

range, the SLA is entitled to the contract. Further, the Mine Safety and Health Administration may negotiate directly with the SLA without opening the competitive bidding process.

One panel member dissented.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: May 8, 2000.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Openness Advisory Panel. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Openness Advisory Panel.

DATE: Tuesday, May 16, 2000, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E-089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building on the day of the meeting. Public participation is welcomed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Openness Advisory Panel is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the status and strategic direction of the Department's classification and declassification policies and programs, and other aspects of the Department's ongoing Openness Initiative. The Panel's work will help institutionalize the Department's Openness Initiative.

Tentative Agenda

The agenda for the May 16 meeting has not been finalized but will include detailed briefings and discussions on the history and accomplishments of DOE's Openness Initiative; the legal foundations and basis for openness; implementation status of the OAP Interim Report; and key issues and challenges in classification, declassification and records management. Members of the Public wishing to comment on issues before the Openness Advisory Panel will have an opportunity to address the Panel during the afternoon period for public comment.

Tentative Agenda

- 9-9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks & Introductions—Herbert Brown, Chairman Openness Advisory Panel
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Briefing & Discussion: History and Accomplishments of DOE's Openness Initiative
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30-11:15 a.m. Briefing & Discussion: Legal Foundations and the Basis for Openness
- 11:15-12 p.m. Status Report: Implementation of OAP Interim Report Recommendations
- 12-1 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1-1:45 p.m. Briefing & Discussion: Issues and Challenges in Classification and Declassification
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. Briefing & Discussion: Issues and Challenges in Records Management
- 2:30-3:15 p.m. Working Session: Panel Organization, Scope, & Work Plans
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. Public Comment Period
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Openness Advisory Panel and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment periods. The Chairman of the Panel is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, DC the Panel welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of

Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes

A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 9, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force.

DATES: Wednesday, May 17, 2000, 8:30 am-3 pm.

ADDRESSES: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Conference Room A, Building 123, 7000 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94551-0808.

Note: For their convenience, members of the public who plan to attend this open meeting are requested to contact Ms. Kathleen Moody of the LLNL Protocol Office in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate access to the meeting site. Ms. Moody may be reached at (925) 423-5948 or via e-mail at moody2@llnl.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy,

1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) The engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

Tentative Agenda

The agenda for the May 17 meeting has not been finalized. However, the meeting will include a series of detailed briefings and discussions on the cost estimates conducted in support of the NIF Rebaseline Plan. Members of the Public wishing to comment on issues before the NIF Laser System Task Force will have an opportunity to address the Task Force during the afternoon period for public comment. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment periods. The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Livermore, California, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-507-000]

Amoco Energy Trading Corporation, Amoco Production Company, and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company v. El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

May 8, 2000.

Pursuant to the Commission's order in *Amoco Energy Trading Corporation et al v. El Paso Natural Gas Company*, 89 FERC ¶ 61,165 (1999), Commission Staff held a Technical Conference on March 9, 2000, to discuss El Paso's February 9, 2000 proposal to change its current allocation methods and all issues related to the allocation of receipt and delivery points on El Paso's system.

At a subsequent technical conference, the participants reached consensus to attend an informal settlement conference. The participants also agreed that the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service (Director) attend the conference to facilitate the settlement negotiations. The parties also agreed that a party could provide to the Director, in advance of the informal settlement conference, a statement of the issues or business interests that they believed needed to be considered. Accordingly, the informal settlement conference will begin with a discussion regarding the settlement process,

followed by a discussion of the statements provided to the Director.

The informal settlement conference will be held on May 16, 2000, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 3M-2A/2B.

All interested parties in the above dockets are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions with respect to the conference, please call Richard Miles, the Director of the Dispute Resolution Service. His telephone number is 1-877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202-208-0702 and his e-mail address is richard.miles@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-2117-000]

ANP Bellingham Energy Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

May 8, 2000.

ANP Bellingham Energy Company (ANP Bellingham) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which ANP Bellingham will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. ANP Bellingham also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, ANP Bellingham requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by ANP Bellingham.

On May 4, 2000, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by ANP Bellingham should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, ANP Bellingham is authorized to issue securities and