

effective approach to integrating SWH into the building sector; capabilities and resources to implement the business venture; and plan to identify and address barriers which might retard market penetration. The collaborative projects are intended to include the following components: (1) Business and market planning; (2) market and business development; and (3) a pilot program for installation of solar water heating systems; and (4) a plan for a sustainable business venture beyond Federal involvement.

As there is a reasonable expectation that the recipients of a cooperative agreement will receive significant future economic benefits as a result of the performance of this project, cost sharing on the part of the recipient is required. All respondents must propose a cost share of at least 50% of the total project costs from non-Federal sources. Examples of potential applicants include, but are not limited to, home builders, utilities, and energy service companies in partnership with solar companies.

Solicitation Number DE-PS36-98GO10323 will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting projects for funding. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for May 1, 1998, with responses due 45 days following solicitation release. Issuance of the solicitation is planned on a semi-annual basis beginning in 1998.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on April 1, 1998.

**Beth H. Peterman,**

*Contracting Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Intent to Solicit Applications for Financial Assistance Grants

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Solicit applications for financial assistance grants.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy is announcing its intent to solicit applications for awards for financial assistance (i.e., grants) for the upgrade, purchase or maintenance of equipment and/or instrumentation (1) relating to the performance, control or operational capability of nuclear research reactors at university facilities, or (2) for radiation

detection and measurement at laboratories directly related to the reactor facilities.

**DATES:** The anticipated issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-98ID13671 is April 6, 1998. A copy of the solicitation in its full text may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/proc-div.html> under Current Solicitations. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications will be submitted to: Connie Osborne, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401-1563.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Osborne, Contract Specialist at (208) 526-0093 or Brad Bauer, Contracting Officer at (208) 526-0090; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401-1563.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation will be issued pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(b). Eligibility for awards under this University Reactor Instrumentation (URI) Program will be restricted to U.S. colleges and universities having a duly licensed, operating nuclear research or training reactor. The purpose of the URI Program is to assist educational institutions in updating their nuclear reactor or related radiation laboratory facilities.

The statutory authority for the program is Pub. L. 95-91.

**Michael L. Adams,**

*Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 22, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via video-conference. The public is invited to attend the meeting at any of the following locations:

- **Nampa, Idaho:** Room 184 of Boise State University's Canyon County Campus, 2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID (208) 467-5707

- **Idaho Falls, Idaho:** Room 372 of the Administration Building on the Eastern Idaho Technical College campus, 1600 S. 2500 E, Idaho Falls, ID; (208) 524-3000.

- **Lewiston, Idaho:** Room 143 of the Educational Technology Center on the Lewis and Clark State College campus, 500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, ID; (208) 799-5272.

- **Twin Falls, Idaho:** Room C-91 of the Evergreen Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 3151 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, ID; (208) 733-9554 ext. 2449.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** INEEL Information (1-800-708-2680), Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp. (208-522-1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab@>.

### 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

The objectives for the meeting will be to consider draft language developed by various committees and to achieve consensus on a final recommendation on the draft Accelerating Cleanup document. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

#### Public Comment Availability

The meeting is open to the public, with a public comment session scheduled at the end of the meeting. The Board will be available during this time period to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are no members of the public wishing to comment or no written comments to review, the board will continue with its current discussion. 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 the INEEL Information line or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., at the addresses or telephone numbers 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 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 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 Charles M. Rice, INEEL Citizens' Advisory Board Chair, 477 Shoup Ave., Suite 205, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402 or by calling Wendy Green Lowe, the Board Facilitator, at (208) 522-1662.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 2, 1998.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Dockets No. PP-177 and EA-177]

### Applications for Presidential Permit and Electricity Export Authorization Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications.

**SUMMARY:** Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Burke-Divide), a rural electric cooperative headquartered in Columbus, North Dakota, has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, connect, operate and maintain a new electric transmission facility across the U.S. border with Canada. In addition, Burke-Divide has applied for authorization to export electric energy to Canada.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 8, 1998.

**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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**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. Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are also regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On March 18, 1998, Burke-Divide filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. Burke-Divide proposes to construct approximately one mile of 12.47 kilovolt (kV) distribution line in North Star Township, Burke County, North Dakota, north to the Canadian border. In a separate application, also filed on March 18, 1998, Burke-Divide applied for authorization to export electric energy to Canada, using this proposed facility, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA.

The purpose of the proposed line and export authorization is to supply electric energy to a rail car loading facility located approximately 2000 feet north of the United States border with Canada in the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada. The proposed line would extend from the present dead end of a 12.47 kV distribution line that itself originates at Burke-Divide's Bowbells Substation. The substation will not be enlarged, nor will new generation be required to supply the proposed load.

Burke-Divide does not own or operate any generating facilities. The electric energy Burke-Divide proposes to export will be supplied from its Western Area Power Administration allocation or purchased from Upper Missouri G&T Association (Upper Missouri). Upper Missouri also does not own generating facilities, but purchases its power needs from Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Since the restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export

authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities constructed pursuant to Presidential permits to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order Nos. 888 and 888-A (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities). In furtherance of this policy, DOE intends to condition any Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

#### Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with section 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214).

Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be filed directly with: Mr. Keith Berg, General Manager, Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 6, Columbus, North Dakota 58727-0006.

Before a Presidential permit or electricity export authorization 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 and also consider the environmental impacts of the proposed actions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. For a Presidential permit, DOE also must obtain the concurrences of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 1, 1998.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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