

permit in Docket E-6432 (DOE Presidential Permit PP-16) to Citizens Utilities Company (now Citizens Communications Company) for one 2,300-volt (2.3-kV) electric distribution line that crossed the United States border with Mexico in the vicinity of Sondita Avenue, Nogales, Arizona, and one 13-kV distribution line that originated at the Grand Avenue Plant and crossed the United States border with Mexico 1700 feet east of the 2.3-kV facilities.

On December 29, 1967, the FPC granted a Presidential permit in Docket E-7371 (DOE Presidential Permit PP-40) to Citizens Utilities Company for a 13.8-kV distribution line crossing the United States border with Mexico in the vicinity of Boundary Monument No. 112 in Lochiel, Arizona.

On December 29, 1967, in Docket E-7370, and on February 2, 1970, in Docket E-6431, (DOE Docket Nos. EA-40 and EA-16, respectively) the FPC authorized Citizens Utilities to export electric energy to Mexico using the above cross-border facilities.

On April 18, 2003, Citizens and UniSource (collectively, the "Applicants") jointly filed applications with DOE to transfer Presidential Permits PP-16 and PP-40, as well as electricity export authorizations EA-16 and EA-40, from Citizens to a new corporate subsidiary of UniSource and currently designated as "NewCo." As a result of an asset purchase agreement executed on October 29, 2002, Citizens agreed to sell to UniSource all assets (as further described in the applications) used by Citizens in connection with or otherwise necessary for the conduct of Citizens' electric utility business in Arizona. The sale of Citizens electric utility business to NewCo is currently pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC; Docket No. EC03-54-000). UniSource owns 99.9% of the issued and outstanding common stock of Tucson Electric Power Company and all of the issued and outstanding common stock of two direct non-utility subsidiaries, Millennium Energy Holdings, Inc. and UniSource Energy Development Company.

In the instant applications, the Applicants request that the existing energy limits of 60,000,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year using the PP-16 facilities, and 5,000,000 kWh per year using the PP-40 facilities be removed. The Applicants further note that the 2.3-kV facilities currently authorized in Presidential Permit PP-16 were removed in the mid-1970's and that the 13-kV line is currently maintained only for contingencies and does not serve any load. The Applicants state that there

will be no physical changes to either of the existing permitted facilities.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the joint applications to transfer Presidential permits and electricity export authorizations from Citizens to NewCo should be clearly marked with Dockets EA-279, PP-16-1, or PP-40-1, as appropriate. Additional copies are to be filed directly with L. Russell Mitten, Esq., VP, General Counsel, Citizens Communications Company, 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905; Vincent Nitido, Jr., Esq., VP, General Counsel, UniSource Energy Corporation, One South Church Ave., Suite 100, Tucson, AZ 85701; and Bonnie A. Suchman, Esq., Amie V. Colby, Esq., Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

Before an electricity export authorization or Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit or electricity export authorization, with any conditions and limitations, or denying them) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

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), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, June 5, 2003, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday, June 6, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA, Phone: (509) 946-7611, Fax: (509) 943-8564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Sherman, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 376-6216; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Revised Draft Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement—Discussion and Draft Advice
Integrated Safety Management System and Voluntary Protection Program Discussion Panel
Office of River Protection Baseline (draft advice—tentative)
DOE Budget Process Update (draft advice—tentative)
Office of River Protection: Disposition of Transuranic Waste in the Tanks (draft advice—tentative)

Friday, June 6, 2003

Informational Session on Hanford Project Management Plan Strategic Initiative #3:

—Accelerate Stabilization and De-Inventory of Nuclear Materials: Spent Nuclear Fuel, Special Nuclear Material (Plutonium) and Cesium and Strontium Capsules Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council Overview
 Adoption of Draft Advice:
 —Revised Draft Hanford Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement
 —Office of River Protection Baseline (tentative)
 —DOE Budget Process Update (tentative)
 —Office of River Protection: Disposition of Transuranic Waste in the Tanks (tentative)
 Committee Updates
 Identification of September Hanford Advisory Board meeting agenda topics

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Yvonne Sherman's office 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. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Yvonne Sherman, Department of Energy Richland Operation Office, 825 Jadwin, MSIN A7-75, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling her at (509) 376-1563.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, July 24, 2003; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, July 25, 2003; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Four Points Sheraton, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Strauss, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290; Telephone: 301-903-3705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

Thursday, July 24, 2003, and Friday, July 25, 2003

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Programs
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program
- Discussion of the High-Energy Physics Facilities Recommended for the DOE Office of Science Twenty-Year Roadmap Report
- Discussion of the DOE/NSF HEPAP Subpanel on Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel (P5) Report
- Discussion of High Energy Physics University Programs
- Reports on and Discussion of U.S. Large Hadron Collider Activities
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Bruce Strauss, 301-903-3705 or Bruce.Strauss@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly

conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 1, 2003.

Take notice that on April 28, 2003, CenterPoint Energy Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing, as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective May 29, 2003:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 40
 Second Revised Sheet No. 177
 Original Sheet No. 178
 Original Sheet No. 179
 Sheet Nos. 180-182

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is to revise the provisions of the General Terms and Conditions of MRT's tariff relating to capacity releases when the Releasing Customer is not creditworthy.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the