

- The agenda for the Statistics Committee includes a discussion of emerging statistical issues in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) such as those reflected in the National Academy of Education's Capstone Report, and the upcoming NAEP procurement. Further, the Statistics Committee will discuss issues surrounding the use of background variables; a preliminary report which links NAEP and data from the Third International Mathematics and Science Study; the results of the 1996 NAEP Science Assessment; and alternative strategies for setting achievement levels. Because part of the agenda involves reporting on the embargoed 1996 NAEP science achievement levels, ACES is precluded from discussing this information in a public meeting. The premature release of this information would result in the disclosure of information that would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the agency's proposed action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

- The agenda for the Strategy/Policy Committee includes a discussion of: major NCES budget issues; a new NCES budgeting and planning tool; NCES's longitudinal surveys; and plans for a redesign of the Schools and Staffing Survey. Because the discussion on budget issues will include information on planned procurements and cost estimates, the public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate the implementation of planned 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.

Due to complexities in setting the agenda for this meeting, the public is being given less than 15 days notice. A summary of the activities and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meetings. Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Education Statistics, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Room 400J, Washington, DC 20208-7575.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

Ramon C. Cortines,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 27, 1997: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Amarillo Association of Realtors, 5601 Enterprise Circle, Amarillo, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes
- 1:10 p.m. Co-Chair Comments
- 1:20 p.m. Task Force Reports
 - Environmental Restoration
 - Site Development
- 1:50 p.m. Subcommittee Reports
 - Policy & Personnel
 - Nominations & Membership
 - Budget and Finance
- 2:30 p.m. Ex-Officio Reports
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Transition Discussion
- 3:45 p.m. Pantex Project Budget Overview
- 4:30 p.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office 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 had to be resolved.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 9, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

DATES: Wednesday, June 11, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, June 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: American Geophysical Union,
2000 Florida Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Benjamin Barnhart or Ms. Shirley Derflinger, Designated Federal Officers, Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-70, GTN, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, Telephone Number: 301-903-3683, 301-903-0044, E-mail: benjamin.barnhart@oer.doe.gov, shirley.derflinger@oer.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director of Energy Research of the Department of Energy on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental research program.

Tentative Agenda

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997, and
Thursday, June 12, 1997:*

Welcome Remarks
Opening of Meeting
Status of the Biological and
Environmental Research Program
Global Change News
Environmental Management Science
Program Update
Review of Genome Research Activities
Review of Subcommittee Activities
New Business
Public Comment (10-minute rule)

Public Participation

The day and a half meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Benjamin Barnhart or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be 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 Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,
*Deputy Advisory Committee Management
Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-63-004]

**Colorado Interstate Gas Company;
Notice of Tariff Compliance Filing**

May 8, 1997.

Take notice that on May 5, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 tariff, Substitute Sheet Nos. 229A, 229B, 229C, 241A and Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 280 to be effective May 1, 1997.

CIG states the tariff sheets are filed in compliance with Order No. 587, and the order issued April 18, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-63-001 et al., as well as Section 154.203 of the Commission's regulations.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. 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. PR97-5-000]

**Humble Gas Pipeline Company; Notice
of Petition for Rate Approval**

May 8, 1997.

Take notice that on February 28, 1997, Humble Gas Pipeline Company

(Humble), filed pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's Regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a rate structure with a maximum rate of \$.05327 per MMBtu for all volumes transported upstream of the King Ranch Gas Plant and \$.01528 for all volumes transported through Humble's header downstream of the King Ranch Gas Plant. Additionally, Humble is proposing a system-wide 1.0% retainage for fuel and loss plus a Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharge (if GRI's current proposal in Docket No. RP97-149-000 is approved by FERC) for transportation service performed under section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Humble affirms that it is an intrastate pipeline within the meaning of section 2(16) of the NGPA. It owns and operates an intrastate pipeline system which is located entirely within the state of Texas and is comprised of 276 miles of pipe located in south Texas in the vicinity of Kingsville, Texas. Humble proposes to make its new section 311 rate structure effective as of March 1, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the rate will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before May 23, 1997. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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