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Assistant Secretary for Office for Civil Rights.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify Ms. Hope M. Gray at 202-219-2099 or via e-mail at hope.gray@ed.gov no later than Thursday, February 28. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with liabilities. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, March 7, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m.; and Friday, March 8, 2002, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The University of Texas at Brownsville in the Science, Engineering, and Technology Building, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas 77520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC 20202-7582 (202) 219-2099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with

regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a third-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: promoting program integrity, eliminating or avoiding program complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs, and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes: (a) Round table discussion sessions regarding the findings of Access Denied and related research, in particular, the implications of unmet need on low-income students, (b) the role of academic preparation in access; and (c) the implications of the data and findings for federal and state policy. In addition, the Committee will discuss its plans for the remainder of fiscal year 2002 and address other Committee business. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV.COMSFA@ed.gov or Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation,

complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219-3032. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 219-2099. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 26, 2002.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Brownsville, Texas on Thursday, March 7, 2002, from 9 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m., and on Friday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 12 noon.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: January 30, 2002.

Brian K. Fitzgerald,

Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

AGENCY: National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT15378 entitled "Identification and Demonstration of Preferred Upstream Management Practices III (PUMP III) for the Oil Industry." The Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of its National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO), seeks cost-shared research and development applications for identification of preferred management practices (PMP) addressing a production barrier in a region and the documentation of these practices for use by the oil industry. Applications will either address (1) The solutions to a technical barrier to production in a region through identification, demonstration, and evaluation of suitable PMP's or (2) they will apply research or analysis to overcome an environmental regulatory barrier. The near-term goal is to address regional barriers whose resolution or

removal would result in an increase in near-term oil production from onshore or offshore Federal, State, tribal or private land.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about February 4, 2002. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Beth Pearse MS 921-107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 626 Cochran's Mill Rd., P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, E-mail Address: pearse@netl.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Petroleum Technology Office of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (FE) National Energy Technology Lab (NETL) is soliciting cost-shared applications for identification of preferred management practices (PMP) addressing production and data-sharing solutions to a production barrier in a region and the documentation of these practices for use by the industry. The near-term goal is to increase current domestic oil production quickly.

The mission of the Department of Energy's Fossil Energy Oil Program is derived from the National need for increased oil production for national security, requirements for Federal Lands stewardship, and increased protection of the environment. The Oil Program develops unique technologies and processes to locate untapped oil resources; extend the life of domestic energy resources; and reduce well abandonment—all essential to maximizing the production of domestic resources while protecting the environment. The National Energy Policy in providing energy for a new century supports efforts to increase oil and gas recovery from existing wells through new technology (NEP, Chapter 5, May 2001). The Preferred Upstream Management Practices III (PUMP III) Program continues an effort to meet the NEP goal, by encouraging implementation of the most promising and environmentally protective advanced technologies for optimizing the recovery of the Nation's valuable oil resources.

The program will accept proposals for cost-shared research and development applications for identification of preferred management practices (PMP) addressing a production barrier in a region and the documentation of these

practices for use by the oil industry. Applications will either address (1) The solutions to a technical barrier to production in a region through identification, demonstration, and evaluation of suitable PMP's or (2) they will apply research or analysis to overcome an environmental regulatory barrier. The near-term goal is to address regional barriers whose resolution or removal would result in an increase in near-term oil production from onshore or offshore Federal, State, tribal or private land.

Barriers can be identified as technical, physical, regulatory, environmental, or economic. The selected projects are expected to employ the following four (4) strategies in order to have a rapid impact on production: (1) Focus on regions that present the biggest potential for additional oil production quickly, (2) integrate solutions to technological, economic, regulatory, and data constraints, (3) demonstrate the validity of these practices either through field demonstration during the project or documentation of well-run successful past demonstration, and (4) use known technology transfer mechanisms.

Using a regional approach where the projects will have a wide applicability, an integrated approach scheduling tasks along parallel paths to facilitate a quicker response, and operating with existing networks, the production results in the field should be accelerated. The documentation and evaluation of the PMP will be a valuable resource to all producers in the applicable area and possibly other regions as well.

Projects will demonstrate practices and/or technologies that can increase production, increase cost savings, or rapid returns on the capital investments of the operators. New technologies/processes or under-used but effective applications of existing technologies/processes critical to a region will be demonstrated. Some proposals will develop data, systems, or methodologies that enable oil permitting agencies to make decisions more quickly and/or that are based on better scientific information about the environmental risks of a given operation.

This program expects near-term results and actions that will create data or technological resources suitable for long-term use. Teaming is encouraged and the proposal partners could include, but not be limited to, producers, producer organizations, universities, service companies, State agencies or organizations, non-Federal research laboratories, and Native American Tribes or Corporations. The DOE will make publicly available over

the Internet the data on preferred practices resulting from this program. The resulting publicly available databases of the preferred practices will be interactive, Internet accessible, should include both technologies and practices, and address constraints in the exploration, production, or environmental areas.

DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (Cooperative Agreement) awards. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards will be made. Multiple awards are anticipated. Approximately \$6 million of DOE funding is planned over a 2 year period for this solicitation. The program seeks to sponsor projects for a single budget/project period of 24 months or less. Due to the low risk and near-term nature of the PUMP program and the potential for a process or technology demonstration, all applicants are required to cost share at a minimum of 50% of the project total for projects submitted under Area 1 and 20% of the project total for projects submitted under Area 2. Details of the cost sharing requirement, and the specific funding levels are contained in the solicitation.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751, or e-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPSHelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on 28 January 2002.

Dale A. Siciliano,

Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 02-17: Fusion 2002 Summer Study, Snowmass Village, CO, Supplemental Travel Funding

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for supplemental travel funding.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for supplemental travel funding for existing grants to allow researchers and graduate students who are members of the fusion energy science community to participate in the Snowmass 2002 Fusion Energy Sciences Summer Study to be held July 8-19, 2002, Snowmass Village, Colorado. Preference will be given to requests to supplement existing grants funded at levels less than \$500,000 per year.

DATES: To permit timely consideration for awards in Fiscal Year 2002, formal applications in response to this notice should be received on or before March 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 02-17, should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 02-17. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any other commercial mail delivery service or when hand carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold H. Kritz, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, Science Division, SC-55 (GTN), 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-2027. e-mail: Arnold.Kritz@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of the supplemental travel funding is to encourage broad participation by fusion science researchers in the Snowmass 2002 Fusion Energy Sciences Summer Study. This funding is intended to supplement

existing grants funded by the Office of Fusion Energy Sciences. Preference will be given to requests to supplement grants with an annual budget of less than \$200,000. Principal Investigators of existing grants may submit requests for supplemental funding to support travel, up to a maximum of \$2500 per person, for any researcher or graduate student supported by their grant. Requests for travel funds for both researchers and graduate students can be included in the same application for supplemental funding.

It is expected that \$60,000 will be available to support supplemental travel for faculty and research staff. In order to encourage student participation in the meeting, an additional \$20,000 is expected to be available to support graduate student travel, with preference given to students nearing completion of their Ph.D. degree.

The request for supplemental funding should include a page for each traveler, not to exceed 300 words, describing how the Summer Study relates to the traveler's research and what the traveler is likely to contribute to the Summer Study. The supplemental travel funding for each proposed traveler will be reviewed competitively with awards based on the applicant's likely level of participation in the Meeting as well as potential benefit to the fusion program resulting from the applicant's attendance at the Fusion 2002 Summer Study Meeting. Additional information about the objectives of the Fusion 2002 Summer Study at Snowmass can be obtained from the Web site at: <http://lithos.gat.com/snowmass/>

The request for each traveler should indicate the Snowmass Working Group, or Groups, in which the traveler expects to participate. Briefly describe how the individual's research will enable him/her to contribute to the topic of the specified Snowmass Working Group(s) and/or how the participation in the program of the Snowmass Working group(s) will benefit the individual's fusion research program. A listing of the Snowmass working groups can be found on the Web at: <http://lithos.gat.com/snowmass/working.html>. The request should also include a vitae for each traveler. The relationship between the traveler's research experience and the goals of the Snowmass meeting will be considered in evaluating the request. In the budget justification specify for each traveler the breakdown for travel, lodging and per diem costs.

Applicants are expected to use the following ordered format to prepare applications.

- Face Page Form (DOE F 4650.2)
- Budget Page Form (DOE F 4620.1)

- Page with Budget Explanation
- One page for each traveler, not to exceed 300 words per traveler, describing how the Summer Study relates to the travelers research and what the traveler is likely to contribute to the Summer Study
- Biographical sketches or vitae, including relevant publications (limit two pages per traveler)

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605 which is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 29, 2002.

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER02-338-001, et al.]

Portland General Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 29, 2002.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission. Any comments should be submitted in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

[Docket No. ER02-338-001]

1. Portland General Electric Company

Take notice that on January 24, 2002, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) amendments to its revised tariff sheets to its Open Access Transmission Tariff and certain information requested by the Commission regarding its proposed energy imbalance charge in the above-referenced proceeding.

PGE requests that the Commission make the amended tariff sheets effective as of March 1, 2002.