

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Nuclear Materials Committee Report
 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Environmental Remediation Committee
 4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EM SSAB Budget Letter and Chair Trip Report, Administrative Committee Report, Public Comments
 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, April 23, 2001.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make the oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer 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 equal time to present their comments.

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 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Fleming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802, or by calling her at (803) 725–5374.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 26, 2001.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that

public notice of the meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday April 30, 2001, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm and Tuesday, May 1, 2001, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Norton Haberman, Designated Federal Officer, Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, NE–1, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20585, Telephone Number 202–586–0136, E-mail: Norton.Haberman@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

To provide advice to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE) of the Department of Energy on the many complex planning, scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Nuclear Energy Research Program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, April 30, 2001

Welcome remarks
 Status of Nuclear Energy's FY 2002 Budget
 Report of NERAC Subcommittees and Panels
 Discussion of Goals for DOE's Nuclear Energy programs

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Report of Subcommittee on Generation IV Technology Planning
 Report of Operating Plant Subcommittee
 Public comment period.

Public Participation

The day and a-half meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis because of limited seating. Written statements may be filed with the committee before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Norton Haberman at the address or telephone listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be made and received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the committee 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 Reading

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01–56–000]

Niagara Mohawk Holdings, Inc. and National Grid USA; Notice of Filing

March 23, 2001.

Take notice that on February 1, 2001, as part of their merger application in Docket No. EC01–63–000, Niagara Mohawk Holdings, Inc. and National Grid USA (Applicants) also seek Commission authorization for various accounting matters related to the merger. These accounting authorizations are the subject of the request for declaratory order that is assigned Docket No. EL01–56–000. Specifically, Applicants seek Commission authorization to pay as dividends from paid-in capital accounts, preexisting retained earnings that will have been restated as paid-in capital as a result of accounting conventions associated with the merger. Also, Applicants seek authorization to calculate earnings available for dividends by adding back the related amortization of the acquisition premium and transaction costs as well as non-cash charges to income resulting from accounting changes or charges to income resulting from significant unanticipated events. Finally, Applicants request authorization for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to transfer revenues from major transactions (such as asset sales, divestiture, or securitization) to its parent.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before April 2, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the

appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-108-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

March 23, 2001.

Take notice that on March 15, 2001, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in docket No. CP01-108-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon and remove approximately six hundred fifty (650) feet of pipeline, located in Seward County, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. (Call 202-208-2222 for assistance.)

Specifically, Northern requests expedited approval for the proposed abandonment by removal of approximately 500 feet of its 20-inch J-line and 150 feet of a 16-inch tie-over line to eliminate an unnecessary road crossing located in Seward County, Kansas. Northern states that this portion of the J-line crosses under a gravel county road (RS 1983) where it has been discovered that the pipeline cover has been reduced over the years by erosion and road grading. Northern asserts that the abandonment of these facilities will not result in the abandonment of service to any of Northern's existing shippers,

nor will the proposed abandonment adversely effect capacity.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Keith L. Petersen, Director, Certificates and Reporting, Northern Natural Gas Company, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, at (402) 398-7421 or Bret Fritch, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7140.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before April 2, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding.

Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed

documents on all other parties.

However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Also, comments protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01-58-000]

Powerex Corp., Complainant, v. United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Rocky Mountain Region/Western Area Colorado Missouri, Respondent; Notice of Complaint

March 23, 2001.

Take notice that on March 22, 2001, Powerex Corp. (Powerex) tendered for filing a Complaint against U.S. Department of Energy—Western Area Power Administration—Rocky Mountain Region/Western Area Colorado Missouri (WACM).

In its Complaint, Powerex alleges that WACM has violated Section 37.6(e)(1) of the Commission's OASIS regulations and the mandatory business practice standards of Order No. 638 by displacing Powerex's unconditional six-month reservation of short-term firm transmission service over the Sidney Tie, which had been confirmed by WACM for service to commence April 1, 2001. Powerex alleges that WACM's actions also contravene the provisions of its Open Access Transmission Tariff and the Standards of Conduct approved by the Commission for WACM. Powerex requests the Commission to act on a