

invited to attend. The meeting will include both a formal opportunity to present oral comments and an informal session during which DOE and Topaz personnel will be available for discussions with attendees. Displays and other forms of information about the proposed agency action, the EIS process, and Topaz's proposed Project will also be available for review. DOE requests that anyone who wishes to present oral comments at the meeting contact Ms. Colamaria by phone or e-mail (see **ADDRESSES** above). Individuals who do not make advance arrangements to speak may register at the meeting. Speakers who need more than five minutes should indicate the length of time desired in their request. DOE may need to limit speakers to five minutes initially, but will provide additional opportunities as time permits. Written comments regarding the scoping process can also be submitted to DOE officials at the scoping meeting.

The DOE will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Because the Topaz project site is expected to impact waters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the project will require a Section 404 Permit. In addition, because the proposed Topaz project may affect listed species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), DOE will also initiate consultation regarding the project with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 7 of the ESA. DOE will also invite Federally-recognized American Indian Tribes that have historic interests in the area to government-to-government consultation regarding the project. Government-to-government consultation will be offered to Indian Tribes, and Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets, will be given appropriate consideration. Federal, State, and local governments—along with other stakeholders who may be interested or affected by the DOE's decision on this Project—are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the DOE to participate as a cooperating agency.

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**Jonathan M. Silver,**

*Executive Director, Loan Programs Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling (the Commission). The Commission was organized pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). The Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register**. The Charter of the Commission can be found at: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>.

**DATES:** November 8, 2010, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and November 9, 2010, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H St., NW., Washington, DC 20001; telephone number: 1-202-582-1234.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher A. Smith, Designated Federal Officer, Mail Stop: FE-30, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-0716 or facsimile (202) 586-6221; e-mail: [BPDeepwaterHorizonCommission@hq.doe.gov](mailto:BPDeepwaterHorizonCommission@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The President directed that the Commission be established to examine the relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root cause of the BP Deepwater Horizon explosion, fire, and oil spill and to develop options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future.

The Commission is composed of seven members appointed by the President to serve as special Government employees. The members were selected because of their extensive scientific, legal, engineering, and environmental expertise, and their knowledge of issues pertaining to the oil and gas industry. Information on the Commission can be found at its Web site: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* Inform the Commission about the progress of the Chief Counsel's investigation into the Macondo well blowout. The Commission will hear a presentation from the Chief Counsel and statements from industry and academic experts. The Commission will also have the opportunity to hear from representatives

of companies involved in the events leading to the blowout.

*Tentative Agenda:* The meeting is expected to start on November 8, 2010 at 9 a.m. Presentations to the Commission are expected to begin shortly thereafter and will conclude at approximately 5 p.m. The meeting will continue on November 9, 2010 at 9 a.m. with presentations to the Commission. Public comments can be made on November 9, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The final agenda will be available at the Commission's Web site: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public, with capacity and seats available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments on the second day of the hearing. Time allotted per speaker will be three minutes. Opportunity for public comment will be available on November 9, 2010 tentatively from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration for those wishing to request an opportunity to speak opens onsite on November 9, 2010 at 8 a.m. Speakers will register to speak on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members of the public wishing to provide oral comments are encouraged to provide a written copy of their comments for collection at the time of onsite registration.

Those not able to attend the meeting may view the meeting live on the Commission Web site: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov>. Those individuals who are not able to attend the meeting, or who are not able to provide oral comments during the meeting, are invited to send a written statement to Christopher A. Smith, Mail Stop FE-30, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, or e-mail: [BPDeepwaterHorizonCommission@hq.doe.gov](mailto:BPDeepwaterHorizonCommission@hq.doe.gov).

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available at the Commission's Web site: <http://www.OilSpillCommission.gov> or by contacting Mr. Smith. He may be reached at the postal or e-mail addresses above.

*Accommodation for the hearing impaired:* A sign language interpreter will be onsite for the duration of the meeting.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Atomic Testing Museum, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Denise Rupp, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 505, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 657-9088; Fax (702) 295-5300 or E-mail: [ntscab@nv.doe.gov](mailto:ntscab@nv.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda**

1. Presentations
  - Frenchman Flat Peer Review
  - Mixed Waste
  - Fundamentals of Radiation

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Nevada Test Site, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Denise Rupp at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Denise Rupp at the telephone number listed above. The request 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. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing to Denise Rupp at the address listed above or at the following Web site: <http://www.ntscab.com/MeetingMinutes.htm>.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. CP11-1-000]**

#### Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC; Notice of Application

October 15, 2010.

Take notice that on October 4, 2010, Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC (Pine Prairie), 333 Clay Street, Suite 1500, Houston, TX 77002 filed an application in Docket No. CP11-1-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate its Phase III Expansion Project. Pine Prairie's Phase III Expansion Project would expand upon its existing storage facilities located in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. Specifically, Pine Prairie would: (i) Construct two additional natural gas storage caverns, each having a working gas capacity of 12.0 billion cubic feet (Bcf), bringing the total number of caverns at the facility to seven; (ii) increase the working gas capacity of four of the five authorized natural gas storage caverns from 10 Bcf to 12 Bcf; (iii) restate the total capacity of Cavern No. 1 as being 10.2 Bcf to reflect an increase in the quantity of base gas to be maintained in that cavern from 1.6 Bcf to 2.2 Bcf; (iv) construct extensions of the existing storage facility piping in order to connect the proposed caverns to Pine Prairie's existing systems; (v) construct approximately 2.50 miles of 24, 20, and 16-inch diameter leaching pipeline looping and related enhancements; (vi) install two incremental electric drive compressor

units totaling 11,500 horsepower; and (vii) increase the authorized maximum daily receipt and delivery capacities at interconnections with two interstate pipelines from 600 MMcf/day to 900 MMcf/day, all as described in more detail in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Pine Prairie states that the Phase III Expansion Project will increase the Pine Prairie Energy Center's total working gas capacity to 80 Bcf, supported by base gas capacity of 22.6 Bcf (for a total storage capacity of 102.6 Bcf). Pine Prairie also requests a reaffirmation of the previously granted authorization to charge market-based rates for its storage and hub services.

This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Any questions concerning this Application may be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, 1101 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-346-8000 (phone) 202-346-8102 (fax), [jbowe@dl.com](mailto:jbowe@dl.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

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 the comment date stated below file with the Federal