

encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the SEIS/EIR circulation.

4. Public Scoping Meeting

A series of public scoping meetings will be held from 6–8 p.m. on the following dates: July 25, 2002, South Natomas Community Center, July 30, 2002, Teal Bend Golf Course; and July 31, 2002, Holt of California Conference Room.

5. Availability

The draft SEIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in the summer of 2003.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Notice of Establishment

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, Education.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces his intention to establish the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. The Commission will be governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463 as amended; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2).

Purpose: The Secretary has determined that the 30th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") is an appropriate time to review the application of current Federal standards for measuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX. This landmark legislation prohibits recipients of Federal funds from discriminating on the basis of sex. Prior to the enactment of Title IX, schools and universities receiving federal funds were free to discriminate against women (and girls).

Over the last 30 years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of women's (and girls') athletic teams at both the high school and college levels. From 1981 to 1999, the total number of college women's teams increased by 66%. Despite these gains, many college administrators claim that the Department has failed to provide clear

guidance on how colleges can comply with Title IX. The Secretary believes that it would be in the public interest to establish this Commission for the purpose of collecting information, analyzing issues, and obtaining broad public input directed at improving the application of current Federal standards for measuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX.

The Commission will produce a report, not later than January 31, 2003, to the Secretary outlining its findings and any recommendations as to whether the Title IX standards should be revised, and if so, how the standards should be revised to improve the effectiveness of Title IX and to maintain and build upon the extraordinary progress that has resulted from its passage 30 years ago.

The Commission will consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the Secretary from the public and private sectors, as well as up to three ex officio members from the Department of Education. The members shall include representatives of college, university, and school district officials, such as athletic directors, coaches, and other faculty, and representatives of intercollegiate and secondary school athletics; and may include researchers, state and local officials, and other persons with special expertise in intercollegiate and secondary school athletics or issues of equal educational opportunity. The membership of the Commission will be fairly balanced to reflect representation of a wide range of interests and perspectives relating to men's and women's (and boys' and girls') athletics. Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission and the Secretary shall select one or more chairpersons from among the members of the Commission.

For Additional Information: Contact Deborah Price, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 708–9132.

Dated: July 5, 2002.

Rod Paige,

Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Albuquerque Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation—Research and Development for Truck Essential Power Systems for Increased Powertrain Fuel Efficiency

and Overall Systems Efficiency Improvements.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Heavy Vehicle Technologies (OHVT), is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development for truck Essential Power Systems (EPS). Trucks include Class 2b through Class 8. The Essential Power System is a cross-cutting technology area (technologies and systems) that seeks to provide more efficient, practical, and cost effective management of electrical, mechanical, and thermal power on trucks. The EPS provides a possible technology pathway for future truck electrification.

DATES: Applications are to be received no later than 3 p.m. local prevailing time on August 26, 2002. Any application received after the due date will not be evaluated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Evan M. Dunne, Contract Specialist, DOE/AL, at (505) 845–4798 or by e-mail at edunne@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be available on the internet on or about July 12, 2002 at the following web site: <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov/>. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. Teaming arrangements are strongly encouraged, especially among truck original equipment manufacturers (OEM's) and manufacturers of powertrain/engine and truck systems, to take advantage of the best complementary technologies available from the different companies/organizations. Participation of universities, small businesses, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and DOE Laboratories is also encouraged. It is desired by DOE that the primary applicant be an industrial partner. This promotes timely technology transfer to the private sector and enhances U.S. industrial competitiveness.

Issued in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

William L. McCullough,

Contracting Officer, Complex Support Branch, Contracts and Procurement Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's intention to prepare a joint National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) EIS in cooperation with the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) for a proposed new cogeneration plant and its electrical interconnection with the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. The scope of the EIS will include construction and operation of the proposed power plant, a new 1-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, and ancillary facilities. BPA is the lead Federal agency under NEPA and EFSEC is the lead Washington State agency under SEPA.

DATES: All interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. An open house and public scoping meeting was held on July 9, 2002, at the Blaine High School Performing Arts Center, 965 H Street, Blaine, Washington. All comments subsequent to the open house should be received by August 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: To be placed on the project mailing list, including notification of meetings, call toll-free 1-800-622-4520, name this project, BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project, and leave your complete name and address.

To comment, call toll-free 1-800-622-4519; send an e-mail to the BPA Internet address comment@bpa.gov; or send a letter to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas C. McKinney, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 503-230-4749; or e-mail tcmmckinney@bpa.gov. Additional information can be found at BPA's web site: <http://www.efw.bpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project is a 720-megawatt (MW) generating station proposed by BP West Coast Products, LLC (BP). The project site is in Whatcom County, Washington, near the community of Birch Bay. BP has requested an interconnection and other transmission services that would allow firm power delivery to the wholesale power market. BPA proposes to execute agreements with BP to provide the interconnection and firm power transmission.

The EIS will evaluate the environmental consequences of the proposed project, including:

- Construction and operation of the powerplant;
- Approximate 1400 ft-long extension of an existing natural gas pipeline on BP property;
- Existing water supply for the BP refinery that would be utilized for the cogeneration facility;
- Wastewater disposal through the existing refinery waste water treatment system;
- Construction and operation by BP of an electrical interconnection consisting of a new 1-mile 230-kilovolt double-circuit, wood pole transmission line from the powerplant switchyard looping into Bonneville's existing 230-kV Custer-Intalco No.1 transmission line, and minor modifications to Bonneville's existing Custer and Intalco Substations.

- Interconnection agreement that BPA proposes with BP; and
- Firm transmission agreement that BPA proposes with BP.

Proposed Action. The BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project is an approximate 720 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle combustion turbine cogeneration facility on approximately 33 acres of land adjacent to and northeast of the BP refinery. The plant would be configured with three combustion turbines each driving an electric generator. Each of the gas turbine trains would be equipped with a heat recovery steam generator and duct firing capability to augment steam production. Steam would be produced at high pressure in the heat recovery steam generators and sent to one steam turbine driven electric generator with extraction and condensing capability. The refinery would also serve as a "steam host" for a portion of the steam produced by the combustion turbine. Natural gas would be supplied through an existing company owned proprietary natural gas pipeline running from Canada to the refinery. If additional gas is needed it would be obtained from a third party.

The electrical interconnection would occur approximately one mile east of the refinery on BPA's existing 230-kV transmission line connecting BPA's Custer and Intalco Substations. The entire project, including the new transmission line would be on refinery owned property, and would be entirely contained in a Major Industrial Urban Growth Area/Port Industrial as defined in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, issued May 20, 1997. The area is zoned Heavy Impact Industrial.

Process to Date. BPA is the lead Federal agency for the joint NEPA/SEPA

EIS, and EFSEC is the lead Washington State agency. In February 2001, BP requested BPA transmission services. On March 12, 2001, BP requested EFSEC to initiate a Potential Site Study for the BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project. On May 2, 2001, EFSEC held an open house meeting to introduce the BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project to interested parties in Whatcom County and the surrounding area. On September 28, 2001, EFSEC published the Potential Site Study. On June 10, 2002, BP submitted to EFSEC an Application for Site Certification.

Alternatives Proposed for Consideration. Alternatives thus far identified for evaluation in the EIS are (1) the proposed action, and (2) no action. Other alternatives may be identified through the scoping process.

Identification of Environmental Issues. The lead agencies have determined that this proposal may have a significant adverse impact on the environment. EFSEC will prepare an EIS consistent with its responsibilities under Chapter 80.50 and 43.21C (2)(c) of the Revised Code of Washington and Chapter 463-47 and 197-11 of the Washington Administrative Code. BPA will prepare an EIS pursuant to NEPA and the Council of Environmental Quality and DOE NEPA regulations. Therefore, BPA and EFSEC intend to prepare a joint NEPA/SEPA EIS addressing both the powerplant and the associated electric power interconnection and transmission facilities. The principal issues identified thus far for consideration in the Draft EIS are (1) air quality impacts, (2) socio-economic impacts including transportation impacts, and (3) wetlands and wildlife habitat impacts.

These issues, together with any additional significant issues identified through the scoping process, will be addressed in the Draft EIS. BPA will also use the EIS and NEPA process to address historic preservation and cultural resource issues under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Receiving comments from interested parties will assure that EFSEC and BPA address in the EIS the full range of issues and potentially significant impacts related to the proposed project. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment. EFSEC and BPA will hold at least one public comment meeting on the Draft EIS. EFSEC and BPA will consider comments received on the Draft EIS and respond to comments in the Final EIS.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on June 18, 2002

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Policy for Revisions to the Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Policy for revisions to the Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed revision policy for the *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report* (WNGSR). The WNGSR provides weekly estimates of working gas volumes held in underground storage facilities at the national and regional levels. The WNGSR became a new EIA information product in 2002 replacing an American Gas Association report begun in 1994 and discontinued in 2002. The WNGSR is based on information collected by EIA on Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Gas Storage Report."

DATES: Comments must be filed by August 12, 2002. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to William Trapmann. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-4220) or e-mail (William.Trapmann@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is Energy Information Administration, EI-44, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Mr. Trapmann may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-6408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The WNGSR is available on EIA's Internet site at <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngs/ngs.html>. The survey Form EIA-912 and instructions used to collect information for the WNGSR are available at http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/natural-gas/survey_forms/nat_survey_forms.html. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Trapmann at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA provides the public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by EIA. As appropriate, EIA also requests comments on important issues relevant to EIA dissemination of energy information. Comments received help the EIA when preparing information collections and information products necessary to EIA's mission.

The *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report* (WNGSR) provides weekly estimates of working gas volumes held in underground storage facilities at the national and regional levels. WNGSR users include policymakers, commodity market analysts, and industry experts. EIA uses the data to prepare analytical products assessing storage operations and the impact on supplies available, and to analyze relationships between demand, heating-degree-days, and inventory levels.

II. Current Actions

EIA is developing a policy for revisions to data disseminated in the WNGSR. EIA is soliciting public involvement and comments on the revision policy.

The WNGSR is based on information collected on Form EIA-912. Form EIA-912 respondents provide estimates for working gas in storage as of 9 a.m. Friday each week. The deadline for submitting reports to the EIA is 5 p.m. Eastern Time the following Monday, except when Monday is a Federal holiday. In that case, forms should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. The WNGSR is released on Thursday between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. Eastern Time on EIA's Web site, except when Thursday is a Federal holiday. Notification of changes in this general schedule is maintained on the EIA Web

site at <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngs/schedule.html>.

A Form EIA-912 respondent is instructed to submit revisions to previously reported data if the revisions are greater than one billion cubic feet (BCF). As with any EIA information product based on survey data, the WNGSR data may undergo revision(s) based on a number of factors including:

(1) As more accurate information becomes available to a respondent after the Form EIA-912 is filed, a respondent may need to file new data.

(2) After submitting Form EIA-912 and prior to the next weekly submission, a respondent may determine that information submitted was incorrect (e.g., numbers were transposed, numbers were entered in the wrong item on the form, other reporting errors).

(3) A respondent may submit Form EIA-912 too late for inclusion in the current week estimates for the WNGSR.

(4) A respondent may report a reclassification of base and working gas.

(5) A respondent may report a change in field operating status.

(6) EIA may incorporate a new reference month in the estimation process.

With respect to the dissemination of revisions to WNGSR data, EIA is proposing a policy for two revision types; i.e., (1) scheduled revisions, and (2) unscheduled major revisions.

Scheduled revisions are made in the next scheduled WNGSR and occur when the cumulative effect of all reported changes is at least seven billion cubic feet (BCF) at either a regional or national level but less than the quantity determined as the threshold for an unscheduled revision. If a revision is made, changes to all regions will be recorded. Consequently, although all respondents' changes will be entered into EIA's database for editing, imputation, and other analytic purposes, the changes will only lead to a published revision when it exceeds the seven BCF threshold.

Unscheduled major revisions are of significant magnitude and interest and as a result the revised WNGSR data will be disseminated prior to the next scheduled WNGSR. An unscheduled major release will occur when the following two conditions are met: (1) EIA has received and confirmed the need for a revision in either the most recent current week or prior week estimates of an amount which is at least 35 BCF or one standard error of the national estimate, and (2) the revised estimates will be available for dissemination at least 24 hours before the next scheduled WNGSR. The