

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include a survey dredge workshop to identify ways to improve the performance and consistency of the NMFS survey dredge. The panel will hear and discuss a presentation on compatibility, statistical design, and analysis of industry-based surveys to estimate scallop biomass and determine TACs. The panel will also approve terms of reference, agree on short and long-term work objectives, and choose a chair and vice-chair.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 6, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Notice of Meetings; Sunshine Act

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) public hearing and meeting described below. The Board will conduct a public hearing and meeting pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b and invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9 a.m., July 19, 2006.

PLACE: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2001.

Additionally, as a part of the Board's E-Government initiative, the meeting will be presented live through Internet video streaming. A link to the presentation will be available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.dnfsb.gov>).

STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This public hearing and meeting is the second in a series concerning the Department of Energy's (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) incorporation of safety into the design and construction of new and existing DOE defense nuclear facilities. The Board is responsible, pursuant to its statutory charter, to review and evaluate the content and implementation of standards relating to the design and construction of such facilities. The Board has previously observed the need for improvement in the incorporation of safety early in the design of certain new defense nuclear facilities. These observations led to the initial public hearing and meeting on safety and design, which the Board convened on December 7, 2005. At that hearing, the Board explored DOE's safety policies, expectations and processes for integrating safety early into the design and construction of new facilities and the modification of existing facilities. The Board heard testimony from DOE and NNSA officials concerning recognition of deficiencies in this area, and DOE's and NNSA's plans and commitments to revise its relevant Orders and Manuals to ensure integration of safety early in the design and construction process. This second hearing on safety in design will focus on actions taken by DOE and NNSA to improve incorporation of safety early in the design process, and will examine progress concerning relevant commitments made prior to and at the first hearing. The Board again expects to hear presentations from both DOE and NNSA senior management officials concerning integration of safety into design. The Board may also collect any other information relevant to health or safety of the workers and the public, with respect to safety in design, that may warrant Board action. The public

hearing portion of this proceeding is authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Grosner, Deputy General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to speak at the hearing may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on July 18, 2006, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before the hearing. The posting will be made at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room at the start the 9 a.m. hearing and meeting. Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC office. The Board will hold the record open until August 19, 2006, for the receipt of additional materials. A transcript of the meeting will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the meeting and hearing, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: June 7, 2006.

A.J. Eggenberger,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-314 & EA-315]

Applications To Export Electric Energy; BP Energy Company

AGENCY: Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Applications.

SUMMARY: In separate applications, BP Energy Company (BP Energy) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico and from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (Mail Code OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On May 22, 2006, BP Energy filed two separate applications with DOE for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico and from the United States to Canada. BP Energy is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of BP America Production Company, one of the largest oil and natural gas producers in the United States. Some of BP Energy's affiliates own interconnection facilities necessary to deliver power from cogeneration facilities to the grid, but neither BP Energy nor its affiliates own electric transmission facilities in North America or have franchised service territories or captive wholesale or retail customers. The energy BP Energy proposes to deliver to Mexico and Canada will be purchased from electric utilities, power marketers, Federal power marketing agencies, and other utilities in the United States.

In OE Docket No. EA-314, BP Energy proposes to transmit electric energy to Mexico and arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities presently owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national utility of Mexico.

In OE Docket No. EA-315, BP Energy proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities presently owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration,

Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the BP Energy applications to export electric energy to Mexico and Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-314 or Docket No. EA-315, respectively. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Rhonda Denton, Regulatory Affairs, BP Energy Company, 501 Westlake Park Blvd., Houston, Texas 77079 and Mark R. Haskell, Joseph C. Hall, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 5, 2006.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; National Petroleum Council

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the National Petroleum Council. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of

these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Willard Intercontinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Slutz, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-5600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order and Introductory Remarks.
- Remarks by the Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.
- Progress Report on the NPC's Global Oil and Natural Gas Study.
- Administrative Matters.
- Discussion of Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the National Petroleum Council.
- Adjournment.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The chairperson of the Council is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement to the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact James Slutz at the address or telephone number listed above. Request must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues.

Transcripts: Available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room, 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 June 6, 2006.

Carol Matthews,

Acting Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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