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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-361]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Aquilon Power Ltd.

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Aquilon Power Ltd. (Aquilon Power) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 11, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-8008).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anthony Como (Program Office) 202-586-5935 or Lot Cooke (Program Attorney) 202-586-0503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On January 11, 2010, DOE received an application from Aquilon Power for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using international transmission facilities located at the United States border with Canada. Aquilon Power does not own any electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area. The electric energy which Aquilon Power

proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. Aquilon Power has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Aquilon Power has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment, or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Aquilon Power application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-361. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Mike Neylan, Aquilon Power Ltd., 280 King Street, East, 4th Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M5A 1K7 and David M. Perlman and William E. Wolf, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, 2000 K Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006-1872. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at [http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits\\_pending.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits_pending.htm), or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at [Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

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**Anthony J. Como,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Science.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., and Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center; 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katie Perine; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585; *Telephone:* (301) 903-6529.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

**Tentative Agenda:** Agenda will include discussions of the following:

- News from Office of Science/DOE.
- News from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences.
- Briefing from the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy.
- Update from the BESAC Science for Energy Technologies Workshop.
- EFRC Update.
- Energy Innovation Hub Update.
- Graduate Fellowship Program Solicitation.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. 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 Katie Perine at 301-903-6594 (fax) or [katie.perine@science.doe.gov](mailto:katie.perine@science.doe.gov) (e-mail). Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**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, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20585, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Centennial Hills Library, 6711 North Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89131.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Denise Rupp, Board Administrator, 232 Energy Way, M/S 505, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030. Phone: (702) 657-9088; Fax (702) 295-5300 or E-mail: [ntscab@nv.doe.gov](mailto:ntscab@nv.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda**

1. Presentation—History of the Nevada Test Site.
2. Sub-Committee Updates.
  - Industrial Sites Committee
  - Membership Committee
  - Outreach Committee
  - Soils Committee
  - Transportation/Waste Committee
  - Underground Test Area Committee

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Nevada Test Site, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Denise Rupp at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written

statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Denise Rupp at the telephone number listed above. The request 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 comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing to Denise Rupp at the address listed above or at the following Web site: <http://www.ntscab.com/MeetingMinutes.htm>.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM05-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing the Conduct of Open Seasons for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects; Notice of Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects Open Season Pre-Filing Workshop

February 2, 2010.

On February 11, 2010, the Staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a workshop on the procedures and process for holding and commenting on an open season for an Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project. The Workshop is being held at the Commission's headquarters in Washington.

In 2005, in the above-referenced docket, FERC enacted regulations under the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act which established the procedures for conducting open seasons for the purpose of making binding commitments for the acquisition of capacity on Alaska natural gas transportation projects. TransCanada Alaska Company LLC (TC Alaska) has recently filed its request for approval of its Open Season plan for its Alaska Pipeline Project in Docket No. PF09-11-001. Denali—The Alaska Gas Pipeline LLC has publicly stated that it intends

to hold an open season for its project in 2010.

Under FERC's open season regulations, prior to conducting an open season for an Alaskan natural gas transportation project, each project sponsor is required to submit a detailed open season plan to FERC. After receiving the project sponsor's open season plan, FERC will issue a notice requesting public comments on the open season plan and explain the procedure for submitting such comments. Absent unusual circumstances, FERC will act on the open season plan within 60 days its submission by the project sponsor.

Both of these project sponsors have initiated FERC's pre-filing process, which is typically focused on FERC's environmental review of a project. However in this instance, the pre-filing process also includes FERC's review, approval, and oversight of the project sponsors' open season. FERC Staff is holding this Open Season Pre-Filing Workshop to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about and discuss the procedures and process for commenting upon and holding an open season.

The workshop will be held on February 11, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street, NE., Room 3M3, Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties may attend. The agenda for the Open Season Pre-Filing Workshop is attached. There will be no discussion of TC Alaska's filing in Docket No. PF09-11-001, or any other aspect of the proposed Alaska pipeline projects. Rather, the Workshop will focus on the requirements of the Commission's regulations and procedures and process for commenting upon and holding an open season. In order to ensure that questions can be appropriately answered, it is requested that interested parties provide any questions in advance (by February 8, 2010) to Richard Foley at [richard.foley@ferc.gov](mailto:richard.foley@ferc.gov), and they will be added to the Agenda without attribution.

The workshop will not be transcribed by the FERC Staff. Telephone participation will be available; by calling:

*Conference number:* (888) 673-9807.

*Participant passcode:* 25121.

For security reasons, the passcode will be required to join the call. Restrictions may exist when accessing freephone/toll free numbers using a mobile telephone.

For additional information concerning this event, please contact Richard Foley