

*Alternative 1*

This alternative corridor begins at the electrical switchyard near the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), continues south, following existing transmission lines, past Gila Bend and across the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range to Ajo where it turns southeast to the vicinity of Why and continues across the western boundary of the Tohono O'odham Nation and then southeast to the international border (145 miles in the U.S., 264 miles total).

*Alternative 2*

This alternative corridor proceeds south and east from the electrical switchyard near the PVNGS to the vicinity of Mobile where it turns south crossing the middle to eastern area of the Tohono O'odham Nation and then proceeds southeast to the international border in the vicinity of San Miguel (158 miles in the U.S., 240 miles total).

*Alternative 3*

This alternative corridor extends southeasterly from the electrical switchyard near the PVNGS to Interstate 10, approximately three miles north of Red Rock. From this point, the corridor continues in a southeasterly direction, following I-10 and existing transmission lines, through Tucson, to Arizona Highway 83. East of Highway 83 the corridor turns south, following a designated utility corridor (that does not contain transmission lines) to Sonoita, then southwest to Patagonia, crossing the border in the vicinity of Nogales (234 miles in the U.S., 301 miles total).

*Alternative 4*

This alternative corridor extends southeasterly from the electrical switchyard near the PVNGS to I-10, approximately three miles north of Red Rock. From this point, the line continues in a southeasterly direction, following I-10 and existing transmission lines to Marana. At Marana, this alternative corridor turns south, following an existing powerline corridor west of the Saguaro National Park, across the eastern edge of the Tohono O'odham Nation Schuk Toak District (known as the Garcia Strip) to an area just north of Three Points (Robles Junction). From Three Points, this alternative corridor heads southwest toward the Baboquivari Mountains on new right-of-way. This alternative corridor remains west of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and east of the Baboquivari Mountains, crossing into Mexico near Sasabe (209 miles in the U.S., 288 miles total).

*Alternative 5*

This alternative corridor extends southeasterly from the electrical switchyard near the PVNGS to I-10, approximately three miles north of Red Rock. The corridor continues in a southeasterly direction, following I-10 and existing transmission lines, through Tucson. Near the intersection of I-10 and Business Route 19, the corridor turns south, paralleling Business Route 19 and I-19, passing Sahuarita and Green Valley. The corridor remains well east of I-19, gradually approaching I-19 near Amado and Tubac, and continuing south crossing the border in Nogales (216 miles in the U.S., 283 miles total).

*Alternative 6*

This alternative corridor is the same as Alternate 4 from the electrical switchyard near the PVNGS to an area north of Three Points (Robles Junction.). From Three Points, this alternative corridor would turn southeast, following an existing powerline corridor across the southwestern corner of the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation and then east, across an area south of ASARCO's Mission Complex Mine Area. This alternative corridor continues east, following an existing transmission corridor, across I-19 and Business Route 19 to a point east of Sahuarita. This corridor then turns south following the same route as Alternative 4, crossing the border in Nogales (229 miles in the U.S., 296 miles total).

Battelle Memorial Institute is assisting DOE in preparation of the EIS. Battelle is also maintaining an EIS web site for DOE at: [www.battelle.org/projects/pnmeis](http://www.battelle.org/projects/pnmeis). From this site, the PNM Presidential permit application can be downloaded, as well as the project fact sheet, verbatim transcripts from the March 1999 public scoping meetings, and other project-related information.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 4, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Applications of Petroleum Technologies on Non-Allotted Native American Lands**

**AGENCY:** National Petroleum Technology Office through the Federal Energy Technology Center, Pittsburgh, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Issuance of financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO) through the Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC) announces that it intends to issue a competitive Program Solicitation (PS), No. DE-PS26-99BC15184 for the program entitled "Applications of Petroleum Technologies on Non-allotted Native American Lands". Through this solicitation, NPTO seeks to support applications conducting applied research for development, exploration and environmental solutions for problems on Native American and Alaskan Native Corporation lands whose mineral rights are held in common for the benefit of the tribe. Applications will be subjected to a comparative merit review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of applicants on the basis of the scientific merit, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

**DATES:** The solicitation is expected to be ready for release by June 17, 1999 and will have two (2) separate closing dates for submission of applications. The first closing date will be on or about August 17, 1999 and the second closing date on or about October 19, 1999. It should be noted that applications will only be considered for the closing date for which they are submitted. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms in the Program Solicitation and prior to submitting applications, check for any changes (i.e. closing date of solicitation) and/or amendments, if any through the Internet at FETC's Home Page <<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Larry D. Gillham, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 3628, Tulsa, OK 74101-3628; (Telephone: (918) 699-2034, FAX: (918) 699-2038, E-mail: [gillham@npto.doe.gov](mailto:gillham@npto.doe.gov)).

**ADDRESSES:** The solicitation will be available through the Internet at FETC's Home Page <<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>>. TELEPHONE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY FORMAT VERSION OF THE SOLICITATION.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99BC15184, the Department of Energy seeks applications for innovative technical approaches to apply research for development, exploration and

environmental solutions for problems on non-allotted Native American lands. In cooperation with the Tribal management, proposed efforts must be economically and environmentally viable. This solicitation will have three categories of grant awards and they are described below:

The Development program is directed toward technologies to improve the development of a known oil field on Native American and Alaskan Native Corporation lands.

The Exploration program is directed toward technologies to promote the exploration of undiscovered oil reserves on Native American and Alaskan Native Corporation lands.

The Environmental program is directed toward technologies to reduce the cost of effective environmental oil field compliance.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is considered to be full and open and all interested parties may apply. However, to be considered for evaluation, each applicant must provide written proof that the applicant has both access to and the permission of the tribe to perform on non-allotted Native American or Alaskan Native Corporation lands. The tribe must also agree that data and information generated during the performance of the project will be transferred to the public. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor. While national laboratories may not participate as a prime they may participate as a sub-contractor.

**Areas of Interest:** A variety of approaches is sought: (1) For the Development program, the types of technologies to be considered are not limited to but may include reservoir characterization, completion or stimulation, secondary or tertiary oil recovery, artificial lift, well workovers, well drilling, field studies and production management; (2) for the Exploration program, the types of technologies to be considered are not limited to but may include non-invasive exploration techniques, computer-based modeling for exploration and well drilling and evaluation; and (3) for the Environmental program, the types of technologies to be considered are not limited to but may include soil remediation and remediation due to past operational practices or problems, air emissions, innovative waste and produced water management.

**Awards:** DOE currently has available \$2.0 million for this solicitation. Out-year funding shall depend upon availability of future year

appropriations. DOE anticipates multiple awards (i.e., between three (3) and six (6)) with a project duration of 3 years or less. A minimum 20% non-federal cost-share is required for all applications. Collaboration between industry, university, and DOE National Laboratories is strongly encouraged.

Issued in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 2, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, June 24, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Plasma Science and Fusion Center (Room NW17-213); 77 Massachusetts Avenue; Cambridge, MA 02139.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Albert L. Opdenaker, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: 301-903-4927.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Meeting: The Committee will hear presentations on fusion research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and tour the facilities there.

#### Tentative Agenda

*Thursday, June 24, 1999*

8:45 a.m.

MIT/Plasma Science Fusion Center Overview

9:15 a.m.

C-Mod Program

Lower Hybrid Current Drive Upgrades

9:45 a.m.

Levitated Dipole Experiment

11:00

Technology Programs

11:50 a.m.

Spin-Offs from Fusion

1:30 p.m.

Tour of Laboratories

2:30 p.m.

Public Comments

3:00 p.m.

FESAC Business

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301-903-8584 (fax) or [albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov](mailto:albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov) (email). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on June 3, 1999.

**James N. Solit,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[Docket No. 98-33-NG; et al.]

**Avista Corporation (Formerly the Washington Power Company); et al.; Orders Granting, Amending, and Vacating Authorizations To Import and Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting, amending, and vacating natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.