

Potential Environmental Issues for Analysis

The DOE has tentatively identified the following environmental issues for analysis in the GTCC EIS. The list is presented to facilitate early comment on the scope of the EIS; it is not intended to be comprehensive nor to predetermine the alternatives to be analyzed or their potential impacts.

- Potential impacts to the general population and workers from radiological and non-radiological releases.
- Potential impacts, including air and water quality impacts.
- Potential transportation impacts from the shipment of GTCC radioactive waste to a disposal site.
- Potential impacts from postulated accidents.
- Potential disproportionately high and adverse effects on low-income and minority populations (environmental justice).
- Potential Native American concerns.
- Irretrievable and irreversible commitment of resources.
- Short-term and long-term land use impacts.
- Compliance with applicable Federal, state, and local requirements.
- Long-term site health and environmental impacts, including potential impacts on groundwater quality.
- Long-term site suitability, including erosion and seismicity.

EIS Process

DOE plans to issue the NOI in the fall of calendar year 2005, which will be followed by a public scoping period. DOE will announce the availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide the public, organizations, and agencies with an opportunity to submit comments. These comments will be considered and addressed in the Final EIS. DOE will issue a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the Final EIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, June 7, 2005, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2005, 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: Hotel Galvez, 2024 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy; assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy methane hydrate research and development program.

Tentative Agenda:

Tuesday, June 7

- Welcome and Introductions
- Joint meeting with the Interagency Coordinating Committee—8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Briefings on recent accomplishments, planned activities, issues and concerns by the Department of Energy; U.S. Geological Survey; Minerals Management Service; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Naval Research Laboratory; and National Science Foundation. Discussion of major interagency issues, including activities with other nations, FY2006 budgets, and reauthorization

- Offshore Studies Update
- Arctic Studies Update
- Open Discussion: future program directions

Wednesday, June 8

- Changes in Advisory Committee structure: reauthorization, requirement for Committee members to be "special Government employees"

- Continue open discussion of future program directions and preparation of letter to the Secretary
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of 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 Edith Allison at the address or telephone number 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 of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 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. Transcripts will be available upon request.

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Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG05-62-000, et al.]

Wolverine Creek Goshen Interconnection LLC; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

May 4, 2005.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Wolverine Creek Goshen Interconnection, LLC

[Docket No. EG05-62-000]

Take notice that on April 29, 2005, Wolverine Creek Goshen Interconnection LLC (WCGI) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

WCGI states it is a Delaware limited liability company that will own and operate an interconnection transmission line that will be necessary to connect the wholesale generating facilities that will be owned by its owners companies (*i.e.*, Wolverine Creek Energy LLC and Ridgeline Airtricity Energy, LLC) to the PacifiCorp transmission system. WCGI further states that the interconnection line will be used by WCGI to transport to the PacifiCorp system the power