

program at SRS to identify, develop, and demonstrate one or more non-reprocessing, cost effective treatment or packaging technologies to prepare aluminum-based foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel for ultimate disposition.

Based on that decision, DOE's strategy is to select a new non-chemical processing technology or a new packaging technology that would put aluminum-based foreign research reactor SNF into a form or container suitable for direct placement in a monitored geologic repository. The SNF would be treated or conditioned to address potential repository acceptance criteria or safety concerns. After implementing the new non-chemical processing treatment or packaging technology, DOE would manage the SNF in a road-ready condition at SRS in dry storage pending shipment to a geologic repository.

Because of the similarity of the materials, DOE proposes to manage the other aluminum-alloy SNF that is the subject of this EIS (domestic research reactor and DOE reactor fuels) in the same manner as the foreign research reactor fuels.

DOE has included chemical processing as a management alternative in this EIS. However, DOE's strategy and preference is to use non-chemical separations processes when practical. DOE proposes to use chemical separation processes when a potential health or safety vulnerability exists for aluminum-based SNF that DOE considers should be alleviated before a non-chemical separations process is in operation in about 2005. Additionally, such SNF in its current form would likely not be acceptable in a geologic repository.

Alternatives Considered

For analysis in this EIS, DOE has categorized the SNF at SRS into six groups based on characteristics such as fuel size, physical or chemical properties, and radionuclide inventories. To manage this SNF and prepare it for disposition, DOE identified six reasonable new technologies and one existing technology (conventional chemical processing) for analysis. Because of the differences in the characteristics of the SNF and the capabilities of the technologies, no single technology could be applied to all the SNF. Although there are many possible combinations of technologies and fuel groups, DOE evaluated a limited number of configurations as alternatives. The alternatives were chosen to illustrate the range of impacts

that could occur and consist of: Preferred Alternative, Minimum Impact Alternative, Direct Disposal Alternative, Maximum Impact Alternative, and the No Action Alternative.

In the Preferred Alternative, DOE proposes to implement several technologies to manage the SNF at SRS. These include Melt and Dilute, Conventional Processing, and Repackage and Prepare to Ship. The Melt and Dilute option is the preferred method for treating most (about 97 percent by volume and 60 percent by mass) of the spent nuclear fuel. Conventional processing would be used for the remaining 3 percent by volume (40 percent by mass) because of the potential health and safety vulnerability of continuing wet storage of those fuels while awaiting the availability of Melt and Dilute technology and uncertainties associated with repository acceptance. DOE would continue to wet store the Higher Actinide Targets and the non-aluminum clad SNF. If this material has not been transferred offsite by the time a dry storage facility is in operation at the SRS, DOE could repackage this material and transfer it to dry storage.

Availability of Copies of the Draft EIS

Copies of the Draft EIS are being distributed to Federal, State and local officials and agencies; Tribes; and organizations and individuals that have indicated an interest in SRS or the Draft EIS. In addition, the Draft EIS is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa/docs/docs.htm>. Addresses of DOE Public Reading Rooms and libraries where the Draft EIS will be available for public review are listed below:

Freedom of Information Public Document Room, University of South Carolina at Aiken, SC, Gregg-Graniteville Library, 471 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801
 Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585
 Battelle-Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Technical Library, P.O. Box 999, Richland, WA 99352
 Pullen Public Library, 100 Decatur Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30303
 Reese Library, Augusta College, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904
 Georgia Institute of Technology, Bobby Dodd Way, Atlanta, GA 30332
 Chatham-Effingham-Liberty Regional Library, 2002 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31499-4301
 Los Alamos Technical Association, 1200 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544

U.S. Department of Energy, FOIA Reading Room, 4700 Morris NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111
 U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, National Atomic Museum, 20358 Wyoming Boulevard SE, Kirtland Air Force Base, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185
 The Libraries, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523
 Erskine College, McCain Library, One Depot Street, Due West, SC 29639
 Parsons Brinckerhoff Library, 1660 Lincoln Street, Suite 2000, Denver, CO 80264
 Public Reading Room, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439
 Argonne National Laboratory, Technical Library, P.O. Box 2528, Idaho Falls, ID 83403
 Library of Congress, CRS-STR-LM413, Washington, DC 20540-7490
 South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29211
 County Library, 404 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403
 Savannah River Site Library, Savannah River Technology Center, 773-A, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC 29808
 Westinghouse Savannah River Site Company Library, 766-H, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC 29808
 U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, Oak Ridge Operations Office, 55 Jefferson Circle, Room 1123, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Opportunity for Leadership Entity: Beijing Energy-Efficiency and Renewable Energy Demonstration Building

AGENCY: Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of date for responses.

SUMMARY: The Department published a notice of opportunity on December 16, 1998 (63FR69267), to identify an entity to lead future activities for the Beijing Energy-Efficiency and Renewable Energy Demonstration Building, assuming the Department decides to proceed with this demonstration

project. This notice announces an extension of time for response.

DATES: Responses must now be postmarked no later than February 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Respond to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency, Alternative Fuels and Oil Analysis, PO-62; Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee; Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 101-6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period beginning in January 1999. The Committee will provide advice to the Director of Energy Research on the basic energy sciences program.

The Secretary has determined that the renewal of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91), and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

Further information regarding this advisory committee can be obtained from Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 6, 1999.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-564-000]

AES NY, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 7, 1999.

AES NY, L.L.C. (AES NY), a special purpose subsidiary of The AES Corporation, filed an application requesting that the Commission authorize it to engage in wholesale power sales at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, AES NY requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by AES NY. On January 5, 1999, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's January 5, 1999 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (F):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by AES NY 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 385.214.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, AES NY is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of AES NY, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(F) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of AES

NY's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities. * * *

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 1999.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-138-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition To Amend

January 7, 1999.

Take notice that on December 23, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP99-138-000, a petition to amend the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued on July 12, 1950 to ANR's predecessor, Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company in Docket No. G-1156,¹ pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations to authorize ANR to withdraw base gas from the Austin Storage Field (Austin Field) and to replace that base gas by reinjecting an equal volume of nitrogen into the field, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR seeks authorization to withdraw approximately 2.0 Bcf of base gas, over a period of approximately two years, from the Austin Field, located in Mecosta and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, and to replace that base gas by reinjecting an equal volume of nitrogen into the field. ANR also seeks approval of the existing storage field boundary at the Austin Field.

ANR states that replacement of the base gas with nitrogen will not affect the operation of the storage field. Maximum storage volumes and pressures, as well as deliverability from the field will remain unchanged so that service to customers will be unaffected. ANR further states that no construction of permanent facilities is anticipated, and

¹ 9 FPC 127 (1950).