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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS on the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 10-mile-long 500-kv transmission line. This action may involve floodplain and wetlands located in King County, State of Washington. The action is necessary to maintain reliable load service during severe winter conditions in the growing northwest Washington area. The intended effect on the public is to maintain a reliable high-voltage transmission system and to avoid significant load loss in the south Seattle area. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold a public comment meeting for the Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS in the Final EIS during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project.

BPA proposes to construct a 500-kv transmission line near the community of Kangley in King County, Washington, in 2002. BPA has identified three action alternatives for constructing the transmission line, all of which cross the Cedar River Municipal Watershed. The Cedar River Municipal Watershed is a large natural area in the Cascade Mountains that is used by the City of Seattle to collect approximately two thirds of the potable water for about 1.3 million people in King and Snohomish Counties.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on March 17, 2000.

Steven G. Hickok,

Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Notice of Open Meeting

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: April 13, 2000 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and April 14, 2000 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Phone: 800/689-6765 or 910/256-8696.

PLACE: The Madison Hotel, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Raup, Office of Building Technology, State, and Community Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda

- Release of the STEAB Eighth Annual Report.
- Discussions of Fiscal Year 2002 Federal Budget.
- STEAB Committee updates.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 23, 2000.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 13, 2000, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Friday, April 14, 2000, 8:30am-12:00 noon.

PLACE: U. S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 426-1101. Alternately, Mr. Weinig may be contacted by email at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov or by FAX at (202) 426-1083.

Purpose of Committee: To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's experience concerning other energy-related statistical matters.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, April 13, 2000

- A. Opening Remarks by the Chair, Room 8E-089
- B. Major Topics
 1. Panel Discussion on Confidentiality Legislation, Room 8E-089
 2. System for Analysis of Global Energy (SAGE) Markets, 8E-089
 3. Cognitive Interviews on EIA's Web Site, Room 8E-089
 4. Electricity Forecasting Beyond New England, GH-019
 5. Progress on Auditing Software, GH-027
 6. Methodological Issues in the Energy Consumption Surveys, GH-035

7. Redesign of Electricity Data
Collections: 2002, 8E-089

Friday, April 14, 2000

C. Major Topics

1. EIA Responses to Market Changes in Natural Gas, Room 8E-089
 2. Announce the Winners of the 7th Annual EIA Graphics Contest, Room 8E-089
 3. Measuring Uncertainty in Energy CO₂ Emissions: Evaluating a Monte Carlo Approach, Room 8E-089
 4. Panel Discussion on Challenges in Measuring Data Quality, 8E-089
- D. Closing Remarks by the Chair, 8E-089

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William I. Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above.

Minutes: Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, (Room 1E-190), 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 23, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-218-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 22, 2000.

Take notice that on March 16, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets to be effective April 16, 2000.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to implement new Rate Schedule IBS, under which Natural would provide an interruptible imbalance management service on a no-notice basis for end-use facilities in conjunction with transportation under

Rate Schedules FTS, FTS-G and ITS. This service would be provided through management of line pack. Conforming tariff changes have also been made in the General Terms and Conditions of the Tariff and in the pro forma service agreement. This filing represents a resubmission with some modification of Natural's previous tariff filing in Docket No. RP00-77, which was rejected by the Commission (without prejudice to refile) in an order issued December 30, 1999 (89 FERC ¶ 61,341). Unlike the submission rejected in Docket No. RP00-77, this filing includes extensive supporting material, including a cost and revenue study and testimony. Natural states that the testimony addresses, *inter alia*, the issues raised by the intervenors in the prior filing at Docket No. RP00-77.

Natural requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheets submitted to become effective April 16, 2000.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-219-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 22, 2000.

Take notice that on March 16, 2000, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff the following tariff sheets, to be effective May 1, 2000.

Third Revised Volume No. 1

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 14

Original Volume No. 2

Twenty-Eighth Revised Sheet No. 2.1

Northwest states that the purpose of this filing is to propose new fuel reimbursement factors (Factors) for Northwest's transportation and storage rate schedules. The Factors allow Northwest to be reimbursed in-kind for the fuel used during the transmission and storage of gas and for the volumes of gas lost and unaccounted-for that occur as a normal part of operating the transmission system.

Northwest states that a copy of this filing has been served upon Northwest's customers and interested state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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