

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Group of Advisors to the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Board concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: September 9-10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Director for Programs, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn, P.O. Box 20010, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: colliere@ndu.edu

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Group of Advisors meeting is open to the public.

Dated: August 10, 2001.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Request for Input on Space Transportation Policy

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Request for Input on Space Transportation Policy.

SUMMARY: The Air Force seeks input from the U.S. space sector regarding the future national direction of space launch bases and ranges including both Federal and non-Federal launch sites. Specifically, the Air Force is interested in comments concerning future development of launch bases and ranges, and policies that would have the potential of impacting the international competitiveness of the U.S. space launch industry.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Space), Space Policy, Plans, and Strategy (SAF/SXP), ATTN: Col Mushaw/Lt Col Kordell, 1640 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20330-1640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Col. Stan Mushaw, (703) 695-2318, or Lt. Col. Blaise Kordell, (703) 614-5368.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: In light of recent space transportation reviews (i.e., the report of the Interagency Working Group on "The Future Management and Use of the U.S. Space Launch Bases and Ranges" and the Secretary of the Air Force's Spacelift Task Force) and other efforts underway in the Department of Defense, the Air Force is interested in gathering state and industry input regarding space transportation issues needing national policy guidance as well as Air Force-specific policies, if any, that need to be updated or modified. Specifically, the Air Force wishes to examine launch base and range management issues, particularly policy, legal, and economic issues hindering and/or facilitating future access to space.

The Air Force seeks input from the U.S. space sector (e.g., companies with an interest in U.S. commercial space activities, spaceports, launch vehicle and satellite manufacturers, launch and satellite services providers, base and range operations contractors, launch site operators, operators of commercial payload processing facilities, etc.), academia, and other interested members of the public. The Air Force is also seeking the views of state and local governments, particularly as they relate to the operations of non-Federal launch sites, commonly referred to as spaceports.

Submissions should address your views regarding the future national direction of space launch bases and ranges including both Federal and non-Federal launch sites. Specifically, the Air Force is interested in comments concerning future development of launch bases and ranges and policies that would have the potential of impacting the international competitiveness of the U.S. space launch industry. Responses should describe specific impediments and potential actions that could facilitate future access to space. The Air Force is not requesting additional comments at this time on other initiatives of the U.S. Government for which the government has previously solicited comments including the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Commercial Space Transportation Licensing Regulations, Licensing and Safety Requirements for Launch, October 25, 2000 or comments

regarding on-going range modernization efforts.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER01-1844-000]

Black Hills Generation, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

August 10, 2001.

Black Hills Generation, Inc. (Black Hills) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Black Hills will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Black Hills also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Black Hills requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Black Hills.

On June 22, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Black Hills should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, Black Hills is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Black Hills and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Black Hills' issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.