written justification that the Department is required to publish in instances when it grants such a waiver pursuant to section 1605(b) of the ARRA.

Section 1605(a) of the ARRA requires that none of the appropriated funds be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. The ARRA further provides that this requirement does not apply, and that a waiver may be granted, when the head of the Federal department or agency involved finds that: (1) Applying these requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and relevant manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the overall cost of the project by more than 25 percent.

The district seeks a waiver based on the fact that the telecommunications upgrade will provide the necessary support to provide a reliable flow of products and services essential to the smooth functioning of government at the local level. The project would completely replace the current telecommunications infrastructure for six buildings within the school district, and make it consistent with a single Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system that has already been installed in the district's other three facilities. One problem with the current infrastructure is that there are four different systems installed in the various buildings, which has contributed to incompatible systems and ineffective communications. As a result, the district determined that it is essential that all of its buildings should share a single, state-of-the-art system.

The district reported that the existing VoIP system comprises Cisco telephones, servers, and software as well as American Power Conversion (APC) power supply and surge suppression equipment. While both Cisco and APC are American firms that provide the bulk of the equipment and software in the U.S., the products themselves are manufactured in China and India. In order to remain technologically consistent with the district facilities that were updated with other resources and use materials of comparable satisfactory quality, the school district would need to use the same products in the proposed project.

The Secretary has determined that a section 1605(b) waiver of the Buy American Requirements is appropriate for the Indian River District’s telecommunications project because, based on information provided by the Indian River District as well as the Department’s own research, the particular telecommunications and power supply components needed for this project are not manufactured in the United States. The Department bases this determination on information provided by the Indian River District as well as its own research. The Indian River District has provided information to the Department documenting that there are no Cisco telephones, servers, and software or APC power supply and surge suppression equipment manufactured in the United States. In addition, based on the Department’s own research (Internet product literature searches) and to the best of the Department’s knowledge at the time of its review of the Indian River District’s waiver request, there do not appear to be U.S.-manufactured Cisco telephones, servers, and software or APC power supply and surge suppression equipment available to the Indian River District for the ARRA-funded telecommunications project.

Furthermore, the purpose of the ARRA is to stimulate economic recovery, in part, by funding current infrastructure construction, and not to delay projects that are “shovel ready” by requiring the revision of standards and specifications or a new bidding process. The imposition of the Buy American Requirements on such otherwise eligible projects would result in requiring the district to abandon a VoIP system that it already had purchased and installed in three facilities or requiring it to install possibly incompatible technology in the six remaining facilities. Either alternative is inconsistent with the public interest. In addition, imposing Buy American requirements for this project at this point would also result in an unreasonable delay, and to further delay construction would be in direct conflict with a fundamental economic purpose of the ARRA, which is to create or retain jobs.

The Department has reviewed the Indian River District’s waiver request and has determined that the supporting documentation is sufficient to demonstrate that a waiver is justified under section 1605(b) of the ARRA. Having established both a proper basis to specify the particular goods required for this project, and that these compatible manufactured goods are not available from a producer in the United States, the Indian River District is hereby granted a waiver from the Buy American Requirements reflected in section 1605(a) of the ARRA for the installation of the telecommunication and power supply components of compatible telecommunications infrastructure (including telephones, servers, and software) in all of the district’s school facilities using ARRA funds as specified in the Indian River District’s request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339. Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed in this section.

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Arne Duncan,
Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future (the Commission). The Commission was organized pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). This notice is provided in accordance with the Act.
DATES:
Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. p.d.t.
Thursday, July 15, 2010, 8:30 a.m.—1 p.m. p.d.t.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Timothy A. Frazier, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586–4243 or facsimile (202) 586–0544; e-mail CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov. Additional information may also be available at http://www.brc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background: The President directed that the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future (the Commission) be established to conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle. The Commission will provide advice and make recommendations on issues including alternatives for the storage, processing, and disposal of civilian and defense spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

The Commission held its second full Commission meeting on May 25 and 26, 2010. The Commission is scheduled to submit a draft report to the Secretary of Energy by July 2011, and a final report will be submitted to the Secretary by July 2012.

Purpose of the Meeting: The meeting will provide the Commission with a range of local and regional perspectives from a wide variety of individuals and organizations. The tours will afford the Commissioners an opportunity to see first-hand a collection of facilities involved in the treatment, packaging and storage of used fuel and high-level wastes.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting is expected to start at 8 a.m. on July 14 with the Commissioners touring relevant areas of the Hanford Site. Presentations to the Commission are expected to begin at approximately 2 p.m. at the Three Rivers Convention Center. The Commission will then hear presentations and statements from various stakeholder groups, and ask questions of the presenters, to provide additional information for Commission consideration. The meeting on July 15 is expected to start at 8:30 a.m. with additional presentations and statements, move to discussions by the Commissioners, and conclude with public statements. The meeting will end by 1 p.m.

Public Participation: The meeting and the tour of the relevant areas of the Hanford Site are open to the public on a space-available basis. Those wishing to attend the tour with the Commissioners must register in advance at http://www.hanford.gov. Registration is on a “first-come, first-served” basis and is limited to 80 people. Registration will open on July 2 at 7 a.m. and close on July 9 at noon.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so at the end of the meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2010. Approximately 45 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should register to do so beginning at 8 a.m. on July 15, 2010 at the Three Rivers Convention Center.

Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Timothy A. Frazier, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, e-mail to CommissionDFO@nuclear.energy.gov, or post comments on the Commission Web site at http://www.brc.gov.

Additionally, the meeting will be available via live Webcast. The link will be available at http://www.brc.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available at http://www.brc.gov or by contacting Mr. Frazier. He may be reached at the postal address or e-mail address above.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 22, 2010.

Rachel Samuel,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future, Disposal Subcommittee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting correction.

On June 21, 2010, the Department of Energy published a notice announcing an open meeting of the Disposal Subcommittee, 75 FR 35000, on July 7, 2010. In that notice under Public Participation it was indicated that the meeting will be available via live audio Webcast. The meeting is now planned to be live video Webcast. Additional information will be available regarding the live video Webcast via the Commission Web site at http://www.brc.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 22, 2010.

Rachel Samuel,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

June 18, 2010.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:
