

solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications, and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. Individuals who have the authority to enter their company into a legally binding contract/agreement and intend to submit proposals/applications via the IIPS system must register and receive confirmation that they are registered prior to being able to submit an application on the IIPS system. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained by going to the IIPS Homepage at the URL noted above and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margo Gorin, Contract Specialist, at margo_gorin@nrel.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A selection of former projects funded by the I&I Program that have reached commercial markets included the following:

- Meta-Lax Stress Relief Equipment offers distinct advantages over conventional heat treatment methods. It uses less energy, is portable, can handle any size metal part, and treats metal stress in hours versus days.

- Aero Cylinder Technology replaces conventional cylinders by combining air spring bellows into assemblies for use on machines (such as punch presses) to control motion and large masses. The air springs act as counter balancers and press cushioners to eliminate alignment problems. This proper alignment reduces downtime and compressed air losses, resulting in significant energy savings.

- Electro-Optic Inspection of Heat Exchangers is a laser-based, nondestructive evaluation system for inspecting heat exchanger tubing for internal corrosion, erosion, scale buildup, and deformation. Benefits to petrochemical, pulp and paper, and power-generation plants include reduced downtime and increased efficiency.

- Hydrodynamic Multi-Deflection Pad Bearings optimize bearing operation in high-speed, combined heat and power turbines, high-load electric motors or gear boxes, air or gas compressors, and air conditioning refrigeration equipment. Energy loss due to friction is reduced up to forty-percent by using fluids as a wedge between pads and moving parts.

Solicitation Specifications: Eligibility requirements include the following: (1)

Individuals that are U.S. citizens, either native-born or naturalized; (2) small businesses (as defined by the Small Business Administration) that are U.S. owned, as defined in 10 CFR part 600.501; or (3) institutions of higher learning located in the U.S. Individual inventors and very small businesses (15 or fewer employees) are especially encouraged to participate. More than one application may be submitted by an applicant for different innovations. However, funding will be limited to one award per applicant, per cycle. Also more than one organization may be involved in an application as long as the lead organization and lead financial assistance management responsibilities are defined. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the I&I Program is 81.036. Cost sharing by applicants and/or cooperating participants is not required but highly encouraged. In addition to direct financial contributions, cost sharing can include beneficial services or items such as manpower, equipment, consultants, and computer time that are allowable in accordance with applicable cost principles.

The Golden Field Office has been assigned the responsibility of issuing the solicitation and administering the awards. Ideas that have a significant energy savings impact and future commercial market potential are chosen for financial support through the competitive solicitation process. The I&I Program will provide financial assistance of up to \$40,000 for Category 1 and up to \$200,000 for Category 2 to applications that fall within the "conceptual" and "developmental" stages of development, respectively. To be considered for a Category 2 award, a bench-scale model and/or other preliminary investigations must be complete. Each award may cover a project period of up to one year for Category 1 and up to two years for Category 2. In addition to financial assistance, the I&I Program offers technical guidance and commercialization support to successful applicants through the Resource Centers for Innovation (RCI).

Availability of Funds for FY 2001: DOE is announcing the availability of up to \$2.16 million dollars in agreement funds for Fiscal Year 2002. The awards will be made through a competitive solicitation. DOE reserves the right to fund in whole or in part any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on December 20, 2001.

Matthew A. Barron,

Acting Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance, Golden Field Office.

[FR Doc. 02-390 Filed 1-7-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Thursday, February 7, 2002, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Friday, February 8, 2002, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: West Coast Hotel, 1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA (509-783-0611).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail McClure, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550 (A7-75), Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 373-5647; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, February 7, 2002

- Ad Hoc Task Force Report on January 15-16 workshop.
- Introduction of Advice on the River Corridor Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Change Package.
- FY04 Budget Development Process.
- Follow-up Discussion on White Paper: "Evaluating Hanford Public Involvement: Goals, Activities, and a Framework for Discussion".
- Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS): Bechtel National Inc. Approach to ISMS.

Friday, February 8, 2002

- Adoption of Board Advice on the River Corridor Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Draft Change Package
- Board Feedback on Addressing Agencies' Issues for Consideration

- Committee Updates
- Public Involvement Process Related to Budget Development

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gail McClure's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gail McClure, Department of Energy Richland Operation Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352, or by calling her at (509) 373-5647.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 2, 2002.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 02-391 Filed 1-7-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-259-002]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 2, 2002.

Take notice that on December 26, 2001, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 19, proposed to be effective January 1, 2002.

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheet is being filed to implement the Joint Offer of Settlement And Explanatory Statement and corresponding Stipulation and Agreement (Offer of Settlement) being filed simultaneously with this filing. As discussed in the Offer of Settlement,

ANR has agreed to adjust the currently approved fuel matrix methodology for determining ANR's fuel use and lost-and-unaccounted-for retention percentages under its currently effective tariff mechanism. ANR has agreed to implement this revised methodology as to the current annual fuel matrix redetermination at issue in this proceeding, on an interim basis effective January 1, 2002, until ANR submits its next annual redetermination filing under its tariff to be effective April 1, 2002.

ANR states that, in general, the change in methodology results in fuel rate decreases only, but in any event, ANR is not proposing to put into effect any increases that result from the new methodology for the interim period January 1, 2002 through March 31, 2002.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 02-347 Filed 1-7-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-408-042]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 2, 2002.

Take notice that on December 17, 2001, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff,

Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, bearing a proposed effective date of January 1, 2002:

Fifty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 25

Fifty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 26

Fifty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 27

Twenty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 30A

Columbia states that this filing is being submitted pursuant to Stipulation I, Article I, Section E, True-up Mechanism, of the Settlement (Settlement) in Docket No. RP95-408 et al., approved by the Commission on April 17, 1997 (79 FERC 61,044 (1997)). Under the approved section of the Settlement, Columbia is required to true-up its collections pursuant to the Settlement Component for 12-month periods commencing November 1, 1996 and ending October 31, 2004. The fifth 12-month period (Period V) ended October 31, 2001. Columbia is making this true-up filing in compliance with the Settlement to return a net over-recovery of \$3,070,840 for Period V, which includes interest and the true-up of the Period IV Settlement Component adjustment, through an adjustment to the Settlement Component of the base rates for the period January 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002.

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 02-336 Filed 1-7-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P