

National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session on March 3 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to review secure test items for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2009 Reading Assessment. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as disclosure of proposed test items from the NAEP assessments would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 3, the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP 12th Grade Participation and Motivation will meet in open session from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet in open session on March 3 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Executive Committee will meet in closed session on March 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. to receive independent government cost estimates for contracts related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program and will provide an advantage to potential bidders attending the meeting. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 4, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Board will approve the agenda and the Chairman will introduce new Board members, who will then be administered the Oath of Office. The Board will then hear the Executive

Director's report and receive an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from the Commissioner of NCES.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on March 4, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee—will meet in open session.

On March 4, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., the full Board will meet in closed session. The Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology will update the Board on the 12th grade Mathematics Achievement Level Setting Process and the Committee deliberations on January 11–12, 2005, in Jackson, Mississippi. The proposed achievement level cut scores and percent of students at each achievement level (Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Below Basic) will be discussed with the Board for future approval. This information cannot be released to the public prior to the October release of the 2005 assessment in Mathematics. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires NAGB to release these data, in collaboration with NCES, after a thorough review of the data and report content for national and state release. These data constitute a major basis for the national release and cannot be released in an open meeting prior to the official release of the report. The meeting must be therefore be conducted in closed session as disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 4, the full Board will meet in open session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Board members will receive and discuss preliminary recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on 12th Grade NAEP. This item will be followed by an update on the NAEP 2009 Science Framework contract from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Board will then hear a presentation from ACT Inc., on recent research on readiness for college and training for work from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. after which the March 4 session of the board meeting will adjourn.

On March 5, the Board's Nominations Committee will meet in open session from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The full Board will convene in open session on March 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Board will hear a presentation on the High school initiative. Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:45 a.m. and 12 p.m., upon which the

March 5, 2005 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time.

Dated: February 9, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 04-131-NG, 04-95-LNG, 88-33-NG, 95-56-NG, 05-01-NG]

**Office of Fossil Energy; Abitibi-Consolidated, Duke Energy LNG Marketing and Marketing and Management Company, Open Flow Gas Supply Corporation, Brymore Energy Inc., Selkirk Cogen Partners, L.P.; Orders Granting and Vacating Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during January 2005, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation). They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 8, 2005.

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**Appendix**

## ORDERS GRANTING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE Docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
2064 .....	1-5-05	Abitibi-Consolidated ..... 04-131-NG .....	5 Bcf		Import and export natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on February 1, 2005, and extending through January 31, 2007.
2025-A ....	1-6-05	Duke Energy LNG Marketing and Management Company. 04-95-LNG .....	.....	.....	Vacate blanket import authority.
266-A .....	1-14-05	Open Flow Gas Supply Corporation ..... 88-33-NG .....	.....	.....	Vacate blanket import authority.
1076-A ....	1-27-05	Brymore Energy Inc ..... 95-56-NG .....	.....	.....	Vacate blanket import and export authority.
2065 .....	1-27-05	Selkirk Cogen Partners, L.P ..... 05-01-NG .....	75 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on January 29, 2005, and extending through January 28, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Bonneville Power Administration

## Klondike III Wind Project Interconnection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), on a proposed interconnection requested by PPM Energy, Inc. (PPM) to integrate electrical power from their proposed Klondike III Wind Project (Wind Project) into the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS). The Wind Project is located in Sherman County, Oregon. BPA proposes to execute an agreement with PPM to provide them with an interconnection for up to 300 megawatts (MW) of generation from the Wind Project. Interconnection would require BPA to build and operate a new 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and two substations.

**DATES:** Written comments on the NEPA scoping process are due to the address below no later than March 17, 2005. Comments may also be made at an EIS scoping open house meeting to be held on March 1, 2005, at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Send letters with comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS and requests to be placed on the Wind Project mailing list to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications—DM-7, P.O. Box

14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428. Comments may also be sent to the following Web site: <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/NewsEv/commentperiods.cfm>.

Please refer to the Klondike III Wind Project Interconnection in all communications. A scoping meeting will be held on March 1, 2005, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 807 Barnett Street, Wasco, Oregon. At this open house meeting, BPA representatives will be available to discuss the proposed project, answer questions, and accept oral and written comments. BPA representatives will provide information on alternative routes being considered for the proposed BPA transmission line, the types of transmission line structures being considered, and topics to be addressed in the EIS. PPM representatives will be available to discuss the proposed Wind Project.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly St. Hilaire, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621, toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct phone number 503-230-5361, fax number 503-230-5699, e-mail [krsthilaire@bpa.gov](mailto:krsthilaire@bpa.gov). Additional information can be found at BPA's Web site: <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Proposed Action.** BPA proposes to execute an agreement with PPM to provide interconnection services for up to 300 MW of the Klondike III Wind Project. As part of this agreement, BPA would agree to construct and operate a 230-kV transmission line about 12 miles long, and two new substations, one at each end of the proposed transmission line. The electricity from the Wind Project would interconnect to the

FCRTS at BPA's existing John Day Substation through a new 500/230-kV substation which could accommodate wind developers in the area. Transmission line structure types being considered include H-frame wood pole, steel pole, and lattice steel. The line and new substations would be located on privately owned land primarily used for dryland wheat farming.

In addition to these Federal actions, the EIS will consider the reasonably foreseeable consequence of construction and operation of PPM's proposed Klondike III Wind Project. The Wind Project would be located adjacent to the currently operating Klondike Wind Project, Phases I and II, on privately owned land, most of which is used for agriculture. The Klondike III Wind Project would add up to 165 operational wind turbines by the end of 2006. The Wind Project includes wind turbines, substations, access roads, and other project facilities. Siting of the proposed Wind Project is under the jurisdiction of Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). PPM is in the process of applying for an EFSC Site Certificate for the Wind Project, and is also determining which other State and Federal permitting requirements will need to be met for the Wind Project.

Construction of the BPA transmission line and substations and the Wind Project currently is expected to commence by March 2006. The Wind Project would be interconnected to BPA transmission lines in the fall of 2006, with a proposed operation date of December 2006. Agricultural activities could continue to take place directly adjacent to the transmission line structures and wind turbines. The Wind Project would operate for much of each year for at least 20 years.

**Possible Alternatives for BPA's Proposed Action.** An alternative to the