

respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to attend should contact the Board office at (202) 208-0692. The Board will review and give final approval to revisions of its budget plan for the remainder of FY 2000. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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

DATES: Wednesday, March 8, 2000: 6:00-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Garden Plaza Hotel, 215 South Illinois Street, Oak Ridge, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Perry, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, (865) 576-8956.

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:

1. Project Team Leaders' reports on their team's current and planned activities.
2. Board members' trip reports on the SSAB Chairs Meeting in Idaho, and on the Western Stakeholder Forum on Land Use Controls.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements

may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Carol Davis at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Official 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 a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the end of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Carol Davis, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling her at (423) 576-0418.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. PP-50 and PP-219]

Application for Presidential Permit, Central Power & Light; Request to Rescind Presidential Permit, Comision Federal de Electricidad

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application; Request for Rescission.

SUMMARY: Central Power and Light Company (CPL) has applied for a Presidential permit to operate and maintain existing electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Mexico. In the same application, Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE) has requested a rescission of its Presidential permit originally granted for the construction of these same cross-border transmission facilities.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27),

Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On February 9, 2000, CPL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Central and South West Corporation, a public utility regulated by both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Public Utility Commission of Texas, filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. CPL proposes to operate and maintain existing international transmission facilities at Eagle Pass, Texas. Construction of these existing facilities was authorized by Presidential Permit PP-50 issued to CFE, the national electric utility of Mexico. The CPL application also includes a letter from CFE requesting that DOE rescind PP-50 coincident with issuance of a Presidential permit to CPL.

Presidential Permit PP-50 originally was granted by the Federal Power Commission on February 8, 1971, in Order E-6192, and authorized construction of a 138,000-volt (138-kV) transmission line extending approximately 1.3 miles from CPL's Eagle Pass, Texas, substation to the United States border with Mexico. From the border, the transmission line continues approximately 3.7 miles to Piedras Negras in Mexico's State of Coahuila. CPL does not propose to change the physical facilities previously authorized to CFE. Rather, CPL proposes to change the manner in which the facilities will be operated.

In its application, CPL indicates that it is installing High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) equipment in the form of Voltage Source Converter technology at its Eagle Pass substation to address transmission reliability problems that exist in the area. CPL expects that the installation of this equipment will relieve the existing transmission constraints within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. In its Presidential permit application, CPL is requesting DOE to authorize the connection of this HVDC equipment to