

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Availability of the Draft Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), DOE/EIS-0238, for public review and comment. The SWEIS provides DOE and its stakeholders an analysis of the environmental impacts resulting from ongoing and reasonably foreseeable new operations and facilities, as well as reasonable alternatives at LANL, located in north-central New Mexico.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft SWEIS are invited from the public and may be submitted through the end of the comment period which ends Wednesday, July 15, 1998 (see **ADDRESS** section for more details). Comments must be postmarked by July 15, 1998, to ensure consideration; late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The DOE will use the comments received to help prepare the final version of the LANL SWEIS. Public hearings on the Draft SWEIS will be held as follows:

June 9, 1998 (Tuesday), Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office Conference Room, Los Alamos, New Mexico;

June 10, 1998 (Wednesday), Sweeney Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico;

June 24, 1998 (Wednesday), New Mexico Community College, Española, New Mexico.

The hearings will provide opportunities for information exchange and discussion among DOE, LANL, and the public, as well as submitting prepared statements. Public hearing times will be announced in local media closer to the meeting dates. For more information call (800) 898-6623.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing or orally to DOE by contacting: Corey Cruz, LANL SWEIS Project Manager, U.S. DOE, Albuquerque Operations Office, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185, telephone (800)898-6623 and fax (505)845-6392. Oral and written comments may also be submitted at the public meetings described in the **DATES** section. Requests for copies of the Draft LANL SWEIS or other matters regarding

this environmental review should be addressed to Mr. Cruz at the address above. The Draft EIS will be available under the NEPA Analyses Module of the DOE NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft SWEIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*], the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations [40 CFR part 1500] and the DOE NEPA regulations [10 CFR part 1021].

The Department proposes to continue operating the Los Alamos National Laboratory, located in north-central New Mexico. DOE has identified and assessed four alternatives for the operation of LANL: (1) No Action, (2) Expanded Operations (DOE's preferred alternative), (3) Reduced Operations, and (4) Greener. In the No Action Alternative, DOE would continue the historical mission support activities LANL has conducted at planned operational levels. In the Expanded Operations Alternative, DOE would increase, as needed, the level of existing operations to the highest foreseeable levels, including full implementation of the mission assignments from recent programmatic documents. Under the Reduced Operations Alternative, DOE would operate LANL at the minimum levels of activity necessary to maintain the capabilities to support its assigned DOE mission in the near term. Under the Greener Alternative, DOE would operate LANL to maximize operations in support of nonproliferation, basic science, materials science, and other nonweapons areas, while minimizing weapons activities.

The DOE's preferred alternative is Expanded Operations. The Draft LANL SWEIS compares the environmental impacts that would be expected to occur from continuing to operate existing facilities at current activity levels at LANL (the No Action Alternative) with the consequences that would be expected to occur if DOE implemented the Preferred Alternative (Expanded Operations) or one of two other operational alternatives. DOE has distributed copies of the Draft LANL SWEIS to appropriate Congressional

members and committees, the State of New Mexico, American Indian tribal governments, local county governments, other federal agencies, and other interested parties. After the public comment period, which ends July 15, 1998, the Department will consider the comments received, revise the Draft SWEIS, and issue a Final SWEIS. The Department will consider the Final SWEIS, along with other considerations such as economic and technical, to make a decision on the appropriate level of operations for LANL.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 12th day of May, 1998, for the United States Department of Energy.

Gary T. Palmer,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Defense Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE DOCKET NO. 98-17-NG]

Office of Fossil Energy, Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp.; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. (ETC) long-term authorization to import up to 42,000 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada. The authorization is for a 10-year term commencing November 1, 1998, through October 31, 2008, or for 10 years after the commencement of deliveries if deliveries begin after November 1, 1998. This gas may be imported from Canada at the international border point near the Port of Morgan, Montana, (Monchy, Saskatchewan), or at alternative border points with transportation facilities accessible by ETC.

This Order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities Docket room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., May 12, 1998.

John W. Glynn,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Cancellation of Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Cancellation of agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: This notice rescinds the notice published in the **Federal Register** of April 24, 1998, FR Doc. 98-10938, on page 20388, soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision, and extension to the form RW-859, "Nuclear Fuel Data Survey", and the termination of RW-859S "Nuclear Fuel Data Supplement". A revised **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments will be published later.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-37-001]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

May 12, 1998.

Take notice that on May 7, 1998, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to become effective May 30, 1998:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 15

Algonquin states that the purpose of the filing is to correctly update the system map to reflect its current principal pipeline facilities and the points at which service is rendered, as required by Section 154.106 of the Commission's Regulations. Algonquin filed on April 29, 1998, Second Revised

Sheet No. 15 to update the system map. It was subsequently discovered that the new lateral serving Canal Electric Company was inadvertently omitted from the revised map. The substitute tariff sheet includes the Canal lateral and delivery point, as well as the other additions reflected on Second Revised Sheet No. 15.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to affected customers on Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 as provided in 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 in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-513-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 12, 1998.

Take notice that on May 4, 1998 Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, filed in Docket No. CP98-513-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to operate in interstate commerce an existing point of delivery previously constructed and operated to effectuate transportation service pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Columbia Gas makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Columbia Gas states that it constructed a new point of delivery to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia Gas of PA) in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, which was placed in service on March 11, 1998. Columbia Gas avers that the cost of constructing the point of delivery was approximately \$14,400. Columbia Gas further states that it installed a 3-inch tap to interconnect the facilities.

Columbia Gas states that it seeks Natural Gas Act certification for the NGPA Section 311 point of delivery, in order that it may use the delivery point to provide both part 284, Subpart B and Subpart G transportation service.

It is estimated that up to 520 dekatherms of natural gas will be delivered to the existing point of delivery daily, and up to 189,800 dekatherms annually. It is indicated that the gas volumes will be transported pursuant to Columbia Gas' Storage Service Transportation (SST) Rate Schedule. Columbia Gas avers that it has sufficient capacity to render the proposed service without detriment or disadvantage to its other existing 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-523-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 12, 1998.

Take notice that on May 6, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company