

In light of these considerations, I have determined that the reciprocal arrangements, as provided in the Agreement and, upon its entry into force, in the U.S.-China Memorandum of Understanding of June 23, 1997, are not inimical to the common defense and security.

The text of the U.S.-China Memorandum of Understanding of June 23, 1987, follows.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China (the "parties").

Desiring to implement the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed July 23, 1985, and entered into force December 30, 1985 (the "Agreement"), on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and Desiring to exchange experience, strengthen technical cooperation between the parties, ensure that the provisions of the Agreement are effectively carried out, and enhance a stable, reliable, and predictable nuclear cooperation relationship,

Have established the following arrangements:

1. Each party shall invite personnel designated by the other party to visit the material, facilities and components subject to the Agreement, affording them the opportunity to observe and exchange views on, and share technical experience in, the utilization or operation of such items. Opportunities to visit shall be accorded annually to reactors including their auxiliary storage pools for the fuel. Such annual visits shall be arranged at the time of reactor fueling if it occurs. Opportunities to visit all other items shall not be less often than every two years. When either party identifies special circumstances, the parties shall consult, at the request of either party, for the purpose of making mutually acceptable arrangements for the addition or reduction of visits under such circumstances in order to ensure that the objectives of Article 8(2) are fulfilled.

2. When material, facilities or components are transferred pursuant to the Agreement, the recipient party shall confirm receipt to the supplier party through diplomatic channels within 30 days after the arrival of the material, facilities or components in the territory

of the recipient party. At the request of either party, the parties shall exchange information on the material, facilities and components subject to the Agreement. Such information shall include the isotopic composition, physical form, and quantity of the material, and places where the material, facilities or components are used or kept. It shall also include information on the operation of the facilities subject to the Agreement which in the case of a reactor shall cover thermal energy generated and loading. The parties shall seek to resolve any discrepancies through diplomatic channels. The information shall be treated as confidential.

The above arrangements fulfill the requirements of Article 8(2) of the Agreement for the types of peaceful nuclear activities pursuant to the Agreement that each party had planned as of the date of entry into force of the Agreement. These arrangements shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force so long as the provisions of Article 8(2) continue in effect. Either party may request a revision of these arrangements, including the frequency, occasion or content of visits, at any time; any revision shall be made by mutual agreement.

Done at this day of , 1987 in the English and Chinese languages, both equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

Dated: February 3, 1998.

For the Department of Energy.

Leonard S. Spector,

Director, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

[FR Doc. 98-3308 Filed 2-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

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, March 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 February 3, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 98-3310 Filed 2-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with 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:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Laboratory Operations Board
Date and Time: Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 9:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M.
Place: Georgetown University Conference Center, Salon H, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20057.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

- 9:30–10:00 A.M.—Opening Remarks—
Co-Chairs: Under Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz and Dr. John McTague
- 10:00–11:00 A.M.—Status Report on Laboratory Operations Board Activities
- 11:00–12:00 A.M.—Discussion of "Roadmap" Planning Activities
- 12:00–1:00 P.M.—Lunch
- 1:00–2:00 P.M.—Continuation of the Discussion of "Roadmap" Planning Activities
- 2:00–3:00 P.M.—Presentation on Department of Energy Contracting Policies & Practices
- 3:00–3:30 P.M.—Public Comment Period
- 3:30 P.M.—Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Laboratory

Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Laboratory Operations Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Laboratory Operations Board may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 4, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 98-3309 Filed 2-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-154-002]

Central Illinois Public Service Company; Notice of Filing

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on September 15, 1997, Central Illinois Public Service Company tendered for filing its refund report 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 February 17, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-3252 Filed 2-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-125-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised sheets, bearing a proposed effective date of March 2, 1998:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 129

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 130

Columbia Gulf states that, the above referenced tariff sheets are being tendered for filing to correct the General Terms and Conditions (GTC), Section 1, of Columbia Gulf's Second Revised Volume No. 1 Tariff to incorporate the term "Offsystem-Onshore Zone". Columbia Gulf previously filed to incorporate this term in its tariff filing under Docket No. RP97-52-000 filed on October 31, 1996, (Third Revised Sheet No. 129). Subsequent Commission orders in Docket No. RP97-52, issued November 27, 1996 (77 FERC ¶ 61,255) (suspension order), and June 16, 1997 (79 FERC ¶ 61,351) accepted this and certain other tariff sheets listed in Appendix B of the November 27, 1996 order to become effective May 1, 1997.

During the suspension time period, Columbia Gulf filed additional changes to Section 1 of the GTC to incorporate the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) tariff requirements. It has come to Columbia Gulf's attention that the definition for "Offsystem-Onshore Zone" has been inadvertently omitted from Section 1 of the GTC and is, therefore, by the instant filing, placing that definition back into the GTC as Section 1.23 and thus requiring the renumbering of the remaining items in Section 1.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm