

## **Proposed 4<sup>th</sup> APEC Energy Ministers' Meeting**

The US Secretary of Energy proposes to host the **Fourth Energy Ministers' Meeting (EMM4)** in the week of **8-12 May 2000**.

The US noted that the 1999 APEC Economic Leaders Meeting in Auckland endorsed the market strengthening activities of APEC and that they envisaged EMM4 would continue to promote that theme.

The rationale for EMM4 was

1. to send a strong message to APEC Economic Leaders on **the 3Es** (energy, environment and economy), placing energy on the global agenda in 2000.
2. to provide an opportunity to obtain Ministerial endorsement of the considerable progress made by the EWG since Ministers last met in Okinawa in October 1998.
3. To enhanced security in regional energy markets would be one outcome of such a meeting.

Three products were envisaged as a result of EMM4:

1. a clean energy statement, including the important role of technology,
2. an energy statement for consideration of APEC Economic Leaders, and
3. a Ministerial Declaration.

It was envisaged by the US that EMM4 would be conducted over one and a half days, with a **full day of dialogue between Ministers and the APEC business community**, followed by a **half day Ministerial Meeting**.

Further, that a Steering Committee would be established to prepare for EMM4, with an initial meeting to take place in the second or third week of January 2000, and a second meeting back-to-back with EWG19 in March 2000.

### *Action Arising/Next Steps*

- Members welcomed the United States' offer to host the 4<sup>th</sup> APEC Energy Ministers' Meeting in May 2000.
- Members agreed to hold an EMM4 Steering Committee meeting in the second or third week of January 2000, and a second meeting back-to-back with EWG19 in March 2000.