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 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mike Zamorski, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845–4094.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 7, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 98–09; Energy Biosciences

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant preapplications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Basic Energy Sciences of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites preapplications from potential applicants for research funding in the Energy Biosciences program area. The intent in asking for a preapplication is to save the time and effort of applicants in preparing and submitting a formal project application that may be inappropriate for the program. The preapplication should consist of a two-to three-page concept paper on the research contemplated for an application to the Energy Biosciences program. The concept paper should focus on the scientific objectives and significance of the planned research, and include an outline of the approaches planned, and any other information relating to the planned research. No budget information or biographical data need be included; nor is an institutional endorsement necessary. The preapplication gives us the opportunity to advise potential applicants on the suitability of their research ideas to the mission of the DOE Energy Biosciences program. A response indicating the appropriateness of submitting a formal application will be sent from the Division of Energy Biosciences office in time to allow for an adequate preparation period for a formal application.

DATES: For timely consideration, all preapplications should be received by February 27, 1998. However, earlier submissions will be gladly accepted. A response to timely preapplications will be communicated by April 17, 1998. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is June 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications referencing Program Notice 98–09 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER–17, Division of Energy Biosciences, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, Attn: Program Notice 98–09. Fax submissions are acceptable at (301) 903–1003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Pat Snyder, Division of Energy Biosciences, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER–17, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, telephone (301) 903–2873; E-mail pat.snyder@oer.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Potential applicants should submit a brief preapplication which consists of two to three pages of narrative describing research objectives. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and the research needs of the Energy Biosciences program. The Energy Biosciences program has the mission of generating *fundamental* biological information about plants and non-medical related microorganisms that can provide support for future energy related biotechnologies. The objective is to pursue *basic* biochemical, genetic and physiological investigations that may contribute towards providing alternate fuels, petroleum replacement products, energy conservation measures as well as other technologies such as phytoremediation related to DOE programs. Areas of interest include bioenergetic systems, including photosynthesis; control of plant growth and development, including metabolic, genetic, and hormonal and ambient factor regulation, metabolic diversity, ion uptake, transport and accumulation, stress physiology and adaptation; genetic transmission and expression; plant-microbial interactions, plant cell wall structure and function; lignocellulose degradative mechanisms; mechanisms of fermentations, genetics of neglected microorganisms, energetics and membrane phenomena; thermophily (molecular basis of high temperature tolerance); microbial interactions; and one-carbon metabolism, which is the basis of biotransformations such as methanogenesis. The objective is to discern and understand basic mechanisms and principles.

Funds are expected to be available for new grant awards in FY 1999. The magnitude of these funds available and the number of awards which can be made will depend on the budget process. The awards made during FY 1997 averaged close to $100,000 per year, mostly for a three-year duration. The principal purpose in using preapplications at this time is to reduce the expenditure of time and effort of all parties. Information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures may be found in the 10 CFR part 605 and the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to ER's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web Site address: http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director for Resource Management, Office of Energy Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (FESAC).

DATES: Thursday, January 22, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Auditorium, Germantown, Maryland 20874.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Albert L. Opdenaker, III, Executive Assistant, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, MD 20874, Telephone: 301–903–4941.

SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to (1) make comments and recommendations on the *Strategic Plan for International Collaborations on Fusion Science and technology Research;* and (2) begin the FESAC review of the Fusion Materials research program.

Tentative Agenda

DOE Perspective by Martha Krebs

Discussion of Strategic Plan for International Collaborations

Public Comment

Presentations: Fusion Material Research

Prepare Letter to DOE

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301–903–8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@mailgw.er.doe.gov (e-mail). Requests to make oral statements must be received 5 days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes:

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, I–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98–102–000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 6, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 1998:

Thirtieth Revised Sheet No. 8
Thirtieth Revised Sheet No. 9
Twenty-ninth Revised Sheet No. 13
Thirty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 18

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed to commence recovery of approximately $2.2 million of additional pricing differential (PD) and carrying costs that were incurred by ANR during the period June 1, 1997 through October 31, 1997 as a result of the implementation of Order Nos. 636, et seq. ANR proposes a reservation fee surcharge applicable to its Part 284 firm transportation customers to recover ninety percent (90%) of the PD costs, and an adjustment to the maximum base tariff rates applicable to Rate Schedule ITS and overrun service rendered pursuant to Rate Schedule FTS–2, so as to recover the remaining ten percent (10%). ANR has requested that the Commission accept the tendered sheets to become effective January 1, 1998. ANR advises that the proposed charges would increase its PD surcharge from $0.196 to $0.228 per Dth per month.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98–107–000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 6, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, and Original Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective February 1, 1998:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 2
Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 17
First Revised Sheet No. 202
Third Revised Sheet No. 210

Original Volume No. 2 Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 14

ANR states that the referenced tariff sheets are being submitted as part of ANR's Ninth Annual Reconciliation of buyout buydown costs being recovered by means as Volumetric Buyout Buydown Surcharges contained in Docket Nos. RP91–33, et.al., and RP96–328. The proposed charges are designed to recover $21.7 million less on an annual basis than the currently effective volumetric surcharges, due to lower interest on decreasing principal balances. The surcharges will expire in April, 1998 and August, 1998.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this application are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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