

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 22, 1996: 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Amarillo Association of Realtors, 5601 Enterprise Circle, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Williams, Program Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

10:00 a.m.: Welcome—Introductions—Approval of Minutes
 10:10 a.m.: Co-Chairs' Comments
 10:20 a.m.: ATSDR Update
 Rick Collins, Senior Scientist
 10:50 a.m.: Safety Management Evaluation Out-Brief
 Glen Podonsky
 11:50 a.m.: Updates
 Occurrence Reports
 12:20 p.m.: Lunch
 12:45 p.m.: Subcommittee Reports/Task Force Reports
 Policy and Personnel
 Nominations
 Budget and Finance, funding change update
 Environmental Restoration
 1:00 p.m.: Work Session
 1997 Work Plan and Evaluation
 2:25 p.m.: Closing Comments
 2:30 p.m.: Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office 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 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.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 2, 1996.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,
Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site.

DATES AND TIMES: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday October 18-20, 1996:

October 18—1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

October 19—8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

October 20—8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Holiday Inn—Charleston on the Beach, One Center Street, Folly Beach, South Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Heenan, Manager, Environmental

Restoration and Solid Waste, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802 (803) 725-8074.

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

Friday, October 18, 1996

1:00 pm: Review applications of potential candidates for Board membership and select three qualified applicants per Board vacancy.

6:00 pm: Adjourn

Saturday, October 19, 1996

8:30 am: Review applications of potential candidates for Board membership and select three qualified applicants per Board vacancy.

6:00 pm: Adjourn

Sunday, October 20, 1996

8:30 am: Final selection of qualified candidates for Board membership and review Board membership requirements to ensure all are met.

12:00 pm: Adjourn

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 Tom Heenan's office 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 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.

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 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Tom Heenan, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802, or by calling him at (803)-725-8074.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 2, 1996.
 Rachel Murphy Samuel,
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee
 Management Officer.*
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Alaska Power Administration

[Rate Order No. APA-12]

Eklutna Project - Order Confirming and Approving an Adjustment of Power Rates on an Interim Basis

AGENCY: Alaska Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of a rate order.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Deputy Secretary approved Rate Order No. APA 12 which adjusts the present power rates for the Eklutna Project. This is an interim rate action effective October 1, 1996, for a period of 12 months. This rate is subject to final confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a period of up to five years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rodney L. Adelman, Administrator, Alaska Power Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 16, 1996, the Alaska Power Administration (APA) published a Federal Register notice of its intention to adjust current power rates for the Eklutna Project for a period of up to five years. The present rates are 18.7 mills per kilowatthour for firm energy, 10 mills per kilowatthour for non-firm energy, and 0.3 mills per kilowatthour for wheeling. These rates were approved by FERC Order, Docket No. EF94-1011-000 issued February 2, 1995, for the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1999.

Based on comments received during the public information process, APA now proposes that rates be adjusted beginning October 1, 1996, for a period of up to five years. The new rates would be 8.8 mills per kilowatthour for firm energy, 8.8 mills per kilowatthour for non-firm energy, and 0.3 mills per kilowatthour for wheeling. The Federal Register notice also indicated APA's intention to seek interim approval of the proposed rates by the Deputy Secretary of Energy pending final confirmation and approval of the rates by FERC. Following review of APA's proposal within the Department of Energy, I approved on an interim basis Rate Order No. APA-12 which adjusts the present

Eklutna Rates for period of up to five years beginning October 1, 1996, subject to final confirmation and approval by FERC.

Issued at Washington, DC, September 30, 1996.

Charles B. Curtis,
Deputy Secretary.

This is an interim rate action subject to review and approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It is made pursuant to the authorities delegated in DOE Delegation Order No. 0204-108, Amendment No. 3 to that Order.

Background

The Eklutna Project was completed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in 1955. The Alaska Power Administration has operated and maintained the project since 1967. The Eklutna Project is a single-purpose project comprised of a dam, reservoir, 30,000-kW hydroelectric plant, 45 miles of 115-kV transmission lines, and three substations serving the Anchorage and Palmer areas. All project costs are allocated to power. The entire output of the project is under contract to three preference customers in the Anchorage-Palmer area on a take-or-pay basis.

Rate Schedules A-F10, A-N11 and A-W2 now in effect for the Eklutna Project were confirmed and approved by order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Docket No. EF94-1011-000 issued February 2, 1995, for a period ending September 30, 1999.

Discussion

System Repayment

Studies prepared by the Alaska Power Administration, as required by DOE Policy No. RA 6120.2, demonstrate that the present firm rate must be decreased. The decreased rate will provide sufficient revenue to meet requirements for the rate period and meet project repayment criteria by the end of the repayment period. On that basis, the Alaska Power Administration proposes an adjustment of the firm rate for a period not to exceed five years. The Administrator of Alaska Power Administration has certified that the new rates are consistent with applicable law and that they are the lowest possible rates to customers consistent with sound business principles.

Environmental Impact

Alaska Power Administration has concluded with Departmental concurrence that this rate action will have no significant environmental impact within the meaning of the Environmental Policy Act of 1969. It is

the Alaska Power Administration's determination that the rate adjustment does not exceed the rate of inflation and therefore is categorically excluded from the NEPA process as defined in 40 CFR 1508.4 and is listed as a categorical exclusion for DOE in 10 CER 1021, Appendix B4.3. The proposed action is not a major Federal action for which preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Availability of Information

Information regarding this rate action, including studies and other supporting material, is available for public review in the offices of the Alaska Power Administration, 2770 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2B, Juneau, Alaska.

Public Notice and Comment

Opportunity for public review and comment on the rate action was announced by notice in the Federal Register on May 16, 1996, and in three paid advertisements in the newspaper in the market area on June 13, 14, and 15, 1996. The notice provided for a comment period of 90 days following publication in the Federal Register. A public information and comment forum was scheduled in Anchorage, Alaska on June 24, 1996, with public comment period ending August 14, 1994. The public information and comment forum was canceled on June 17, 1994, due to lack of interest, in accordance with 10 CFR 903.15(b), 10 CFR 903.15(c) and the Alaska Power Administration's prior notices of the public forum.

Submission to FERC

The rates herein confirmed, approved, and placed in effect on an interim basis, together with supporting documents, will be submitted promptly to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Order

In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Energy, I hereby confirm and approve on an interim basis, effective October 1, 1996, attached Wholesale Power Rate Schedules A-F11 A-N12, and A-W3. These rate schedules shall remain in effect on an interim basis for a period of 12 months unless such period is extended or until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission confirms and approves them or substitute rate schedules on a final basis.