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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—National Ignition Facility Laser System Task Force

DATES: Monday, December 13, 1999, 1:45 PM–5:30 PM.

ADDRESSES: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Conference Room A, Building 123, 7000 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94551-0808. Note: For their convenience, members of the public who plan to attend this open meeting are requested to contact Ms. Kathleen Moody of the LLNL Protocol Office in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate access to the meeting site. Ms. Moody may be reached at (925) 423-5948 or via e-mail at moody2@llnl.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the NIF Task Force is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the

options to complete the National Ignition Facility (NIF) Project; to recommend the best technical course of action; and to review and assess the risks of successfully completing the NIF Project. The NIF Task Force will focus on the engineering and management aspects of the proposed method for accomplishing the assembly and installation of the NIF laser system. The Task Force's review will cover the full scope of assembly and installation and the ability, within the proposed approach, to achieve the cleanliness requirements established for the operation of the laser. The review will also address: (1) the engineering viability of the proposed assembly and activation method; (2) the assembly and installation cleanliness protocols; (3) the management structure; and (4) the adequacy of the cost estimating methodology.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, December 13, 1999

1:45–2:15 PM

Opening Remarks—Dr. John McTague, Task Force Chairman

2:15–2:30 PM

Briefing & Discussion: NIF Re-baselining Plan, Scheduling and Budget Impacts

2:30–3:00 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Target Fabrication & Target Operations

3:00–3:15 PM

Break

3:15–4:00 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—Relationship between DOE, UC, LLNL, and the NIF Project Office

4:00–4:30 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—Previous Reviews of the NIF

4:30–5:00 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—NIF Council

5:00–5:15 PM

Briefing & Discussion: Management and Oversight of the NIF Project—Outside Consultants & Independent Advice

5:15–5:30 PM

Public Comment Period

5:30 PM

Adjourn

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

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the NIF Task Force and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment periods. 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

Livermore, California, 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. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US 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: A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made 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 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 2000:

Second Revised Volume No. 1–A

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 20

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 22

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 23

Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 24

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 26

Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 27

Third Revised Volume No. 2

Forty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1–D.2

Fortieth Revised Sheet No. 1–D.3

El Paso states that the above tariff sheets are being filed to adjust its rates for inflation.