

announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation for applications for financial assistance from state energy offices for projects that will accelerate the commercialization of renewable energy technologies. This action is subject to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, which can be found in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 600).

**AVAILABILITY OF THE SOLICITATION:** DOE expects to issue the solicitation on or about May 31, 1996. To obtain a copy of the solicitation, interested parties may write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, Attention: Margaret Learmouth, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. Only written requests for the solicitation will be honored. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Margaret Learmouth at (303) 275-4830. Telephone requests for the solicitation will not be granted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOE Commercialization Ventures Program seeks to assist entry into the marketplace of newly emerging renewable energy technologies or innovative applications of existing renewable energy technologies. Generally, an emerging technology means one that has already been proven to be viable, but which has had little or no operational experience, or when an innovative application of such technology has not been generally utilized. Any such experience has been limited, either to sub-commercial size or quantities, to restricted or controlled operation, or to limited applications.

#### Restricted Eligibility Notice:

- Applications must be submitted by an eligible applicant. Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under the program are the *energy offices* of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and any territory or possession of the United States. For states lacking official energy offices, the eligible applicant is the state agency with responsibility for energy matters. A state agency applicant must form a partnering arrangement with at least one for-profit business to be eligible.

#### Project Requirements:

- This state agency, as the direct award recipient, is required to work in a partnership or subaward arrangement with at least one for-profit entity.
- The activities funded must be performed in the United States.
- The manufacture and reproduction of any invention or product resulting from the project must be manufactured

or reproduced substantially in the United States.

- Have at least 50 percent of the total project costs directly and specifically related to the project come from non-federal sources.

- Local governments, State and private universities, private non-profits, for-profit businesses, and individuals, who are not eligible as direct applicants, must work with the appropriate State agencies in developing projects and forming participation arrangements.

Additional requirements will be described in the solicitation.

Projects may include manufacture of an emerging renewable energy technology or production of energy or fuel using an innovative application of an existing renewable energy technology.

DOE expects to have approximately \$8-11 million available for projects, and anticipates making 5-10 awards. The solicitation is anticipated to be issued on or about May 31, 1996, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost sharing requirements eligibility, application preparation and evaluation methodology. Responses to the solicitation will be due approximately 75 days after solicitation release.

In addition to the direct financial assistance offered through this solicitation, DOE may be in a position to offer non-financial assistance in the form of consulting expertise on business aspects of proposed projects, such as development of a business plan or identifying commercial financing for promising projects. Candidate projects for this form of assistance will be identified during the application review process.

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John W. Meeker,  
Chief, Procurement, GO.

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#### Golden Field Office

#### Hydrogen Feasibility Studies; Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for financial assistance applications Number DE-PS36-96GO10160.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), under authority of Section 2026 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486, and the Matsunaga Hydrogen Research, Development, and

Demonstration Act of 1990, Public Law 101-566, is requesting applications as a follow-on to a Notice of Interest published in the Commerce Business Daily (on April 21, 1995). DOE is seeking private-sector led, cost-shared projects in research, development, and technology validation that include the integration of hydrogen technologies such as production, storage, transport, and end-use applications.

**AVAILABILITY OF THE SOLICITATION:** To obtain a copy of the solicitation once it is issued in June, 1996, write to the U.S. Department of Energy's Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd, Golden, CO 80401, Attn: Mr. John Motz, Contract Specialist. Only written requests for the solicitation will be honored. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Mr. Motz at (303) 275-4754.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the solicitation is to assist the private sector in the development of integrated hydrogen systems for applications to near- and long-term markets. DOE encourages the submission of development plans for integrated systems related to long-term hydrogen energy markets, although DOE will consider applications for systems addressing near-term hydrogen 'niche' markets. In any case, all awardees will be required to participate in a Phase I effort prior to consideration by DOE for a subsequent award to participate in later phases. The anticipated progression of projects awarded under this solicitation will be: Phase I—Feasibility Studies (the subject of this solicitation); Phase II—Technology Development; Phase III—Technology Validation; and Phase IV—Demonstration/Scale-Up.

The applications should provide detailed information regarding Phase I efforts, but should also include a sufficient description of anticipated efforts in follow-on Phases II through IV to provide an overall characterization of necessary steps to allow commercialization of the hydrogen technology/system at the conclusion of Phase IV. After the conclusion of the Phase I efforts by all awardees, DOE will evaluate the Phase I results and future plans of each awardee. Based upon technical, economic, and programmatic considerations, DOE may select awardees to participate in follow-on agreements without further competition.

In Phase I, a cost-shared business and technical feasibility study will be undertaken which will result in the development of information necessary for follow-on applications in Phases II through IV. Applications submitted in

response to this solicitation for Phase I should provide information including, but not limited to: a description of the proposed integrated system, including status of the individual component technologies; technology development requirements; anticipated market for the technology/system; energy efficiency; environmental impacts; economic performance; regulation, safety, and reliability issues; and capabilities, experience, and commitment of the proposer. In addition, the proposer will be required to report data using the HScan Planning Method.

DOE will only consider awards to entities which are led by private-sector firms. The entity can include business partnerships, joint ventures, or other business relationships between such organizations as profit or non-profit corporations, educational institutions, etc. All respondents must propose to cost-share at least 50% of the total Phase I project cost from non-Federal sources (cost share in subsequent phases will be negotiated subject to statutory guidelines). Awards under this solicitation will be cooperative agreements, with a term of up to 9 months for Phase I. Depending on the availability of Fiscal Year 1997 funding for the DOE Hydrogen Program, it is anticipated that total DOE funding available for the Phase I efforts will be approximately \$1,000,000. Individual awards under this solicitation for Phase I will not exceed \$150,000 of DOE funding. The solicitation will be issued in June, 1996, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, the HScan Planning Method, DOE proposal evaluation criteria, and the proposal selection process for awards. Responses to the solicitation will be due 60 days after solicitation release.

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John W. Meeker,  
Chief, Procurement, GO.

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER94-478-000, et al.]

### Medina Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

May 28, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

#### 1. Medina Power Company

[Docket No. ER94-478-000]

Take notice that on April 29, 1996, Medina Power Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 2. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER96-1834-000]

Take notice that on May 14, 1996, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 106 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, filed with the Commission a Report of Transactions Under Rate Schedule For Power Sales (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5) for the Reporting Period of April 16, 1996 to April 30, 1996. This Report summarizes the rates and other terms of transactions with Purchasers who have entered into Service Agreements with MidAmerican under the Tariff or are eligible to purchase under the Tariff pursuant to interchange agreements with MidAmerican.

The Report of Transactions summarizes transactions which have been conducted within the 30 days prior to the filing pursuant to a previously filed service agreement or interchange agreement. Therefore, this filing is made within the 30 day period allowed by the Commission in *Prior Notice and Filing Requirements Under Part II of the Federal Power Act*, 64 FERC ¶61,139 (1993), *reh'g*, 65 FERC ¶61,081 (October 19, 1993).

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 3. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1835-000]

Take notice that on May 17, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which National Gas & Electric L.P. will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of May 1, 1996.

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 4. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1836-000]

Take notice that on May 17, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur,

Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which Tennessee Power Company will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreements in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of June 1, 1996.

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 5. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1837-000]

Take notice that on May 17, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which VTEC Energy Inc. will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of June 1, 1996.

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 6. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1838-000]

Take notice that on May 17, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which TransCanada Power Corporation will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of May 15, 1996.

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 7. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1839-000]

Take notice that on May 17, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing firm transmission agreements under which Archer Daniels Midland Company will take transmission service pursuant to its open access transmission tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of April 26, 1996.

*Comment date:* June 10, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.