4. Program Policy Factors

a. Descending priority will be given to those projects providing energy service to: DoD installations—U.S., DoD installations—foreign, non-DoD installations—U.S., and non-DoD installations—foreign.

b. It is desirable to select for award projects representing diverse fuel cell power plant sizes, applications, and locations.

5. Application Preparation Instructions

a. Applications must include:

(1) A listing of the organizations providing funding assistance to the program and the estimated contribution of each.

Note: Grant funds will not be dispursed until after the 8-hour test.

(2) Site Description/Installation Information consisting of intended use of thermal and electrical energy, type of operation (grid connected or grid independent), Environmental, Safety and Health issues, construction/installation issues and arrangements, firmness of site selection (letter of intent from end user and installation site authority).

(3) Planned completion date for key milestones for the installation and operation of the fuel cell power plant.

(4) Portions of the fuel cell purchase agreement indicating the product, delivery, price, date of purchase agreement and signatures of buyer and seller.

(5) Letters of intent to participate from the end user (if applicable) and installation site authority.

b. Applicants who include in their application business sensitive or proprietary data that they do not want disclosed to the public for any purpose or used by the Government except for evaluation purposes shall:

1. Mark the title page with the following legend: ''This application or quotation includes business sensitive or proprietary data that shall not be disclosed outside of the Government and shall not be duplicated, used, or disclosed—in whole or in part—for any purpose other than to evaluate this application or quotation. If, however, a grant is awarded to this applicant as a result of—or in connection with—the submission of this data, the government shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent provided in the resulting grant. This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use information contained in this data if it is obtained from another source without restriction. The business sensitive or proprietary data subject to this restriction are contained in pages (insert number or other identification of pages)''; and

2. Mark each page of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend: ''Use or disclosure of data contained on this page is subject to the restriction on the title page of this application or quotation.''

c. Each application will be submitted in an original and six copies to the address given in the summary section, above, designated as the delivery point for applications.

DOE Obligation for Application Preparation

DOE is under no obligation to reimburse the applicant for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications.

Application Review and Selection

1. Each application will be objectively reviewed on its own merit against the evaluation criteria stated in the solicitation. A two-step review process will be employed. The initial evaluation will be performed to determine if the application meets the qualification criteria stated in the solicitation. Applications passing the initial evaluation will be subject to a comprehensive evaluation.

2. Groups of applications will be reviewed and selected for award as often as practicable.

3. Selection of application(s) will be made in consideration of the evaluation criteria, program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

Application Evaluation and Award

DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this solicitation.

James J. Grabulis,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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Morgantown Energy Technology Center; CRADA Opportunity Announcement

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Morgantown Energy Technology Center.

ACTION: Notice of CRADA opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: The Morgantown Energy Technology Center (METC) is offering partnering opportunities with United States companies in the area of hot gas desulfurization for developers of transport reactor systems, system integrators, and developers of novel sorbents. The vehicle for the partnering is a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA). CRADAs offer private sector partners the opportunity to share in outcomes of development activities and also offer the option for protection of CRADA-generated data. These agreements do require the partner to share in the cost and do not involve METC funding of the partner's activities.

The Utility Industry and METC agree that IGCC technologies being demonstrated under the CCT program will play a significant role in supplying U.S. electricity during the next century. As the markets for such plants expand to replace today's older plants and to supply demand for additional electricity, the sales of cost-effective, hot gas sulfur removal sorbents, and related process systems could be substantial. The proposed CRADA is expected to accelerate commercial availability of improved, lower-cost, hot gas desulfurization sorbents for transport reactors. By closely linking test planning, operation and analysis as performed by METC with sorbent preparation, and analysis as performed by the CRADA Participant; enhanced R&D effectiveness is achievable.

DATES: Proposals received by March 29, 1996, will be evaluated, in order of importance, for: a) monetary value of industry contribution; b) proposer qualifications; and c) merits of commercialization plan. Any or all proposals may be accepted or rejected as deemed to be in the best interest of the Government. Pending content of proposals received, negotiation with one or more Participant is planned immediately following proposal evaluation. The target date for completion of a negotiated draft agreement is April 12, 1996, such that a final agreement can be executed by May 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Parties interested in this CRADA opportunity are requested to submit a proposal by March 29, 1996. Additional information is available on METC's Internet Homepage at ''http://www.metc.doe.gov'' or by contacting Dr. Rodney J. Anderson, Technology Transfer Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Morgantown Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507–0880; Telephone: (304) 285–4709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A METC on-site facility—the Transport Reactor Facility—is being commissioned with testing operations to begin by mid-1996. This facility will operate with either simulated or actual gasifier coal gas at high pressure and high temperature to

test sulfur removal sorbents in transport-flow regimes. Test objectives are to qualify sorbents for demonstration in commercial-scale Clean Coal Technology (CCT) projects such as the Sierra Pacific Power Company, an Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) technology.

The test reactor is designed as a single pass system to explore various aspects of hot gas desulfurization in the transport regime. The reactor is constructed from 0.334-inch i.d. Incoloy 800 tubing with a nominal 28-foot reaction length. It operates at temperature up to 1500°F (816°C), pressures from 100–600 psig (0.7–4.1 MPa (ga)), a residence times from 2–10 seconds, solids feed rates from 0.5–10 lb/hr (0.23–4.54 kg/hr), gas feed rates from 200–1000 scfh (5.7–28.3 scmh). Preheated gases and solids mix in a nozzle at the bottom of the reactor. Reactant gas enters the nozzle concentrically and countercurrent to the solids flow to promote thorough mixing. The mixture reacts and flows upward in a transport flow regime through the reactor. Five zones of heaters line the vertical section of the reactor and provide temperature control. The reaction can be quenched at either of two vertical injection ports to allow variable reactant residence times. Quenching at the lower port gives a reaction length of 12 feet (3.67 meters) whereas quenching at the upper port provides a reaction length of 28 feet (8.6 meters). Reactor facility investment is approximately $4 million. Proposals require the Participant to provide a cost estimate and description of work scope that the Participant is proposing to perform, supply, and/or fund. The Participant may propose to compensate METC for work performed by METC, however METC cannot reimburse the Participant for work performed by the Participant. As a minimum, the Participant's contribution shall be: sorbent development and supply, and a portion of sorbent analytical work. Test operation shall be performed by METC personnel; however, Participant personnel may be present during testing and may perform most other test activities. Additionally, the Participant shall describe its qualifications for sorbent development and supply consistent with the CRADA objective and for the work scope proposed to be performed by the Participant. Qualifications for transport reactor design and commercial offering should be provided, if appropriate. Also, the Participant shall describe its long range plan for supplying projected quantities of hot gas desulfurization sorbent to the marketplace. Product pricing and performance parameters should be provided as a function of market projections. Elaborate proposals are not required nor expected. It is recommended that the proposal not exceed 25 pages.

James J. Grabulis,

Director, Acquisition & Assistance Division, Morgantown Energy Technology Center.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96–110–000]

Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Changed Comment Periods to Technical Conference

March 15, 1996.

At the technical conference held on March 5, 1996, in the above-captioned proceeding comment periods were established for parties to respond to issues raised at the technical conference concerning the review of Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company's (Carnegie) release of its unassigned Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) capacity. One party has requested additional time to review data related to the filing before it files its initial comments. Accordingly, the comment periods are revised as follows: Initial comments are due by the close of business March 28, 1996; with reply comments due by the close of business April 15, 1996.

All comments should be filed with the Secretary's office and in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's Rule of Practice and Procedure. In particular, 18 FERC 385.2010 (Rule 2010) requires that you serve a copy of the comments to each person whose name appears on the official service list in this proceeding.

For additional information, please contact Bob Sheldon at (202) 208–2273.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

March 15, 1996.

Take notice that a technical conference has been scheduled in the above-captioned proceeding for 10:00 a.m. on March 28, 1996, in Room 3M–2A, at the offices of the Federal energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss matters of interest and concern relating to CNG Transmission Corporation's proposal to abandon operational capacity in excess of 3.2 MMcf/day at the Johnsonburg M&R Station located in Elk County, Pennsylvania, and permission to install flow control devices necessary to ensure the desired level of operation of the facility.

All interested parties are invited to attend. For additional information, interested parties may call Philip J. Veres at (202) 208–0049.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 15, 1996.

Take notice that on March 13, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124–1000, filed in Docket No. CP96–245–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to install and operate a new delivery point, the MAPCO delivery point, located in Gage County, Nebraska under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–401–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to install and operate the MAPCO delivery point to accommodate natural gas deliveries to Mid-America Pipeline Company (Mid-America) under Northern's currently effective interruptible throughput service agreement. Northern states that Mid-America requests the proposed delivery point to provide fuel for its pumping station. The estimated volumes that would be delivered at the MAPCO delivery point are up to 984 MMBtu per day and 76,608 MMBtu on an annual basis. Northern estimates the cost to install the new delivery point as $68,850. Northern states that Mid-America would reimburse it for the costs of the proposed delivery point.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of