

the environment. This action conforms with applicable Federal, State and local statutes and regulation, and all reasonable and practicable efforts have been or will be made to minimize any related impact to the local public and the environment.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Mr. Harry Knudsen, (301) 836-8143.

Correspondence should be sent to: ANG/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-5157.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board, Education.

ACTION: Notice of closed and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: November 20-22, 1997.

TIME: November 20—Joint Meeting of Subject Area Committees #1 and #2, 2:00-3:00 p.m., (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 2:00-5:00 p.m., (closed), Subject Area Committee #2, 3:00-5:00 p.m., (open); and Executive Committee, 5:00-6:00 p.m., (open), 6:00-7:00 p.m., (closed). November 21—Full Board, 8:30-10:00 a.m., (open); Subject Area Committees #1, 10:15 a.m.-12:00 Noon, (open); Achievement Levels Committee 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, (open); Full Board, 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m., (open). November 22—Nominations Committee, 8:00-9:00 a.m. (open); Full Board, 9:00 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 Noon, (open).

LOCATION: Ritz Carlton Hotel, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board,

Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On Thursday, November 20, 1997, there will be meeting of four committees of the Governing Board. Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 will meet in joint session from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to receive an update on the 1998 assessments in reading, writing, and civics.

The Design and Methodology Committee will meet in closed session from 2:00-5:00 p.m. to review the unreleased NAEP procurement specifications and government cost estimates for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of their alignment with the NAGB redesign policy. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)B of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in open session from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The Committee will be briefed on the North Carolina/NAEP Math Content Analysis project, and discuss issues related to NAEP redesign.

The Executive Committee will meet on November 20 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in open session. In the open session from 5:00-6:00 p.m., the Executive Committee will be briefed by staff on the following items: NAEP and the Voluntary National Tests initiative, the status of the grant program for secondary analysis of the NAEP data, and NAEP redesign issues.

Then the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the Committee will discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial

effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Also, during the same closed session, the Committee will discuss the qualifications of individuals to serve as Vice-Chair of the Governing Board. The Committee will formulate a recommendation for action by the full Board. The discussion would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On November 21, the full Board will convene in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, introduction of new members, and election of the NAGB Vice-Chair. Also, the morning agenda will include a report from the Executive Director, administration of the oath of office to new members and remarks by the Secretary of Education. This session will conclude with an update on the NAEP project.

Between 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon, there will be open meetings of the following subcommittees: Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, and Subject Area Committee #1. The Achievement Levels Committee will discuss the calendar for the upcoming levels setting process and consider policy issues for 1998.

Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include plans for release and schedule of future NAEP reports; plans for the development of a NAEP Resource Kit; and plans for reporting district-level results from existing state samples.

There will be two discussion items on the Subject Area Committee #1 agenda: (1) issues related to the preparation of an RFP for a foreign language assessment, and (2) issues related to the NAEP redesign.

The full Board will reconvene at 12:00 noon. The agenda items during this period include: a briefing on the 1996 Science Achievement Levels Report, a presentation on Redesign Issues, and a presentation on NAEP activities from framework development to reporting of the assessment results. The Board recess is scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 22, the Nominations Committee will meet in open session from 8:00-9:00 a.m. to

review procedures to be used for the solicitation of the names of individuals to succeed Board members whose terms expire September 30, 1998. The expiring terms are in the following categories: general public, elementary school principal, secondary school principal, fourth-grade classroom teacher, state legislator (Democrat) Chief State School Officer, Governor (Democrat), Governor (Republican), and eighth grade classroom teacher.

The full Board will meet in open session from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 noon. The agenda for this session is the presentation of reports from the various Board committee meetings.

A summary of the activities of the closed and partially closed sessions and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-162, EA-163 and EA-97-B]

Applications to Export Electric Energy; PP&L, Inc., Duke Energy Trading and Marketing and Portland General Electric Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Applications.

SUMMARY: PP&L and Portland General Electric Company, both FERC regulated public utility companies, and Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C., a power marketer, have submitted applications to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before December 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy,

1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

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

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) has received applications from the following companies for authorization to export electric energy to Canada, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA:

Applicant	Application Date	Docket No.
PP&L	10/21/97	EA-162
Duke Energy Trading And Marketing, L.L.C. (Duke).	10/31/97	EA-163
Portland General Electric Company (PGE).	10/30/97	EA-97-B

In Docket EA-162, PP&L, formerly Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, proposes to transmit to Canada electric energy that is excess to its system or purchased from electric utilities or other suppliers within the U.S.

In Docket EA-163, Duke, a power marketer that does not own, operate or control any electric power generation, transmission or distribution facilities, proposes to transmit to Canada electric energy that is surplus to the needs of the entity selling the power.

PP&L and Duke would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over the international facilities owned by Basin Electric, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the transmission facilities, as more fully described in the applications, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

PGE (Docket EA-97-B) currently holds an electricity export authorization in Order EA-97-A which will expire on April 29, 1998. PGE has requested that

their export authorization to transmit electric energy to BC Hydro, a Crown Corporation in the Canadian Province of British Columbia, be renewed for a five-year period. PGE proposes to transmit economy or firm energy to BC Hydro through the facilities of the Bonneville Power Administration.

Procedural Matters: Any persons desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (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.

Comments on PP&L's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-162. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Jesse A. Dillon, Senior Counsel, PP&L, Inc., Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101 AND Douglas H. Rosenberg, Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP, 5000 Columbia Center, 701 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-7078.

Comments on Duke's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-163. Additional copies are to be filed with Kris Erickson, Legal/Regulatory Coordinator, Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C., One Westchase Center, 10777 Westheimer Street, Suite 650, Houston, TX 77042; Christine M. Pallenik, Managing Counsel, Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, 4 Triad Center, Suite 1000, Salt Lake City, UT 84180, AND Gordon J. Smith, Esq., John & Hengerer, 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036.

Comments on PGE's request to renew its authorization to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-97-B. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michele L. Farrell, FERC Project Manager, Portland General Electric Company, 1WTC0702, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204 AND Mary C. Hain, Assistant General Counsel, Portland General Electric Company, 1WTC13, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public