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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM CONCEPTS WORKSHOP

For your information, enclosed is a copy of a recent press release from the U.S. Department of Energy concerning a workshop to be held in June 1991. The workshop will include persons or organizations who may want to present an engineered barrier system concept, independent experts, and invited observers.

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DOE ANNOUNCES DENVER WORKSHOP ON YUCCA MOUNTAIN ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM CONCEPTS

The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to announce the Yucca Mountain Engineered Barrier System Concepts Workshop to be held June 18-20, 1991, in Denver, Colorado. The DOE is seeking participants who may be interested in presenting Engineered Barrier System (EBS) concepts at this Workshop.

The focus of the workshop will be EBS concepts for extended-life performance in a potential high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The EBS is defined in NUREG 10 CFR 60.2 as the waste packages and the underground facility including openings and backfill materials, but excluding shafts, boreholes, and their seals. Extended-life refers to exceeding the regulatory performance standards imposed on the engineered barrier system and its components in NUREG 10 CFR 60.113. The objectives of the Workshop are to provide a forum for the discussion of EBS concepts and their applicability to extended-life performance.

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Participants for the workshop will be selected in a two-step process based on the evaluation of their personal qualifications and of their technical analysis of the proposed concept. First, interested participants must submit a qualification statement which should include a one page discussion on why the individual believes he/she is qualified to address the subject. Second, after determining who is qualified to participate, DOE will ask qualified participants to submit a technical analysis which should include a description of the concept, physical and/or chemical processes relied on for containment and isolation, predicted performance, degree of insensitivity to variations in service environment, fabrication and emplacement aspects, and rough cost estimates. At the same time DOE requests technical analyses of qualified participants, it will send an information package about requirements imposed on design. This invitation for participation in the Workshop should not be construed as a request for proposal for future work in this area or as a commitment to compensate participants in any manner.

Individuals interested in participating in the Workshop should submit their qualifications by March 15, 1991, for consideration by DOE. Requested technical submittal will be due to DOE by April 19, 1991. Send qualification statement to: Diane J. Harrison-Giesler, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office, M/S 523, P.O. Box 98608, Las Vegas, NV, 89193-8608.

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necessary in order for the terms of Western's tariff to conform with the Order.

In addition, Western moved to place the foregoing tariff sheets and those previously filed in this proceeding into effect on March 1, 1991.

Finally, Western requested waiver of the 30 day notice period, thereby allowing the tariff sheets to be effective on March 1, 1991.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211 (1990)). All such protests should be filed on or before February 25, 1991. 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 proceeding. Persons that are already parties to this proceeding need not file a motion to intervene in this matter. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Casbell,

Secretary.

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Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

Announcement of Yucca Mountain Engineered Barrier System Concepts Workshop

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Department of Energy announces the Yucca Mountain Engineered Barrier System Concept Workshop. The Department is seeking participants who may be interested in presenting Engineered Barrier System (EBS) concepts at this Workshop.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The Workshop will be held June 18-20, 1991, in Denver, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane J. Harrison-Giesler, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office, M/S 523, P.O. Box 98608, Las Vegas, NV 89193-8608.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The focus of the Workshop will be EBS concepts for extended-life performance in a potential high-level radioactive

waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The EBS is defined in NUREG 10 CFR 60.2 as the waste packages and the underground facility including openings and backfill materials, but excluding shafts, boreholes, and their seals. Extended-life refers to exceeding the regulatory performance standards imposed on the engineered barrier system and its components in NUREG 10 CFR 60.113. The objectives of the workshop are: (a) To provide a forum for the discussion of engineered barrier system concepts and their applicability to extended-life performance, and (b) to solicit the opinions of experts regarding extended-life engineered barrier system concepts.

Participants for the Workshop will be selected based on their personal qualifications and their technical submittal of the proposed concept. The qualifications submission should include a one page discussion on why the individuals believe they are qualified to address this subject. The technical submittal should include a description of the concept, physical and/or chemical processes relied on for containment and isolation, predicted performances, degree of insensitivity to variations in service environment, fabrication and emplacement aspects, and rough cost estimates. DOE will request the technical submittal from interested qualified participants and an information package will be sent with this request. This invitation for participation in the Workshop should not be construed as a request for proposal for future work in this area or as a commitment to compensate participants in any manner.

Individuals interested in participating in the Workshop should submit their qualifications by March 15, 1991 for consideration by DOE. Requested technical submittals will be due to DOE by April 19, 1991.

Franklin Peters,

Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 90-112-NG]

Transco Energy Marketing Company; Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import Natural Gas

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

ACTION: Notice of an order granting blanket authorization to import natural gas.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Transco Energy Marketing Company blanket authorization to import up to 730 Bcf of Canadian natural gas over a two-year period beginning on the date of issuance of this order.

A copy of this order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 886-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, February 7, 1991.

Clifford P. Tomaszewski,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-3907-6]

Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD); Final Determination

AGENCY: United States Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of final action.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Notice is to announce that the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued a final decision pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) regulations codified at 40 CFR 52.21 and the Procedures for Decisionmaking codified at 40 CFR part 124 regarding Mecklenburg Cogeneration Limited Partnership, Inc. in Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

DATES: The effective date of the Administrator's decision is December 21, 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Denis Lohman, Chief, New Source Review Section, Air Enforcement Branch, Air, Radiation and Toxics Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Mail Code 3AT22, 641 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107, (215) 597-3024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated June 15, 1990, the Southside Concerned Citizens, Inc. of Halifax, Virginia requested review of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration