

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 300,000.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 300,000.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement provides for a single fact to industry through a single point of entry for contractors wishing to do business with the Department of Defense. This central registry will be used to provide contractor financial and business information to automated systems used by the contracting and business communities. Respondents are contractors who currently are required to submit a completed "Solicitation Mailing List Application" form (SF 129) to each buying activity with which they wish to do business. In addition, a significant percentage of this data is required in solicitation responses as certification and representation of the contractor's size and status. Each completed form is entered into a local data base and the hard copy SF 129 is manually filed. The current redundant manual process is labor intensive, resulting in a high error rate and inconsistent data. A central registration system eliminates the redundancy of the government's information, as well as the duplication of effort on the part of the contractor. Registration is available via the World Wide Web (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/ec>) and through DoD certified Value Added Networks (VANs). Contractors who do not have access to the WWW can contact their regional Electronic Commerce Resource Center or Procurement Technical Assistance Center for assistance.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit, Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 24, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD) for the Program Definition and Risk Reduction Phase of the Airborne Laser Program (PDRR ABL)

On September 16, 1997, the Air Force signed the ROD for the Program Definition and Risk Reduction Phase of the Airborne Laser Program (PDRR ABL). The decisions included in the ROD were made in consideration of, but not limited to, the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on June 13, 1997.

The decision rendered by the US Air Force is that the USAF will proceed with PDRR ABL Phase test activities at the following locations:

Home Base activities, including weapon system integration, ground tests and initial aircraft flight tests, will take place at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Diagnostic test activities for initial short-range PDRR ABL equipment tests with non-destructive low-and high-power laser operations will take place over White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Expanded-area test activities for long-range PDRR ABL equipment checks with low-and high-power laser operations and firing of the high-energy laser will take place over the Western Range (Vandenberg Air Force Base and Point Mugu Naval Air Warfare Center, California). Target missiles will be destroyed during this test phase.

The implementation of the PDRR ABL Phase test activities will proceed with minimal adverse impact to the environment. This action conforms with applicable Federal, State and local statutes and regulations, and all reasonable and practical efforts have been incorporated to minimize harm to the local public and the environment.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to: Major Heidi Brothers (505) 846-7675.

Correspondence should be sent to: SMC/TM Airborne Laser System Program Office, 1351 Wyoming Blvd. SE Bldg. 20201, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM 87117-5557.

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Policy

Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada Concerning the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy and the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following: RTD/KO(CA)-6 for the transfer of fuel assemblies consisting of 100,000 grams of enriched uranium containing 19,900 grams of the isotope U-235 (less than 20 percent enrichment) from Canada to Republic of Korea for use as additional fueling for the HANARO research reactor.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

For the Department of Energy.

Cherie P. Fitzgerald,

Director, International Policy and Analysis Division, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance: DE-PS07-98ID13589—Geothermal Reservoir Technology Research, Development and Demonstration.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID), under the authority of the

Geothermal Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-410), is seeking applications for research, development and demonstration (field testing) in the area of Geothermal Reservoir Technology. The research is to be directed toward the domestic use and development of new technologies for exploration, identification of fractures, location of fracture permeability, and reservoir engineering and chemistry. Proposals involving work in foreign countries will not be considered. This solicitation will remain open for two years. Federal funds available for this solicitation are expected to be from \$0-\$5,000,000 annually. DOE anticipates making several grant/cooperative agreement awards for projects with durations of five years or less.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Bruns, Contract Specialist, Procurement Services Division; U.S. Department of Energy; Idaho Operations Office; 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563; telephone (208) 526-1534, facsimile (208) 526-5548, e-mail brunscl@inel.gov. The Contracting Officer is Brad Bauer, (208) 526-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.087, Renewable Energy Research & Development. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the DOE-ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about October 1, 1997, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address <http://www.inel.gov/doeid/solicit.html>. Application package forms will not be included on the home page and should be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be in writing and shall include: company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, and fax number.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on September 24, 1997.

Dated: September 24, 1997.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-363-009]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Report of Rate Refunds

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 22, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing its Report of Rate Refunds at Docket No. RP95-363-000, *et al.*

El Paso states that the Report of Rate Refunds reflects refunds that were distributed to eligible shippers on August 22, 1997.

El Paso states that the refunds totaled \$194,003,358.09 inclusive of interest. El Paso states that it also sent invoices to 11 shippers totaling \$24,511.28 for additional amounts due under the Settlement.

El Paso states that copies of the document were served upon all interstate pipeline system customers who received a refund distribution and affected state regulatory commissions in accordance with the requirements of Section 385.2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. El Paso states that each customer received its pertinent detail (included in Volume No. 2) when refunds were distributed. El Paso states that it was not furnishing the complete Volume No. 2 to all customers, since it may contain information that is commercially sensitive to those customers.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before October 2, 1997. 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. RP97-346-006 and RP93-187-014]

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 19, 1997, Equitrans, L.P. ("Equitrans") tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff the following revised tariff sheets:

First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 6
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 7
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 10

Equitrans proposes an effective date of August 1, 1997 for these tariff sheets.

Second Sub Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7
Second Sub Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7A
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 255
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 256

Equitrans proposes an effective date of September 1, 1997 for these tariff sheets.

Equitrans states that these revised tariff sheets are submitted in compliance with the Commission's September 10, 1997 Order Accepting Primary Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions and Rejecting Alternative Tariff Sheets for the purpose of: (1) filing revised tariff sheets that comply with the prior rate settlement in Docket No. RP93-187, *et al.* to be effective August 1, 1997 establishing rates for all services which reflect the elimination of gathering costs from transportation rates and establishment of separate gathering and transportation retainage levels; and (2) filing revised tariff sheets to be effective September 1, 1997 eliminating the stranded gathering surcharge from the rates charged for Equitrans open access and individually certificated storage services.

Copies of this rate filing were served on the parties to this proceeding, as well as Equitrans' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions, and a copy of the rate filing has been posted and is available for inspection at Equitrans' corporate headquarters during regular business hours.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20046, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed as