, Room L268, Front Range Community College, 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 10808 Highway 93, Unit B, Building 60, Room 107B, Golden, CO, 80403; telephone (303) 966-7855; fax (303) 966-7856.

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:

1. Presentation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Future Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge

2. Other Board business may be conducted as necessary

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 Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions 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 a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the office of the Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board, 10808 Highway 93, Unit B, Building 60, Room 107B, Golden, CO 80403; telephone (303) 966-7855. Hours of operations are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Board meeting minutes are posted on RFCAB's web site within one month following each meeting at: <http://www.rfcab.org/Minutes.HTML>.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. PP 80-1 and EA-288]

Application To Transfer Presidential Permit; Rescind Export Authorization; and Authorize Transmission of Electric Energy to Canada; Citizens Communications Company and Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: Citizens Communications Company (Citizens) and Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) have jointly applied to transfer Presidential Permit PP-80 from Citizens to VEC. In addition Citizens and VEC have jointly applied to rescind electricity export authorization EA-66-B, held by Citizens, and simultaneously authorize VEC to export electric energy to Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office), 202–586–9624 or Michael 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 physical facilities, in accordance with the regulations at 10 CFR 205.323, the existing holder of a permit and the transferee are required to file joint application for transfer with the Department of Energy (DOE) that includes a statement of reasons for the transfer.

In addition, exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). In accordance with the regulation at 10 CFR 205.305, an authorization to export electric energy is not transferable or assignable. Providing written notice is given to DOE, the authorization may continue in effect until a decision is made on a new application for a permanent authorization.

On August 5, 1983, DOE issued Presidential Permit PP–80 to Citizens Utilities Company (now Citizens Communications Company) for two 25,000-volt (25-kV) electric transmission lines that cross the United States border with Canada near Canaan, and Norton, Vermont, respectively. Both transmission lines interconnect with similar transmission facilities in Canada owned by Hydro Quebec.

On December 17, 2003, Citizens and VEC (collectively, the “Applicants”) jointly filed an application with DOE to transfer Presidential Permit PP–80 from Citizens to VEC. VEC is a consumer-owned electric distribution cooperative providing retail electric services to residential, small commercial, and industrial customers in rural Vermont. VEC does not own any electric generating facilities. VEC proposes to purchase from Citizens the transmission facilities that are the subject of PP–80. In this application, the Applicants state that there will be no physical changes to the existing permitted facilities.

In Docket EA–66, Citizens is authorized to export electric energy to Canada using the international

transmission facilities authorized in Presidential Permit PP–66–1 issued to Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., on November 5, 2003. In its joint application, Citizens and VEC request that this export authorization held by Citizens (EA–66–B) be rescinded and that VEC be simultaneously authorized to export electric energy to Canada using the 120-kV international transmission line authorized in PP–66–1 and located at Derby Line, Vermont. Subject to the same limitations set forth in EA–66–B, to become effective upon the financial closing of the transfer of ownership of certain of Citizen’s transmission and distribution facilities in Vermont to VEC.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications 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.

Comments on the joint application to transfer Presidential Permit PP–66 from Citizens to VELCO should be clearly marked with Docket PP–66–1. Comments on VEC’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA–288. Additional copies are to be filed directly with L. Russell Mitten, Esq., VP, General Counsel, Citizens Communications Company, 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905; Ms. Kelly Enright, Vice President and Executive Manager, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., 182 School Street, Johnson, VT 05656 and Kenneth G. Hurwitz, Esq., Haynes and Boone, LLP, 1615 L Street, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036; and Michael L. Burak, Esq., Burak, Anderson & Melloni, P.O. Box 787, Burlington, VT 05402–0787.

Before a Presidential permit or electricity export authorization may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action(s) 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(s) (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit and/or export authorization with any conditions and limitations, or denying one or both) 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 these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select “Electricity Regulation,” and then “Pending Proceedings” from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 9, 2004.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02–1656–017 and ER02–1656–018]

California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Staff Technical Conference

February 6, 2004.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Staff is convening a technical conference regarding the California Independent System Operator Corporation’s Revised Comprehensive Market Design Proposal 2002 (MD02), pursuant to the Commission Order issued on October 28, 2003,¹ to further facilitate and better understand several aspects of the proposed MD02. The conference will be held March 3–5, 2004, in San Francisco, California. A separate notice will be issued by the Commission to announce the exact location and final agenda of the Staff Technical Conference.

In addition, by this notice we inform interested parties that the Commission has cancelled the plans for the February 24–25, 2004, technical conference discussed during the conference on January 28–29, 2004.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required. For more information about the conference, please contact: Olga

¹ California Independent System Operator Corporation, 1.