

FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on WESCO's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-158. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael E. Small and Davis S. Berman, Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. Comments on RG&E's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-160. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Elizabeth W. Whittle, Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle LLP, Suite 700, One Thomas Circle, Washington, DC 20005-5802 and Gerard C. Walter, Director of Generation Marketing, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, 89 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14649.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 16, 1997.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solicitation for Financial Assistance for Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program Solicitation No. DE-PS02-98EE50493

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites applications for federal assistance for research on the Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program. This program is a set aside for small businesses and higher education institutions. The CARAT Program is for research and development (R&D) in the following areas: vehicle systems,

advanced gas turbines, fuel cells, batteries flywheel energy storage, compression ignition direct injection (CIDI), and alternative fuels.

DATES: Applications are to be received no later than February 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tanga Baylor, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Telephone No. (630) 252-2214, FAX No. (630) 252-5045, Internet—Tanga.Baylor@CH.DOE.Gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are 18 topics for which the DOE invites Financial Assistance Applications: Reduction of Thermal Load in Passenger Compartments; Reduction of Energy Consumption of Power Accessories; Low Cost, Compact, High Efficiency, Traction Motor for Electric Vehicles/Hybrid Electric Vehicles; Advanced Water-Gas Shift Catalysts; Fuel Processing for Fuel Cell Systems; Advanced Membranes and Membrane-Electrode Assemblies; Low Cost CO and Hydrogen Gas Sensors; Simulation of Fuel Cell Performance; Simple Particulate Emissions Measuring System; Variable Valve Timing Device for High Speed CIDI Engine; Measurement System for Mass Flow Rate of Oxygen and Hydrocarbons of an Engine Intake; Novel Fuel Injection System with Flexible Rate Control; Novel, Improved Desulfurization Process for Diesel Fuel; Device for Monitoring Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) Storage Cylinders; Computer Model for Simulation of Battery Systems; Development of Novel Battery System(s); Light Weight, Low Cost, Flywheel Containment System; Improved or Alternative concept for Advanced Electrochemical Capacitor.

The solicitation will be available on the INTERNET to view and download at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> (It is critical that ACQ be in uppercase and all others are lower case). A limited number of printed copies will be available at the Customers' Coordination Meeting (CCM) the week of October 27, 1997 in Detroit, Michigan, otherwise printed copies will not be available from this office, copies must be downloaded from the INTERNET. For information on the CCM meeting contact: Conference Management Associates, Inc. 1401 Spring Lake Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169-1008, FAX (703) 754-4261.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on September 26, 1997.

John D. Greenwood,

Manager, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, November 6, 1997, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: ANA Hotel, Ballroom I, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, November 6, 1997

8:30-8:45 AM Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman.

8:45-9:45 AM Briefing: Reliability Council Progress in Addressing Key

Issues—David Nevius, Vice President, NERC.

9:45–10:00 AM Break.

10:00–11:30 AM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on a Self-Regulating Reliability Organization.

11:30–12:00 PM Public Comment Period.

12:00–1:15 PM Lunch.

1:15–2:30 PM Working Session: Discussion of Draft Outline of Technology Issues Affecting Reliability.

2:30–3:45 PM Panel Discussion: The Role of ISOs in Maintaining Reliability.

3:45–4:00 PM Public Comment Period.

4:00 PM Adjourn.

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on October 17, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-11-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 16, 1997.

Take notice that on October 7, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas, 77056-5310, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations, for authorization to construct a delivery point in Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, so that Algonquin may provide natural gas deliveries to Colonial Gas Company, (Colonial), a local distribution company and existing customer, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Algonquin proposes to construct and install a 4-inch tap valve on Algonquin's G-8 Lateral at an existing 20-inch loop, at approximate mile Post 13.05 in Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts. In addition to the facilities described above, Algonquin will install, or cause to be installed, a 4-inch turbine meter run and associated valving, approximately 100 feet of 4-inch pipeline which will extend from the Meter Station to the Tap and electronic gas measurement equipment.

Colonial will install or cause to be installed boilers, heat exchanger, 2-inch regulator runs, odorant injection equipment, and facilities to house and support Algonquin's meter and EGM equipment.

Algonquin states that the transportation service will be rendered within Colonial's existing maximum daily transportation quantities pursuant to Colonial's existing firm service agreements and Algonquin's FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1.

Colonial will reimburse Algonquin 100 percent of the costs and expenses that Algonquin will incur for installing the facilities. Such costs and expenses are estimated to be approximately \$182,350 excluding an allowance for federal income taxes. Algonquin states that the installation of the delivery point will have no effect on Algonquin's peak day or annual deliveries. Algonquin submits that its proposal will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to Algonquin's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention 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 activity 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 within 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-178-001 Docket No. OA96-167-001]

Cambridge Electric Light Company; Commonwealth Electric Company; Notice of Filing

October 16, 1997.

Take notice that, on August 15, 1997, Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge) and Commonwealth Electric Company (Commonwealth) submitted for filing revised tariff sheets and customer indices to implement changes to their respective open access transmission tariffs, as required by the Commission's order issued July 31, 1997 in Allegheny Power Systems, Inc., 80 FERC ¶ 61,143. The instant filings are requested to be effective as of July 9, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before October 27, 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a petition to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the