

2.7. What new technologies might be used to disseminate information to rehabilitation professionals to keep their skills current?

### III. Technical Assistance and Continuing Education

The Department currently funds 10 regional TACE Centers, each at just under \$800,000 annually, to provide TA and CE to State VR agencies and their partners. The Department also supports a National Technical Assistance Project to provide TA on topics of national scope through a variety of methods, including conferences and webinars. This one-time, two-year grant was awarded in FY 2010 for \$800,000. The following questions are designed to obtain information and feedback that reflects future delivery and coordination of TA and CE that will directly result in high-quality employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

3.1. How do providers and recipients of TA and CE assess TA and CE needs, and how can the needs assessment process be improved?

3.2. What are the most important TA needs for State VR agencies and other grantees, and what are the most effective and efficient ways for TA to be delivered?

3.3. What are the most critical CE needs of State VR agencies and other grantees, and what are the effective and efficient ways to provide CE?

3.4. Are current Federal funding levels for addressing TA needs and delivering CE adequate?

3.5. What is the best structure for delivering TA and CE (e.g., a system comprised of centers providing TA on topical areas such as program management or quality assurance, a system of regional TA Centers, or a combination of these or other structures)?

3.6. How can national collaboration among all TA and CE providers be improved so that the resources devoted to TA and CE are efficiently and effectively used?

3.7. How should disability and employment research and evaluation on promising and evidenced-based practices be incorporated into TA and CE?

3.8. What outcomes should we expect from a TA and CE delivery system, and what performance measures can effectively measure these outcomes?

### IV. Use of Section 21 Set-Aside

Research indicates that individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups are less likely to access VR services and achieve employment outcomes at lower rates than other

individuals with disabilities. Funds made available under section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act are intended to improve services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups. The statute requires that the Department set aside for this purpose one percent of all funds appropriated for programs authorized under each of Titles II, III, VI, and VII. In fiscal year 2012 RSA set aside approximately \$2.1 million for grants funded under section 21.

Currently the Department provides section 21 funds to four minority institutions of higher education to develop rehabilitation training programs for individuals wishing to enter the field of rehabilitation counseling. In addition, the Department funds five grants to provide outreach, capacity building, TA, and training to minority entities that are seeking grants under the Rehabilitation Act, including grant-writing workshops and training on disability legislation. Under the Act, the term minority entity means an entity that is a historically black college or university, a Hispanic-serving institution of higher education, an American Indian Tribal college or university, or another institution of higher education whose minority student enrollment is at least 50 percent. Respondents may use the questions below to guide their input on how to use the section 21 funds most effectively to improve services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups.

4.1. Is the current use of section 21 funds effective in improving services to and outcomes for individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups, and if so, what specific activities or strategies currently funded by section 21 have been most effective?

4.2. What activities and strategies currently funded under section 21 are least effective in improving services to and outcomes for individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups?

4.3. In what new ways should the Department use section 21 funds to improve outcomes for individuals with disabilities being served by State VR agencies who are members of minority groups? Are there new or emerging TA or training needs that should be addressed?

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Dated: November 5, 2012.

**Michael Yudin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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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. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Ulmer, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 505, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 630-0522; Fax (702) 295-5300 or Email: [NSSAB@nv.doe.gov](mailto:NSSAB@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:*

**Tentative Agenda**

1. U-233 Waste Briefing/Update
2. Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement Briefing/Update
3. Nye County Drilling Presentation
4. Industrial Sites-Closing Use Restriction Sites Presentation

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Nevada, 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 Barbara Ulmer 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 Barbara Ulmer 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 Barbara Ulmer at the address listed above or at the following Web site: <http://nv.energy.gov/nssab/MeetingMinutes.aspx>.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 2, 2012.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Bonneville Power Administration**

[BPA File No. OS-14]

**Public Hearing and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed 2014 Oversupply Rates.

**SUMMARY:** On March 6, 2012, BPA filed its Oversupply Management Protocol with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Docket No. EL11-44) as an amendment to BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff. The protocol

authorizes BPA to displace generation in its balancing authority area with Federal hydropower and provide compensation to generators for certain costs related to the displacement. BPA is holding the OS-14 rate proceeding to establish a rate to recover the costs incurred under the protocol.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to intervene and become parties to the proceeding must file a petition to intervene, via U.S. Mail or electronic mail, no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2012. A prehearing conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 2012. Written comments by non-party participants must be received by February 15, 2013, to be considered in the Administrator's Record of Decision.

**ADDRESSES:**

1. Petitions to intervene should be directed to Hearing Clerk—L-7, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232, or may be emailed to [rateclerk@bpa.gov](mailto:rateclerk@bpa.gov). In addition, copies of the petition must be served concurrently on BPA's General Counsel directed to Mr. Allen Chan, LT-7, Office of General Counsel, 905 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232, or via email to [acchan@bpa.gov](mailto:acchan@bpa.gov) (see section III.A. for more information regarding interventions).

2. Written comments by participants should be submitted to the Public Engagement Office—DKE-7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, Oregon 97293. You may also email your comments to [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment). BPA requests that all comments and documents intended to be part of the Official Record in this rate proceeding contain the designation OS-14 in the subject line of the email.

3. The prehearing conference will be held in the BPA Rates Hearing Room, 2nd floor, 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Heidi Helwig—DKE-7, Public Affairs Specialist, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; by phone at 503-230-3458 or toll free at 1-800-622-4519; or via email to [hyhelwig@bpa.gov](mailto:hyhelwig@bpa.gov).

*Responsible Officials:* Mr. Raymond D. Bliven, Power Rates Manager, and Ms. Rebecca E. Fredrickson, Transmission Rates Manager.

*BPA Attorney Advisor:* Mr. Allen Chan is the principal BPA attorney in this matter. Mr. Chan may be contacted by U.S. Mail at: Mr. Allen Chan, Office of General Counsel, LT-7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208-3621 or via email at: [acchan@bpa.gov](mailto:acchan@bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Part I—Introduction and Procedural Background**

The Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act) provides that BPA must establish and periodically review and revise its rates so that they recover, in accordance with sound business principles, the costs associated with the acquisition, conservation, and transmission of electric power, including amortization of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) over a reasonable number of years and BPA's other costs and expenses. The Northwest Power Act also requires that BPA's rates be established based on the record of a formal hearing, and for transmission rates only, that the costs of the Federal transmission system be equitably allocated between Federal and non-Federal power utilizing the system.

This proceeding is being conducted under the rule for general rate proceedings, section 1010.9 of BPA's Procedures. A proposed schedule for the proceeding is provided below. A final schedule will be established by the Hearing Officer at the prehearing conference.

BPA Direct Case November 14, 2012  
 Prehearing Conference November 14, 2012  
 Parties File Petition to Intervene November 15, 2012  
 Motions to Strike December 7, 2012  
 Data Request Deadline December 7, 2012  
 Answers to Motions to Strike December 14, 2012  
 Data Response Deadline December 14, 2012  
 Parties file Direct Case January 18, 2013  
 Clarification January 29–February 1, 2013  
 Motions to Strike February 6, 2013  
 Data Request Deadline February 6, 2013  
 Answers to Motions to Strike February 13, 2013  
 Data Response Deadline February 13, 2013  
 Close of Participant Comments February 15, 2013  
 Litigants file Rebuttal March 5, 2013  
 Clarification March 7–8, 2013  
 Motions to Strike March 13, 2013  
 Data Request Deadline March 13, 2013  
 Answers to Motions to Strike March 20, 2013  
 Data Response Deadline March 20, 2013  
 Cross-Examination March 25–29, 2013  
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