

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Web-Based Education Commission; Hearing and Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Education.

ACTION: Notice of hearing and meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next hearing and meeting of the Web-based Education Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Difficulties in scheduling the meeting caused delay in publishing this notice. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend this hearing and meeting.

DATES: The hearing and meeting will be held on April 7, 2000, from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: The hearing and meeting will be held at Sun Microsystems, Inc., 10 Network Circle, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David S. Byer, Executive Director, Web-based Education Commission, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006–8533. Telephone: (202) 502–7561. Fax: (202) 502–7873. Email: david_byer@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Web-based Education Commission is authorized by Title VIII, Part J of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, as amended by the Fiscal 2000 Appropriations Act for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies. The Commission is required to conduct a thorough study to assess the critical pedagogical and policy issues affecting the creation and use of web-based and other technology-mediated content and learning strategies to transform and improve teaching and achievement at the K–12 and postsecondary education levels. The Commission must issue a final report to the President and the Congress, not later than 12 months after the first meeting of the commission, which occurred November 16–17, 1999. The final report will contain a detailed statement of the Commission's findings and conclusions, as well as recommendations.

The purpose of the April 7 hearing will be to capture the perspectives of the nation's top business, government and education leaders who are located in the Silicon Valley. These experts will explore the potential of digital technologies for empowering learners of all ages and in all environments. Testimony will be received on the following issues: (1) Using the Internet

to transform learning: past educational challenges and new opportunities; (2) applying lessons from e business: what have we learned? what is transportable to education?; (3) identifying barriers to achieving the vision of the Internet for learning and offering solutions; and (4) moving from the "digital divide" to "digital opportunity." The testimony received will be used by the members of the Commission to help in the development of its policy recommendations.

The hearing and meeting are open to the general public. Records are kept of all Commission proceeding and are available for public inspection at the office of the Web-Based Education Commission, Room 8091, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006–8533 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities at the Hearing

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Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–178–A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Citizens Power Sales LLC

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Citizens Power Sales LLP (CP Sales) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 28, 2000.

ADDRESS: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (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: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202–586–9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 29, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized CP Sales to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities of San Diego Gas and Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. That two-year authorization will expire on May 29, 2000. On March 21, 2000, CP Sales filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for a 5-year term.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA–178. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA–178 proceeding.