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#### Executive Order 12866

This NPP has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the NPP are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this NPP, we have determined that the benefits of the proposed priority justify the costs.

*Applicable Program Regulations:* 34 CFR part 350.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.133A, Disability Rehabilitation Research Project)

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 762(g) and 764(a).

Dated: April 29, 2005.

**John H. Hager,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental

Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Savannah River. 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:** Monday, May 23, 2005, 1 p.m.–6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24, 2005, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hyatt Regency Hotel, #2 West Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerri Flemming, Closure Project Office, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

**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:*

Monday, May 23, 2005

1 p.m. Combined Committee Session  
5:30 p.m. Adjourn  
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
6 p.m. Adjourn

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes, Agency Updates  
9 a.m. Public Comment Session  
9:10 a.m. Chair and Facilitator Update  
9:40 a.m. Waste Management Committee  
10:50 a.m. Nuclear Materials Committee Report  
11:40 a.m. Public Comments  
12 p.m. Lunch Break  
1 p.m. Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Report  
2:30 p.m. Strategic and Legacy Management Committee Report  
3:50 p.m. Public Comments  
4 p.m. Adjourn

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, May 23, 2005.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. 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 comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's 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 through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC 29802, or by calling her at (803) 952-7886.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council (NCC). Federal Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires notice of meetings to be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, June 9, 2005, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Wyndham Washington Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Kane, Phone: (202) 586-4753, or Estelle W. Hebron, Phone: (202) 586-6837, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Washington, DC 20585.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the National Coal Council is to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and coal industry issues:

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Call to Order by Mr. Thomas G. Kraemer, Chairman
- Council Business Communications Committee Report—Mr. David Surber, Chairman
- Finance Committee Report—Mr. Rich Eimer, Chairman

- Remarks by Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy
- Presentation re: Clear Skies Initiative (TBA)
- Presentation re: Natural Gas Availability (TBA)
- Presentation re: National Energy Legislation (TBA)
- Other Business
- Adjourn

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the NCC will conduct the meeting to facilitate orderly business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Mr. Robert Kane or Ms. Estelle Hebron at the address and telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading 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.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Office of Electricity and Energy Assurance; Port Angeles—Juan de Fuca High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Project

**AGENCIES:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Office of Electricity and Energy Assurance (OEEA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Department of Energy's (DOE) intent to prepare an EIS (DOE/EIS-0378) and to conduct a public scoping meeting under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the proposed Port Angeles Juan de Fuca HVDC Transmission

Project (Project). This Project, proposed by Olympic Converter, LP (OC), involves constructing a proposed electric power transmission line that would extend from the greater Victoria area, British Columbia, in Canada, to Port Angeles, Washington, in the United States. Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable, LP (Sea Breeze Pacific) is carrying out the planning and permitting for the Project. The Project would be constructed as a 550-megawatt (MW) High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission line using underground cables, as well as submarine cables under the Strait of Juan de Fuca, an international waterway. Implementation of the Project would require that certain actions be taken by BPA and OEEA, which are separate organizational units within DOE. BPA's proposed action would be to offer a transmission interconnection agreement to OC, and OEEA's proposed action would be to issue a Presidential permit that would allow construction, operation, maintenance, and interconnection of the Project at the United States International Border.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted at a public scoping meeting that will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Written comments are due to the address below no later than June 6, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting on May 24, 2005, will be held at Peninsula College, Room J47, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, Washington 98362-6698. The purpose of the public meeting is to invite public participation in the scoping process, and to solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS. DOE and OC representatives will be available to discuss the proposed Project and respond to any questions you may have. Representatives from the City of Port Angeles are also expected to attend to answer questions about the Washington State Environmental Policy Act.

Send letters with comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the EIS, and requests to be placed on the Project mailing list, to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications—DM-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212; FAX them to 503-230-3285; or submit your comments on line at <http://www.bpa.gov/comment/>. Please include the name of this Project with your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Yarde, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621, toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct

phone number 503-230-3769, fax number 503-230-5699, e-mail [rryarde@bpa.gov](mailto:rryarde@bpa.gov). Additional information can be found at BPA's Web site: [http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/).

For inquiries regarding the Presidential permit process, contact Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Electricity and Energy Assurance, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, phone number 202-586-3362, fax number 202-318-7761, e-mail [jerry.pell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:jerry.pell@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OC has proposed to construct and own an international transmission line between the greater Victoria area, British Columbia, in Canada and Clallam County, Washington, in the United States. The proposed facilities would provide transmission interconnection between the bulk power transmission systems of Canada and the United States. The Project would interconnect with the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS), which is owned and operated by BPA in the United States, and with the British Columbia transmission system, which is owned, operated and maintained by the British Columbia Transmission Corporation, a Crown corporation of the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

OC proposes to connect the two transmission systems using HVDC submarine cables across the Strait of Juan de Fuca, an international waterway. The Project is proposed to be a 550-MW bidirectional controllable transmission system, comprised of HVDC modules interconnected by submarine and underground terrestrial cables. OC proposes to use HVDC Light™ cable, which is a polymeric insulated cable that is steel-wire armored, hermetically sealed, and approximately 10 inches in diameter for the marine crossing and 8 inches in diameter for the buried terrestrial portion. The cable contains no circulating or insulating fluids. The overall length of the proposed transmission line would be 21.6 miles, about 19.2 miles of which would be buried in marine bedlands and approximately 1.2 miles would be underground within the City of Port Angeles. The remaining 1.2 miles would be terrestrial in the greater Victoria area, British Columbia. A directional drill would be used for the marine-to-terrestrial transition, in order to minimize disturbances to the shoreline and intertidal zone.

For the connection in the United States to the FCRTS, OC proposes to construct a converter station in Port