operations, and well within applicable regulatory limits.

The decision process reflected in this Notice complies with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508 and 10 CFR Part 1021.

Issued in Washington, D.C., July 29, 1996.

Hazel R. O'Leary,

Secretary.

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Oak Ridge Operations Office; Notice of Program Interest; Diesel Engine Technologies for Light Trucks

AGENCY: Transportation Technologies, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of program interest—diesel engine technologies for light trucks.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is today publishing the Notice of Program Interest for support of the cooperative development of technologies for a high efficiency, very low emission, diesel engine for light trucks, specifically pickups and sport utility vehicles. The Department of Energy has sponsored research in high efficiency diesel engines for several years. These programs have assisted industry in continuously improving the technology in diesel engines for large trucks (class 6–8) which have resulted in efficiencies approaching 45% in current production (vs 27% for gasoline engines) and 55% in advanced research designs. Current penetration of diesels has been limited to the larger pickups (over 8500 lbs GVW) due to emission regulations. The Department is proposing the application of this advanced technology to diesel engines specifically designed for the light truck market. This market segment has grown from 23% in 1984 to over 42% in 1995 representing a substantial influx of low fuel economy vehicles into the public and private fleets. This trend threatens to increase the rate of U.S. dependence on foreign petroleum beyond current projections.

DATES: This notice expires at 4:00 PM EDT on September 9, 1996, and applications may be submitted at any time prior to that time.

ADDRESSES: Submit five (5) copies of the application prior to the expiration date of this notice to: U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Procurement and Contracts Division, Environmental Acquisitions Branch, 200 Administration Road, P. O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, Attn: Mary Lou Crow, Contract Specialist. (Telephone: 423–576–7343.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING: Mary Rawlins, DOE Oak Ridge Operations Office, Telephone: 423–576–4507; William L. Siegel, DOE Headquarters, Telephone: 202–586–2457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new design must meet all proposed emission regulations for vehicles under 8500 GVW, while maintaining performance levels expected of current production gasoline engines. Efficiency targets will be cited in terms of vehicle miles per gallon (equivalent BTU basis) and at least a 35% improvement is sought over comparable, current production vehicles. The criteria for selection and funding will be based on the offeror's internal technical capabilities in terms of diesel engine development and manufacturing, and a demonstration of the intent in moving the resultant technology to production targeted for light trucks. The latter can be shown by partnering with a domestic, high volume light truck manufacturer on this development effort. The following types of factors will be considered in DOE's evaluation: (1) The overall merit of the proposed project or activity. (2) The anticipated objectives to be achieved and the probability of achieving the stated objectives. (3) The facilities or techniques which the applicant proposes to make available to achieve the proposed project's objectives. (4) The qualifications of the proposed project director or key personnel who are considered to be critical to the achievement of the proposed project's objectives.

APPLICATIONS: A four (4) to five (5) year, 50% cost shared competitive program is anticipated with multiple industry teams. A financial assistance cooperative agreement award instrument will be used. Total program costs are expected to be in the range of $25 to $50 million per team. Award will be subject to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Section 2306, which contains the following limitation: ''Section 2306. Limits on Participation by Companies—A company shall be eligible to receive financial assistance under sections XX through XXIII of this Act only if— (1) the Secretary finds that the company's participation in any program under such titles would be in the economic interest of the United States, as evidenced by investments in the United States in research, development, and manufacturing (including, for example, the manufacture of major components or subassemblies in the United States); significant contributions to employment in the United States; an agreement with respect to any technology arising from assistance provided under this section to promote the manufacture within the United States of products resulting from that technology (taking into account the goals of promoting the competitiveness of United States industry), and to procure parts and materials from competitive suppliers; and (2) either— (A) the company is a United States-owned company; or (B) the Secretary finds that the company is incorporated in the United States and has a parent company which is incorporated in a country which affords to United States-owned companies opportunities, comparable to those afforded to any other company, to participate in any joint venture similar to those authorized under this Act; affords to United States-owned companies local investment opportunities comparable to those afforded to any other company; and affords adequate and effective protection for the intellectual property rights of United States-owned companies.'' All responsible sources may submit an application. All applications will be evaluated as unsolicited applications. Applications are to be prepared in accordance with 10 CFR 600.10 and shall not exceed five (5) pages. Along with the application, applicants are required to submit (1) SF–424, Application for Federal Assistance, (2) Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, (3) Assurance of Compliance Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, and (4) DOE F 4620.1, Budget Page. These forms may be obtained from the Contract Specialist and will not be included in the five (5) page limitation

Issued in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on July 29, 1996.

Peter D. Dayton,

Director, Procurement and Contracts Division, Oak Ridge Operations Office.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER96–1933–000]

Gelber Group, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 30, 1996.

Gelber Group, Inc. (Gelber) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Gelber will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Gelber also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Gelber requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Gelber.

On July 25, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Gelber should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Gelber is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Gelber's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is August 26, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96–652–000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 30, 1996.

Take notice that on July 23, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, 77251–1478, filed in Docket No. CP96–652–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for approval and permission to install a two-inch tap and meter station, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–430–000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch states that it proposes to install a two-inch tap to an existing receipt meter station to provide a new delivery point and meter station to serve TECO Pipeline Company (TECO) in San Augustine County, Texas for gas lift operations. Koch asserts that it will transport natural gas on an interruptible basis to the delivery tap pursuant to the terms of Koch's ITS Rate Schedule under Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. It is further asserted that the estimated peak day requirement of the new delivery tap will be 200 MMBtu and that the estimated average daily requirement will be 50 MMBtu. Koch indicates that the estimated cost of construction is $9,450 for which TECO will reimburse Koch.

Any person or Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activities shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96–654–000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 30, 1996.

Take notice that on July 24, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, 77251–1478, filed in Docket No. CP96–654–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for approval and permission to install a four-inch tap and meter station, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–430–000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch states that it proposes to install a four-inch tap and to provide a new delivery point and meter station to serve Promix, Inc. (Promix) in Assumption Parish, Louisiana for refining and processing at its plant. Koch states that Promix will construct approximately 25 feet of four-inch pipeline which will connect Koch's tap and metering facilities on an existing Promix line. Koch indicates that it will transport natural gas on an interruptible basis to the proposed tap pursuant to Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations once the construction of the tap has been completed. It is asserted that the service provided through the proposed facilities will be within the entitlements of shippers providing service to Promix under those shippers' existing ITS agreements with Koch. Koch indicates that the estimated cost of construction is $43,999 for which Promix will reimburse Koch.

Any person or Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activities shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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