

reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

**Nancy I. Chu,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Applications of the CME for Designation as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the Russian Ruble

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) applied for designation as a contract market in futures and options on the Russian ruble. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the CME Russian ruble futures and options.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Michael Penick of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC

20581, telephone (202) 418-5279. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: [mpenick@cftc.gov](mailto:mpenick@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commissions, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 18, 1998.

**John R. Mielke,**

*Acting Director.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 63 F.R. 8167.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 1998.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to March 5, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Golden Field Office; Notice of Time Variance

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of time variance.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy's Golden Field Office is reducing the standard 14 day review and comment period for Notice Of Scoping and Review of Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment in connection with the proposed granting of a Right-Of-Way Easement to the Public Service Company of Colorado. In accordance with 10 CFR 1021.343(b) Reduction of Time Periods, DOE is reducing the time period for review and comment from 14 days to 7 days.

**DATES:** Comments to the notice of Scoping and Predecisional Draft will be due to DOE 7 days after the date of issuance.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Deborah A. Turner, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden CO, 80401, Phone (303) 275-4746, Fax (303) 275-4788.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE NEPA REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT:** Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, Phone (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756, Fax (202) 586-7031.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Service Company of Colorado has conducted extensive public and state agency outreach and coordination regarding the installation of a 26 mile high pressure natural gas line in the state of Colorado. The outreach and coordination activities have been ongoing since August 1996 and all other Federal, State, and local approvals have been obtained. A 0.25 mile portion of this pipeline is proposed to cross the South Table Mountain (STM) Site located in Golden, Colorado. The Golden Field Office is preparing an Environmental Assessment in relation to the potential granting of the Right-of-Way Easement that will allow the 0.25 mile portion of pipeline to be installed across our STM site. Construction and installation of the pipeline has already

commenced on both boundaries to the STM site under Right-of-Way easements from other parties.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on February 13, 1998.

**Frank M. Stewart,**

*Manager, Golden Field Office.*

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## 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. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

**NAME:** Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, March 10, 1998, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM.

**ADDRESSES:** ANA Hotel, Ballroom I, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

##### Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the Nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

### Tentative Agenda

*Tuesday, March 10, 1998*

8:30–8:45 AM Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman

8:45–10:15 AM Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper on Technical Issues in Transmission System Reliability—Facilitated by Philip Sharp

10:15–10:30 AM Break

10:30–11:45 AM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on the Role and Shape of the Independent System Operator—Facilitated by Philip Sharp

11:45–12:45 PM Lunch

12:45–1:45 PM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on Ancillary Services and Bulk-Power Reliability—Facilitated by Wm. Newman

1:45–2:45 PM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on Incentives for Transmission Enhancement—Facilitated by Susan Tierney

2:45–3:30 PM Working Session: Guest Presentation & Discussion of State and Regional Reliability Issues—Philip Carver, Oregon Office of Energy and Facilitated by Roger Hamilton

3:30–4:00 PM Public Comment Period

4:00 PM Adjourn

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

#### Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Task Force 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 Task Force 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, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

#### 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 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the

Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on February 20, 1998.

**Althea T. Vanzego,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1170-000]

#### CLECO Energy, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 19, 1998.

CLECO Energy, L.L.C. (CLECO Energy) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, CLECO Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by CLECO Energy. On February 17, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's February 17, 1998 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 CLECO Energy 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, CLECO Energy 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 CLECO Energy, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.