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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established by Executive Order 13270, dated July 3, 2002, to provide advice regarding the progress made by Federal agencies toward fulfilling the purposes and objectives of the order. The Board also provides recommendations to the President, through the Secretary of Education, on ways the Federal government can help tribal colleges: (1) Use long-term development, endowment building and planning to strengthen institutional viability; (2) improve financial management and security, obtain private sector funding support, and expand and complement Federal education initiatives; (3) develop institutional capacity through the use of new and emerging technologies offered by both the Federal and private sectors; (4) enhance physical infrastructure to facilitate more efficient operation and effective recruitment and retention of students and faculty; and (5) help implement the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and meet other high standards of educational achievement.

The general public is welcome to attend the September 17-18, 2003, meeting. However, space is limited and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Betty Thompson at (202) 219-0704 no later than September 3, 2003. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

A summary of the activities of the meeting and other related materials that are informative to the public will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, United States Department of Education, Suite 408, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208.

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Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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**Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Impact Statement and
Public Hearings for the Proposed
Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP)
Sahuarita-Nogales Transmission Line**

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the "Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) Sahuarita-Nogales Transmission Line Draft Environmental Impact Statement" (DOE/EIS-0336) for public review and comment. DOE also announces four public hearings on the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508, and the DOE NEPA regulations, 10 CFR part 1021. The Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed action of granting a Presidential permit for the proposed project and reasonable alternatives, including the "No Action" alternative of denying the permit. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) are cooperating agencies in the preparation of this Draft EIS.

DATES: DOE invites interested Members of Congress, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, American Indian tribal governments, organizations, and members of the public to provide comments on the Draft EIS. The public comment period started with the publication in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency of the "Notice of Availability" of the Draft EIS on August 22, 2003, and will continue until October 14, 2003. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date in preparing the Final EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Dates for the public hearings are:

1. September 25, 2003, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.,
Green Valley, Arizona
2. September 25, 2003, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.,
Green Valley, Arizona
3. September 26, 2003, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.,
Nogales, Arizona
4. September 26, 2003, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.,
Nogales, Arizona

Requests to speak at a specific public hearing should be received by Dr. Jerry Pell as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before September 15, 2003. Requests to speak may also be made at the time of registration for the hearing(s). However, persons who have submitted advance requests to speak will be given priority if time should be limited during the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Requests to speak at the public hearings should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-27), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington DC 20585, or transmitted by phone: 202-586-3362, facsimile: 202-318-7761, or electronic mail at Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov. Please be aware that anthrax screening delays conventional mail delivery to DOE.

The locations of the public hearings are:

1. Both hearings on September 25, 2003, will be held at the Santa Rita Springs Facility, Green Valley Recreation Department, 921 W. Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley, Arizona 85614-5711.
2. Both hearings on September 26, 2003, will be held in the County Board Hearing Room, Santa Cruz County Office Building, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Nogales, Arizona 85621.

Copies of the Draft EIS are available as (a) the Summary in paper format, accompanied by a CD-ROM that includes the entire Draft EIS, (b) the entire Draft EIS in paper format, accompanied by the CD-ROM, or (c) the CD-ROM only; requests for any of these should be addressed to Dr. Pell at any of the addresses above. Additionally, the Draft EIS is available on the Internet at <http://www.ttclients.com/tep>.

Written comments on the Draft EIS may be addressed to Dr. Jerry Pell as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or submitted on the project Web site at <http://www.ttclients.com/tep>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, contact Dr. Pell as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000