

awards under the FY 1999 Technology Innovation Challenge Grants program. The Secretary takes this action to ensure a thorough review and assessment of the large number of applications that are expected to be received under the FY 1999 competition. This competition was announced previously in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 1998 (63 FR 70977). That notice, however, did not explain that a two-tier review process is to be used in the evaluation of applications. Because the announcement of a two-tier review process does not affect the contents of applications in this competition, the date by which applications must be received remains the same as originally announced, March 12, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In prior fiscal years, applications for awards under this program were evaluated and selected in accordance with procedures established in the notice of final selection criteria, selection procedures, and application procedures for Technology Innovation Challenge Grants published in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 1997 (62 FR 26175). This year, however, these procedures for "evaluation and selection of applications" will not apply to this program. Instead, the Department will follow the procedures in 34 CFR part 75 except as indicated below.

Application Review Procedures: The Secretary will use a two-tier process for reviewing applications in this competition. In the first tier, all eligible applications will be reviewed. The applications with the highest scores in the first tier—the top-ranked 60—will be reviewed in the second tier. In the event of a tie for the 60th place in the rank order of applications in the first tier, all applications tied for that final position will be considered in the second tier. The same evaluation criteria will be used in the second tier as in the first tier. The Secretary will select applications for funding on the basis of the rank ordering of applications in the second tier. In all other respects, the Secretary will follow the procedures in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR part 75, in reviewing applications.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking: In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these exceptions to EDGAR make procedural changes only. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), proposed rulemaking is not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Payer, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20208-5544. Telephone 202 208-3882. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also, by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

Electronic Access to This Document

Anyone may view this document, as well as all other Department of Education documents published in the **Federal Register**, in text or portable document format (pdf) on the World Wide Web at either of the following sites:

<http://ocfo.gov/fedreg.htm>

<http://www.ed.gov/news.html>

To use the pdf you must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader Program with Search, which is available free at either of the previous sites. If you have questions about using the pdf, call the U.S. Government Printing Office at (202) 512-1530, or toll free, at 1-888-293-6498.

Anyone may also view these documents in text copy only on an electronic bulletin board of the Department. Telephone: (202) 219-1511 or, toll free, 1-800-222-4922. The documents are located under Option G-Files/Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases.

Note: The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

PROGRAM AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C. 6846.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

C. Kent McGuire,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

[FR Doc. 99-7188 Filed 3-23-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming teleconference of the Design and Methodology Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: March 26, 1999.

TIME: 2:30-4:00 p.m., EST.

LOCATION: National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite #825, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On March 26, 1999 the Design and Methodology Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board will hold a teleconference from 2:30-4:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to endorse a plan of action to achieve the goals of the Board's redesign policy regarding sampling issues. The Committee will be acting under the prospective authority of the Board.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North

Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C.,
from 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Roy Truby,

*Executive Director, National Assessment
Governing Board.*

[FR Doc. 99-7133 Filed 3-23-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Secretary of Energy Advisory Board;
Notice of Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Task Force on Fusion Energy.

DATES AND TIMES: Monday, March 29, 1999, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM and Tuesday, March 30, 1999, 8:30 AM–12:00 PM.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E-089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building on the day of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Task Force on Fusion Energy is to review the Department of Energy's plans for research and development of four fusion related technologies—pulsed-power, lasers, ion drivers, and magnetic fusion—and to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on how to structure the Department's fusion energy programs, both inertial and magnetic. The review is to focus on the scientific quality of the programs, the goals and objectives of the programs, and the energy potential of each technology. The findings and recommendation of the Task Force on Fusion Energy are to comment on the goals and objectives of the Department's fusion energy related programs, provide a critique of the current development strategies, suggest changes in the overall fusion energy roadmap, and recommended funding levels.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, March 29, 1999

- 8:30–9:00 AM Opening Remarks, Introductions and Objectives—Dr. Richard Meserve, Task Force Chairman
- 9:00–9:45 AM Briefing and Discussion: Review of President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Reviews of Fusion Energy
- 9:45–10:00 AM Break
- 10:00–11:15 AM Briefing and Discussion: Overview of the Department of Energy Fusion Energy Program
- 11:15–12:00 PM Briefing and Discussion: Overview of the Inertial Confinement Fusion Program
- 12:00–1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00–2:30 PM Briefing and Discussion: Magnetic Fusion Energy Program Status and Plans
- 2:30–2:45 PM Break
- 2:45–4:15 PM Briefing and Discussion: Inertial Fusion Energy Program Status and Plans
- 4:15–4:45 PM Briefing and Discussion: Magnetic and Inertial Fusion Energy Roadmap
- 4:45–5:00 PM Public Comment Period
- 5:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, March 30, 1999

- 8:30–8:35 AM Opening Remarks and Objectives—Dr. Richard Meserve, Task Force Chairman
- 8:35–9:15 AM Briefing and Discussion: Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (FESAC) Review
- 9:15–10:00 AM Working Session: Task Force Discussion/Question and Answer Period
- 10:00–10:15 AM Break
- 10:15–11:45 AM Working Session: Task Force Work Plan Discussion and Development
- 11:45–12:00 PM Public Comment Period
- 12:00 PM Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris,

Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Task Force on Fusion Energy may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on March 18, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 99-7214 Filed 3-23-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-U

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-256-001]

**Clear Creek Storage Company, L.L.C.;
Notice of Filing**

March 18, 1999.

Take notice that on March 3, 1999, Clear Creek Storage Company, L.L.C. (Clear Creek), 180 East 100 South, P.O. Box 45601, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 filed a revised Exhibit P. containing a pro forma tariff and initial rates as required by Ordering Paragraph (B) of the Commission's March 2, 1998 order in Docket No. CP98-256-000.

Clear Creek states that the revised Exhibit P comprises a pro forma copy of Original Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff as well as supporting data and information regarding proposed rates that are applicable to open-access firm and interruptible storage service.

Clear Creek anticipates providing storage service in the Clear Creek storage facility no later than September 1, 1999 and has requested that the Commission issue an order regarding its revised Exhibit P in such time that a compliance tariff filing may be rendered and accepted by the Commission to become effective September 1, 1999.