

waste as would be the case with the other waste to be treated in each alternative; it would thus not be shipped to WIPP for disposal. Ecology, a cooperating agency on this EIS, has requested the following modification to its Foreword in response to that change:

Ecology acknowledges that subsequent to publishing the draft EIS, DOE has revised its preferred alternative to propose that waste from specific Hanford tanks containing what DOE believes might be mixed TRU waste be treated at Hanford through the WTP. This change does not alter Ecology's expectations concerning this waste. Because Ecology has had, and continues to have, legal and technical concerns with any Hanford tank waste being classified as mixed TRU waste, Ecology has always assumed that the waste would be treated at Hanford through the WTP. Ecology expects that the end date for completing treatment of Hanford's tank waste will not be altered by treating the waste from these specific tanks through the WTP.

Regarding DOE's preferred alternative for waste management, (Section S.7.3 of the Summary and Section 2.12 of the main volume) DOE would not send LLW and MLLW from other DOE sites to Hanford for disposal (with some limited specific exceptions) at least until the WTP is operational, consistent with DOE's proposed settlement agreement with the State of Washington. Off-site waste would be addressed after the WTP is operational subject to appropriate NEPA review. Although the Draft EIS considers the cumulative impacts of the potential receipt of GTCC LLW at Hanford, DOE is preparing a separate EIS on GTCC LLW disposition. However, similar to its preference regarding the importation of LLW and MLLW, DOE announces that it does not prefer to import GTCC LLW to Hanford at least until the WTP is operational.

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Inés R. Triay,

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

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), Oak Ridge Reservation. 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: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia J. Halsey, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4025; Fax (865) 576-2347 or e-mail: halseypj@oro.doe.gov or check the Web site at <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: Technetium-99 Contamination in the K-25 Building at the East Tennessee Technology Park.

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Patricia J. Halsey at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Patricia J. Halsey 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. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Patricia J. Halsey at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/minutes.htm>.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Notice of Renewal of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, App., and section 102-3.65, Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period.

The Committee will provide advice to the Department of Energy's Office of Science on the biological and environmental research programs. The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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Carol A. Matthews,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Docket No. ID-4074-007

Good, Lynn J.; Notice of Filing

December 11, 2009.

Take notice that on December 10, 2009, Lynn J. Good filed an application for authorization to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 USCA

§ 825(b) (2000), and Part 45 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 18 CFR Part 45 (2006).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on December 31, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects—Rate Order No. WAPA-146

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order concerning firm electric rates.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of Energy has confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-146 and Rate

Schedule L-F9, placing firm electric service rates from the Loveland Area Projects (LAP) of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis. The provisional rates will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis or until they are replaced by other rates. The provisional rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay investments and irrigation aid within the allowable periods.

DATES: Rate Schedule L-F9 will be placed into effect on an interim basis on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after January 1, 2010, and will remain in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedule into effect on a final basis ending December 31, 2014, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bradley S. Warren, Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, telephone (970) 461-7201, or Mrs. Sheila D. Cook, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, telephone (970) 461-7211, e-mail scook@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy approved existing Rate Schedule L-F8 for firm electric service on an interim basis on January 8, 2009 (74 FR 3015, January 16, 2009), for a 5-year period beginning on February 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2013.¹ Under Rate Schedule L-F8, the composite rate is 37.24 mills per kilowatt-hour (mills/kWh), the firm energy rate is 18.62 mills/kWh, and the firm capacity rate is \$4.88 per kilowatt-month (kWmonth). This Rate Schedule is formula based, providing for an increase in the Drought Adder rate component of up to 2 mills/kWh without a formal public process.

The current rate, including a 2 mills/kWh increase provided for under the Drought Adder rate component, is not sufficient to meet the LAP revenue requirement. As a result, the LAP firm electric service rates must be increased mostly due to the financial impacts of the drought. The drought is causing a

decrease in hydro-power generation, leading to an increase in purchase power expenses and a decrease in revenue from non-firm energy sales. Additional increases are being driven by slight increases in operation and maintenance costs, as well as the inclusion of additional transmission costs associated with the wheeling of Mt. Elbert generation in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Power Repayment Study.

Rate Schedule L-F8 is being superseded by Rate Schedule L-F9. Under Rate Schedule L-F9, the provisional rates for firm electric service will result in a composite rate of 41.42 mills/kWh. The firm energy rate will be 20.71 mills/kWh (a Base component of 12.54 mills/kWh and a Drought Adder component of 8.17 mills/kWh) and the capacity rate will be \$5.43/kWmonth (a Base component of \$3.29/kWmonth and a Drought Adder component of \$2.14/kWmonth). This is an 11.2 percent increase when compared to the LAP firm electric rates under Rate Schedule L-F8.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of Western; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to FERC. Existing Department of Energy procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments (10 CFR part 903) were published on September 18, 1985.

Under Delegation Order Nos. 00-037.00 and 00-001.00C, 10 CFR part 903, and 18 CFR part 300, I hereby confirm, approve, and place Rate Order No. WAPA-146, the proposed LAP firm electric service rates, into effect on an interim basis.

The new Rate Schedule L-F9 will be promptly submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

¹ FERC confirmed and approved Rate Order WAPA-142 on June 26, 2009, in Docket No. EF09-5181. See *United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Loveland Area Projects*, 127 FERC ¶ 62,245.