

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. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that has to be resolved.

**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 Mike Zamorski, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845-4094.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 3, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

**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), Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 17, 1997: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** West Kentucky Technical School (cafeteria), 5200 Blandville Road, Paducah, Kentucky.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlos Alvarado, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (502) 441-6804.

#### 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

Updates on proposed meeting sites, the Environmental Management and Enrichment Facilities Project report, the Federal Facility Agreement, the membership drive, the budget, the draft work plan, and presentations on the 10-Year Plan and a Request for Proposal.

**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 Carlos Alvarado 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that has to be resolved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information and Reading Room at 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, or by writing to Carlos Alvarado, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, or by calling him at (502) 441-6804.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. ETEC-029]

### Certification of the Radiological Condition of Building 029 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center near Chatsworth, California

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Restoration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Certification.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed radiological surveys and taken remedial action to decontaminate Building 029 located at the Energy Technology Engineering

Center (ETEC) near Chatsworth, California. This property was found to contain radioactive materials from activities carried out for the Atomic Energy Commission and the Energy Research and Development Administration (AEC/ERDA), predecessor agencies to DOE. Although DOE owns the majority of the buildings and equipment, a subsidiary of Rockwell International, Rocketdyne, owned the land. Rocketdyne has recently been sold to Boeing North American Incorporated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don Williams, Program Manager, Office of Northwestern Area Programs, Office of Environmental Restoration (EM-44), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE has implemented environmental restoration projects at ETEC (Ventura County, Map Book 3, Page 7, Miscellaneous Records) as part of DOE's Environmental Restoration Program. One objective of the program is to identify and clean up or otherwise control facilities where residual radioactive contamination remains from activities carried out under contract to AEC/ERDA during the early years of the Nation's atomic energy program.

ETEC is comprised of a number of facilities and structures located within Administrative Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. The work performed for DOE at ETEC consisted primarily of testing of equipment, materials, and components for nuclear and energy related programs. These nuclear energy research and development programs, conducted by Atomics International under contract to AEC/ERDA, began in 1946. Several buildings and land areas became radiologically contaminated as a result of facility operations and site activities. Building 029 is one ETEC area that has been designated for cleanup under the DOE Environmental Restoration Program. Other areas undergoing decontamination will be released as they are completed and are verified to meet established cleanup criteria and standards for release without radiological restrictions as established in DOE Order 5400.5.

Building 029 is located in the north-eastern section of ETEC with access by way of 10th Street, which intersects "G" Street just southwest of Building 064. An asphalt concrete roadway (10th Street) runs directly to the facility.

Constructed in 1959 as an open bay facility, Building 029 is a Butler-type building with a steel frame and

corrugated metal siding and roofing. The building is 20 ft. x 40 ft. with a 12-ft. eave height. It is a single room with no office, support laboratory, rest room areas, or installed air conditioners. The ceiling and walls are insulated with a 1-inch thick fiberglass mat. The concrete floors were originally covered with asphalt tile; however, the tile has now been removed.

From 1959 to 1974, Building 029 was used as a facility for calibrating radiation detection instruments. In 1959 and in subsequent years, it was known as the "Radiation Measurements Facility" or the "Old Calibration Facility."

Calibration sources were housed within Building 029. Radium-226, and later cesium-137, sources were housed inside a source storage well made from a 12-inch diameter, 10-ft. long Schedule-20 galvanized pipe casing which was installed below grade. The sources were attached to nylon strings and were guided through three 1-inch diameter Pyrex tube thimbles within Schedule-40 galvanized pipes which were embedded evenly within the casing, with concrete as embedment. The encapsulated cobalt-60 sources were housed separately in a 12-inch diameter pipe which extended 10 ft. below grade and 4 ft. above grade. Above grade, the pipe was enclosed with lead shielding and covered by a 77-inch square concrete rolling door. The neutron sources were housed in a 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 2 ft. deep pit, with a graphite neutron exposure block.

All of the sources were fully encapsulated, leak-tested at least every six months in compliance with State of California Radiation Control Regulations, and subsequently removed from Building 029. Thus, apart from one incident involving the dropping of a radium-226 capsule (described below), there is no known cause for radioactive contamination in the facility.

Radioactivity was released from one of the radium-226 source capsules (Source No. 1) on March 23, 1964, when this source became detached from the nylon string and fell into the bottom of the source thimble. The 13-ft. fall cracked the outer plastic encapsulation surrounding the inner capsule and released some loose radium-226. Release of radioactivity was primarily confined to the well and the source thimble. An April 10, 1964, report describing the incident, the subsequent recovery of the source, and the decontamination of the area outside the well is found in Reference 11, Appendix A, of the Final Decontamination and Radiological Survey report.

Operation of the facility continued by replacing all the radium-226 sources with two cesium-137 sources. On November 20, 1970, the 4.6 curie cesium-137 source was accidentally dropped 10 ft. to the bottom of the well. No contamination release occurred. When all sources were removed from Building 029 in 1974, a radiation survey was performed which showed that the facility was free of radiological contamination except for the interior of the radium-226 storage well. In 1988, the radium-226 storage well was excavated along with the radium-226 source holder, and both were disposed of as low-level radioactive waste. This work was performed and paid for by Rockwell/Rocketdyne.

Rockwell/Rocketdyne performed an additional radiological survey in 1990. In 1993, the Environmental Survey and Site Assessment Program of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education performed an independent verification of the decontamination work performed by Rockwell/Rocketdyne in 1988. Post-decontamination surveys have demonstrated that Building 029 is in compliance with DOE decontamination criteria and standards for release without radiological restrictions. The State of California Department of Health Services has concurred that the proposed release guidelines provide adequate assurance for release without further radiological restrictions. In the event of property transfer, DOE intends to comply with applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.

No appreciable personnel radiation exposure was anticipated or encountered from decontamination activities for Building 029.

Building 029 decommissioning costs were funded by Rockwell International and complete cost records are unavailable.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), in the U.S. DOE Public Reading Room located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. Copies of the certification docket will also be available at the following locations: DOE Public Document Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, the Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA; California State University, Northridge, Urban Archives Center, Oviatt Library, Room 4, 18111 Nordhoff, Northridge, CA; Simi Valley Library, 2629 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA; and the Platt Branch, Los Angeles Public

Library, 23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA.

DOE has issued the following statement of certification:

**Statement of Certification:** Energy Technology Engineering Center, Building 029

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Oakland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following decontamination of Building 029 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center. Based on analysis of all data collected and the results of independent verification, DOE certifies that the following property is in compliance with DOE radiological decontamination criteria and standards as established in DOE Order 5400.5. This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above applicable guidelines established to protect members of the general public or site occupants. Accordingly, the property specified below is released from DOE's Environmental Restoration Program.

Property owned by Boeing North American Incorporated:

Building 029, at the Energy Technology Engineering Center (situated in Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory), located in a portion of Tract "A" of Rancho Simi, in the County of Ventura, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 3, Page 7 of Miscellaneous Records of Ventura County.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 28, 1997.

**James J. Fiore,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.*

**Statement of Certification:** Energy Technology Engineering Center, Building 029

The U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following decontamination of the Energy Technology Engineering Center Building 029. Based on this analysis of all data collected, the Department of Energy (DOE) certifies that the following property is in compliance with DOE decontamination criteria and standards. This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above applicable guidelines established to protect members of the general public or site occupants.

Accordingly, the property specified below is released from DOE's Environmental Restoration Program.

Property owned by Rockwell International Corporation:

Building 029, at the Energy Technology Engineering Center, located in a portion of Tract "A" of Rancho Simi, in the County of Ventura, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 3, Page 7 of Miscellaneous Records of Ventura County.

Certification:

Dated: January 23, 1997.

**Roger Liddle,**

*Director, ERD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-110-001]

#### Black Marlin Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 2, 1997.

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Black Marlin Pipeline Company (Black Marlin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, first Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets identified on attachment A to the filing.

Black Marlin states that the instant filing is in compliance with the Commission's order issued March 4, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-110-000 (March 4 Order) and with Order No. 587-B issued January 30, 1997 in Docket No. RM96-1-003.

Black Marlin states that the instant filing is to (i) make effective the changes to the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of Black Marlin's Tariff which are necessary to implement Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) standards which were approved on a pro forma basis in the March 4 Order and to comply with certain other changes required by the March 4 Order, (ii) incorporate the GISB data dictionary standards not previously incorporated by Black Marlin, and (iii) incorporate the GISB Electronic Delivery Mechanism (EDM) standards adopted by the Commission in Order No. 587-B, all as required by the March 4 Order.

In addition, in compliance with Order No. 587-B, Black Marlin states that it is filing a complete table showing for each GISB standard adopted by the Commission in Order Nos. 587 and 587-B, the complying tariff sheet.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with the Commission's Rules and Regulations and Order No. 587. All such protests should be filed on or before April 21, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1629-000]

#### Boston Edison Company; Notice of Filing

April 2, 1997.

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, Boston Edison Company tendered for filing a Certificate of Concurrence in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 15, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-302-000]

#### CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 2, 1997.

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of May 1, 1997:

Twenty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 32

Twenty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 33

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to submit CNG's quarterly revision of the Section 18.2.B. Surcharge, effective for the three-month period commencing May 1, 1997. The charge for the quarter ending April 30, 1997 has been \$0.0119 per Dt, as authorized by Commission order dated January 27, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-213. CNG's proposed Section 18.2.B. surcharge for the next quarterly period is \$0.0210 per Dt. The revised surcharge is designed to recover \$127,460 in Stranded Account No. 858 Costs, which CNG incurred for the period of December, 1996, through February, 1997.

CNG states that copies of this letter of transmittal and enclosures are being mailed to CNG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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