

Date and Time: November 1, 2018; 1:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m., November 2, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E 2030, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Andrew Backe, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room W 7237, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone (703) 292–2454.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation concerning support for polar research, education, infrastructure and logistics, and related activities.

Agenda

November 1, 2018; 1:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

- Opening Remarks and Introductions
- Safety Discussion
- Arctic Portfolio Review Update
- Polar Research Vessel Requirements Update
- Multidisciplinary Drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAIC) Update

November 2, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

- Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS) Update
- OISE's Recent Efforts/NSF International Strategic Visioning Document
- Meeting with the NSF Director and COO
- Polar Document Review
- Wrap-up and Actions

Dated: September 24, 2018.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering—PIRE “GROWTH: Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen” Site Visit (#10749).

Date and Time: October 29, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room E3340, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Type of Meeting: Part open.

Contact Person: Charles Estabrook, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone 703–292–7222.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF reverse site visit to conduct a review during year 2 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

Agenda: See attached.

Reason for Closing: Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the reverse site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 21, 2018.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

PIRE NSF Reverse Site Visit Agenda—Kasliwal—Caltech NSF Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia

Monday, October 29, 2018

8:00 a.m. Panelists arrive. Coffee/light refreshments available

8:15 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Panel Orientation (CLOSED)

PIRE Rationale and Goals, Charge to Panel (CLOSED)

8:45 a.m. PIs arrive. Introductions

9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PIRE Project Presentation

Research

Integrating Research & Education

Students (e.g., involvement in project, recruitment, diversity)

Project Management and Communication

Evaluation & Assessment

Institutional Support

International Partnerships

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Working Lunch—Panel Discussion (CLOSED)

2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Initial Feedback to PIRE PI and presenters (CLOSED)

2:30 p.m. PIRE PI and presenters are dismissed

2:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Panel Prepares Reverse Site Visit Report (CLOSED)

4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Report presented to and discussion held with NSF staff (CLOSED)

5:00 p.m. End of Reverse Site Visit

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40–8943–MLA–2; ASLBP No. 13–926–01–MLA–BD01]

In the Matter of Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (Marsland Expansion Area); Amended Notice of Hearing (Correcting Facsimile Transmission Number in Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and Opportunity To Provide Oral, Written, and Audio-Recorded Limited Appearance Statements)

September 21, 2018.

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

Before the Licensing Board: G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman, Dr. Richard E. Wardwell, Dr. Thomas J. Hirons

On July 27, 2018, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued a Notice of Hearing, which was subsequently published in the **Federal Register**, indicating that it would convene an evidentiary hearing and conduct a 10 CFR 2.315(a) oral limited appearance session in connection with this proceeding regarding intervenor Oglala Sioux Tribe's challenge to the May 2012 application of Crow Butte Resources, Inc., (CBR) seeking to amend the existing 10 CFR part 40 source materials license for its Crow Butte in situ uranium recovery site to authorize CBR to operate a satellite ISR facility within the Marsland Expansion Area in Dawes County, Nebraska. See Notice of Hearing (Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and Opportunity To Provide Oral, Written, and Audio-Recorded Limited Appearance Statements); In the Matter of Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (Marsland Expansion Area), 83 FR 37828, 37828–30 (Aug. 2, 2018).

In the notice's section E, “Submitting a Request to Make an Oral Limited Appearance Statement,” and section F, “Submitting Written Limited Appearance Statements,” the Licensing Board provided a facsimile (fax) transmission number that could be used to submit to the Board a written request to make an oral limited appearance statement or a written limited appearance statement. Because the fax number for Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III, subsequently changed, members of the public who wish to submit a request to make an oral limited appearance statement or to send a written limited appearance statement by fax should use the number (301) 415–5206. To verify a fax submission has been received, contact the Board's Law Clerk, Sarah Ladin, at (301) 415–5277.

It is so ordered.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Dated: Rockville, Maryland, September 21, 2018.

George P. Bollwerk III,
Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Approval of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules: Alaska Electrical Pension Plan of the Alaska Electrical Pension Fund

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) received a request from the Alaska Electrical Pension Plan of the Alaska Electrical Pension Fund for approval of a plan amendment providing for special withdrawal liability rules. PBGC published a Notice of Pendency of the Request for Approval of the amendment. PBGC is now advising the public that the agency has approved the requested amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Chatalian, ext. 6757, Acting Assistant General Counsel (*Chatalian.Jon@PBGC.gov*), 202-326-4020, ext. 6757, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026; (TTY users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4020.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4203(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended by the Multiemployer Pension Plan Amendments Act of 1980 (ERISA), provides that a complete withdrawal from a multiemployer plan generally occurs when an employer permanently ceases to have an obligation to contribute under the plan or permanently ceases all covered operations under the plan. Under section 4205 of ERISA, a partial withdrawal generally occurs when an employer: (1) Reduces its contribution base units by seventy percent in each of three consecutive years; or (2) permanently ceases to have an obligation under one or more but fewer than all collective bargaining agreements under which the employer has been obligated to contribute under the plan, while continuing to perform work in the jurisdiction of the collective

bargaining agreement of the type for which contributions were previously required or transfers such work to another location or to an entity or entities owned or controlled by the employer; or (3) permanently ceases to have an obligation to contribute under the plan for work performed at one or more but fewer than all of its facilities, while continuing to perform work at the facility of the type for which the obligation to contribute ceased.

Although the general rules on complete and partial withdrawal identify events that normally result in a diminution of the plan's contribution base, Congress recognized that, in certain industries and under certain circumstances, a complete or partial cessation of the obligation to contribute normally does not weaken the plan's contribution base. For that reason, Congress established special withdrawal rules for the construction and entertainment industries.

For construction industry plans and employers, section 4203(b)(2) of ERISA provides that a complete withdrawal occurs only if an employer ceases to have an obligation to contribute under a plan and the employer either continues to perform previously covered work in the jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement, or resumes such work within 5 years without renewing the obligation to contribute at the time of resumption. In the case of a plan terminated by mass withdrawal (within the meaning of section 4041(A)(2) of ERISA), section 4203(b)(3) provides that the 5-year restriction on an employer's resuming covered work is reduced to 3 years. Section 4203(c)(1) of ERISA applies the same special definition of complete withdrawal to the entertainment industry, except that the pertinent jurisdiction is the jurisdiction of the plan rather than the jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement. In contrast, the general definition of complete withdrawal in section 4203(a) of ERISA includes the permanent cessation of the obligation to contribute regardless of the continued activities of the withdrawn employer.

Congress also established special partial withdrawal liability rules for the construction and entertainment industries. Under section 4208(d)(1) of ERISA, "[a]n employer to whom section 4203(b) (relating to the building and construction industry) applies is liable for a partial withdrawal only if the employer's obligation to contribute under the plan is continued for no more than an insubstantial portion of its work in the craft and area jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement of the type for which contributions are

required." Under section 4208(d)(2) of ERISA, "[a]n employer to whom section 4203(c) (relating to the entertainment industry) applies shall have no liability for a partial withdrawal except under the conditions and to the extent prescribed by the [PBGC] by regulation."

Section 4203(f)(1) of ERISA provides that PBGC may prescribe regulations under which plans in other industries may be amended to provide for special withdrawal liability rules similar to the rules prescribed in section 4203(b) and (c) of ERISA. Section 4203(f)(2) of ERISA provides that such regulations shall permit the use of special withdrawal liability rules only in industries (or portions thereof) in which PBGC determines that the characteristics that would make use of such rules appropriate are clearly shown, and that the use of such rules will not pose a significant risk to the insurance system under Title IV of ERISA. Section 4208(e)(3) of ERISA provides that PBGC shall prescribe by regulation a procedure by which plans may be amended to adopt special partial withdrawal liability rules upon a finding by PBGC that the adoption of such rules is consistent with the purposes of Title IV of ERISA.

PBGC's regulations on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR part 4203) prescribe procedures for a multiemployer plan to ask PBGC to approve a plan amendment that establishes special complete or partial withdrawal liability rules. Section 4203.5(b) of the regulation requires PBGC to publish a notice of the pendency of a request for approval of special withdrawal liability rules in the **Federal Register**, and to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request.

The Request

PBGC received a request from the Alaska Electrical Pension Plan of the Alaska Electrical Pension Fund (the "Plan"), for approval of a plan amendment providing for special withdrawal liability rules. The Plan subsequently provided supplemental information in response to a request from PBGC. PBGC published a Notice of Pendency of the Request for Approval of the amendment on June 5, 2018. PBGC's summary of the actuarial reports provided by the Plan may be accessed on PBGC's website (<https://www.pbgc.gov/prac/pg/other/guidance/multiemployer-notices.html>). PBGC did not receive any comments from interested parties.

In summary, the Plan is a multiemployer pension plan maintained