

Management Final EIS (DOE/EIS-0279, 2000). The onsite impacts identified for those sites would not be changed by the extension of the Acceptance Policy. Transportation impacts from INEEL and SRS to the geologic repository as analyzed in the Final EIS for a *Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye, County, Nevada*, (DOE/EIS-250, 2002) are also unchanged by the extension.

Decision

DOE has decided to extend the FRR SNF Acceptance Policy for an additional 10 years beyond its current expiration, until May 12, 2016, for irradiation of eligible fuel, and until May 12, 2019, for fuel acceptance. DOE has also decided to include the Australian RRR as a reactor eligible to participate in the acceptance program. For the small amount of RRR fuel that would be added to 1996 estimates, DOE will continue limitations on shipment cask curie activity and will ensure that the upper limit estimate for the source term assumed in the FRR SNF EIS accident analysis will not be exceeded.

DOE's decision furthers the nonproliferation objectives of the United States. The extension of the Acceptance Policy is expected to provide sufficient time for reactors to complete their planned shipments, to complete development, testing, qualification and fabrication of new LEU fuels which could be used by the RRR and other reactors, and to provide time for reactors to convert to the new LEU fuels or make alternative fuel management arrangements.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 22, 2004.

Linton F. Brooks,

Under Secretary and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Paducah. 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: Thursday, January 20, 2005—5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William E. Murphie, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO), Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, 1017 Majestic Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, (859) 219-4001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

- 5:30 p.m. Informal Discussion
- 6 p.m. Call to Order
 - Introduction
 - Review of Agenda
 - Approval of November Minutes
- 6:05 p.m. DDFO's Comments
- 6:25 p.m. Federal Coordinator Comments
- 6:30 p.m. Ex-Officio Comments
- 6:40 p.m. Public Comments and Questions
- 7:50 p.m. Task Forces/Presentations
 - Waste Disposition Task Force
 - Burial Ground Operable Unit
 - Water Quality Task Force
 - Long Range Strategy/Stewardship Task Force
 - Annual Report
 - Site Management Plan Update
 - Waste Community Outreach Task Force
- 7 p.m. Public Comments and Questions
- 8 p.m. Break
- 8:15 p.m. Administrative Issues
 - Review of Work Plan
 - Review of Next Agenda
- 8:20 p.m. Review of Action Items
- 8:25 p.m. Subcommittee Reports
 - Executive Committee
- 8:40 p.m. Final Comments
- 9:30 p.m. Adjourn

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Dollins at the address listed below or by telephone at (270) 441-6819. Requests 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 as the first item of the meeting agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., on Monday thru Friday or by writing to David Dollins, Department of Energy, Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6819.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 24, 2004.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-18-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proceeding

November 23, 2004.

Take notice that on November 18, 2004, in an order issued in Docket Nos. RP04-97-001, *et al.*, the Commission established a separate proceeding to conduct an inquiry in response to assertions by Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), 100 Allegany Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15275, that a significant portion of its storage facilities' cushion gas has been lost due to migration of that gas. The proceeding in Docket No. CP05-18-000, initiated by the Commission pursuant to its authority under section 5, 7, 8 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), will explore material issues regarding Equitrans' loss of the cushion gas, as described in more detail herein.

In the rate proceeding in Docket Nos. RP04-97-001, *et al.*, Equitrans explained its intention to buy and inject into storage approximately 9,600,000 Dth of cushion gas to replace lost cushion gas. Equitrans proposed in the rate proceeding to reflect the projected purchase cost of this cushion gas of approximately \$49.1 million in its rates.

In the November 18, 2004, order in Docket Nos. RP04-97-001, *et al.*, the Commission observed that the loss of such a significant volume of cushion gas raises operational and other issues, in particular whether Equitrans' storage operations and facilities are meeting Equitrans' certificated service obligations under section 7 of the NGA. The Commission found that it should review Equitrans' operation of its storage facilities prior to Equitrans' being permitted to purchase and inject more cushion gas into the storage system.

Accordingly, in Docket No. CP05-18-000, the Commission will convene a technical conference to initiate an inquiry regarding Equitrans' assertion that it has lost cushion gas due to migration and the effects any such migration has on its storage operations. The Commission will issue a further notice establishing the date for the technical conference, which will be conducted after the due date for motions to intervene in Docket No. CP05-18-000. At the technical conference, Equitrans shall present data and information to support its assertion that cushion gas has migrated from its storage facilities and to demonstrate the effects any such migration has on its storage operations. Equitrans also shall present its plan for implementing measures to ensure that its storage facilities can continue to operate without further gas loss within the defined geological parameters and without further reservoir or buffer expansion. Following the technical conference, the Commission will issue further procedural notices as needed.

Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a motion to intervene with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions must be filed on or before December 2, 2004. Attendance at the technical conference will be limited to persons that file timely motions to intervene.

Any comments filed in this proceeding will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the commenters parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Any motions to intervene, data requests, responses to data requests, comments or any other document filed in this proceeding will be 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 "eLibrary". Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Intervention Date: December 2, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP05-74-000]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Proposed Changes to FERC Gas Tariff

November 23, 2004.

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective December 17, 2004:

First Revised Sheet No. 3700
First Revised Sheet No. 3703

Gulf South is proposing certain changes to its contractual ROFR provisions.

Gulf South states that copies of this filing have been served upon Gulf South's customers, state commissions and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or

before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER04-1244-000]

NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 23, 2004.

NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. (NorthPoint) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying tariff. The proposed tariff provides for wholesale sales of energy and capacity at market-based rates. NorthPoint also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, NorthPoint requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by NorthPoint.

On November 19, the Commission granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

[A]ny person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by NorthPoint should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211