

including 2- and 4-year public, private, and proprietary. One key benefit of the program: institutions have reported better service to students as a primary outcome of their participation in the Quality Assurance Program. The program is a partnership between the Department and the participating institutions. Both parties become engaged in promoting continuous improvement in the administration and delivery of the student financial assistance programs, thereby enhancing service to students.

Invitation for Applications

The Secretary invites institutions of higher education that administer one or more Title IV programs to submit a letter of application to participate in the Quality Assurance Program. Institutions that currently participate in the program may continue to do so without submitting a new letter of application. The Secretary will review the letter of application, which should reflect the institution's commitment to the goals of the Quality Assurance Program, as determined by the Secretary. The letter of application should address the following goals in detail:

- Attain and sustain compliance and continuous improvement in program delivery, and better service to students;
- Improve the accuracy of institutional verification programs;
- Increase institutional flexibility in managing student aid funds, while maintaining accountability for the proper use of those funds;
- Encourage the development of innovative management approaches that advance quality.

Review Process

The Department will screen prospective participants to determine if the institution meets general Title IV eligibility requirements and has a demonstrated record of program compliance. The Secretary may also consider the institution's performance with regard to financial responsibility, administrative capability, program review findings, audit findings, etc. as outlined in the regulations and in the Student Financial Aid Handbook: Institutional Eligibility and Participation section. The Secretary anticipates that the review of applications will begin within 45 days of the date of this notice. However, applications that are received later will also be considered.

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Dated: October 17, 2001.

Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer, Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho

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), Idaho. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, November 13, 2001, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, November 14, 2001, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Public participation sessions will be held on: Tuesday, November 13, 2001, 12:15-12:30 p.m., 5:45-6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, November 14, 2001, 11:45-12:00 noon, 4:00-4:15 p.m.

These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses. Please check with the meeting facilitator to confirm these times.

ADDRESS: Ameritel Inn, 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy Lowe, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, Phone (208) 522-1662 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.

Tentative Agenda: (Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting. Please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the CAB's Internet site at www.ida.net/users/cab/.)

To meet with the new site manager.

To receive presentations on and to discuss:

- Potential site groundwater contamination

- Authorized DOE-Idaho funding for fiscal year 2002

- INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility (ICDF) and the CAB's position on the facility

- INEEL efforts to identify potential new site missions

To discuss:

- Acceptable remediation objectives for the Subsurface Disposal Area

- Public perceptions related to alternatives to incineration

- Progress to date on the Decontamination and Decommissioning Decision Making Model

- CAB participation in the Top-to-Bottom DOE-HQ review

To receive status reports on:

- The dispute between DOE, the EPA, and the State of Idaho regarding the approach and schedule for cleanup at Pit 9 (located in Waste Area Group at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex)

- Workforce restructuring at the INEEL
- Coordination with the Bureau of Land Management (regarding Wildland Fires Memorandum of Understanding)

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 tele-phone 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, Jerry 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday

through Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL CAB Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 or by calling (208) 522-1662.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 18, 2001.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL93-10-012 and ER93-150-019]

Boston Edison Company; Notice of Filing

October 17, 2001.

Take notice that on September 26, 2001, New England Power Company (NEP) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a compliance refund report in accordance with the Commission's September 13, 2001 letter Order approving settlement filed June 15, 2001 in the above-captioned proceedings.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before October 26, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the

instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

David P. Boergers

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene, Protests, and Comments

October 17, 2001.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12093-000.

c. *Date filed:* August 30, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* City of Brawley, California.

e. *Name of Project:* Colorado River Aqueduct Desalination and Salton Sea Water Supply Project.

f. *Location:* On the Colorado River Aqueduct Wasteway No. 1, and Salton Sea, in Riverside and Imperial Counties, California. Colorado River Aqueduct is owned by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Wasteway No. 1 is administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the Salton Sea is managed by the Salton Sea Authority.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Michael Clinton, Michael Clinton Engineering, 3004 Harborside Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89117-2242, (702) 255-1536

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Please include the project number (P-12093-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners

filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A Proposed 500-foot-long, 7-foot-high dam, (2) a proposed impoundment having and surface area of 100 acres and storage capacity of 500 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 1670 feet msl, (3) a proposed 18-mile-long, 48-inch-diameter steel penstock, (4) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating units having an installed capacity of 8.5 MW, (5) a proposed tailrace emptying into the Salton Sea, (6) a proposed 8-mile-long, 12.5 kV transmission line, and (7) appurtenant Facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 100 GWh that would be sold to a local utility.

l. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

m. *Preliminary Permit—*Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Preliminary Permit—*Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified