

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Federal Pell Grant Program Institution Payment Record and Payment Data.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 5,918. Burden Hours: 355,080.

*Abstract:* The Federal Pell Grant Program provides grants to eligible students based on financial need to meet the costs of postsecondary education. The institution payment record and payment data is how the institution reports to the Department student recipients and the funds to be disbursed under the program.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant**

**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), Pantex Plant.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, January 27, 1998: 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area 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**

1:30 p.m.—Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes  
1:40 p.m.—Co-Chair Comments  
1:50 p.m.—Task Force Reports  
2:10 p.m.—Subcommittee Reports  
2:30 p.m.—Nominations Report  
3:00 p.m.—Ex-Officio Reports  
3:30 p.m.—Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE  
4:15 p.m.—Nuclear Materials Management Issues—Tentative  
5:30 p.m.—Closing Remarks/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 Jerry Johnson'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 at any time throughout the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

##### **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 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm 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 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 8, 1998.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test Site**

**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), Nevada Test Site.

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 4, 1998: 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Support Facility, Great Basin Room, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Rohrer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8513, phone: 702-295-0197.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

##### **Tentative Agenda**

5:30 p.m.—Call to Order  
5:40 p.m.—Presentations  
7:00 p.m.—Public Comment/Questions  
7:30 p.m.—Break  
7:45 p.m.—Review Action Items  
8:00 p.m.—Approve Meeting Minutes  
8:10 p.m.—Committee Reports  
8:45 p.m.—Public Comment  
9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

### 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 Kevin Rohrer, at the 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.

### 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 Kevin Rohrer at the address listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 8, 1998.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project 11561-000, AK]

#### Alaska Village Electric Corporation; Notice of Alaska Village Electric Corporation's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

January 8, 1998.

The preliminary permit holder, Alaska Village Electric Corporation (AVEC), has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Old Harbor Hydroelectric Project No. 11561.<sup>1</sup> AVEC has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian Tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use

of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case. AVEC has also submitted a communication protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on AVEC's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.<sup>2</sup> Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedure being requested here combines the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

#### Applicant Prepared EA Process and Old Harbor Project Schedule

On November 13, 1997, AVEC distributed an Initial Stage Consultation Document for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. AVEC scheduled a consultation meeting and site visit for all interested parties on December 15 and 16, 1997, respectively, to solicit study requests from participants. Notices announcing the meeting and site visit were published locally, as required by Commission regulations.

Public scoping meetings are planned for Spring 1998. Based on study requests from the December 15, 1997, meeting, study plans would be developed early in 1998. Studies would be conducted during spring, summer, and fall 1998, as needed. The application, including the applicant-prepared EA, would be filed with the Commission on or before March 11, 1999, the expiration date of AVEC's preliminary permit.

<sup>2</sup> 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

### Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on AVEC's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Old Harbor Hydroelectric Project.

### Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Old Harbor Hydroelectric Project, No. 11561).

For further information, please contact Nan Allen of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail at Nan.Allen@FERC.Fed.US.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2927-004]

#### Aquamac Corporation; Notice Establishing Procedures for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

January 8, 1998.

The license for the Aquamac Hydro Project, Project No. 2927, located on the Merrimack River in Essex County, near Lawrence, Massachusetts, will expire on September 30, 1999. On September 29, 1997, an application for subsequent license was filed. The following is an approximate schedule and procedures that will be followed in processing the application:

Date	Action
March 1, 1998 .....	Commission notifies applicant that its application has been accepted and specifies the need for additional information and due date.
March 1, 1998 .....	Commission issues public notice of the accepted application establishing dates for filing motions to intervene and protests.

<sup>1</sup> The 380-kilowatt project would be located on Kodiak Island, near Old Harbor, Alaska, partially within the boundaries of the Kodiak Island National Wildlife Refuge.