

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)**

AGENCY: Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

ACTION: Notice of a Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, and invites people to participate. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: Thursday, June 25, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Clark Room of the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Libby Doggett or Kim Lawrence, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-8428 or (202) 205-5507. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-9754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is established to: (1) minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical

assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC will consider and possibly take action on the following: selection of priorities for the next few years, a vision and mission statement, a set of operating policies and procedures, and a strategic plan that will guide the FICC work for the next three years, ways to resolve conflicts between Medicaid and private insurance in the provision of early intervention services, and implementation of changes in payment by Champus/Tricare for early intervention services. Reports from the FICC committees (Finance, Legislative, Integrated Services, Communication, Family Empowerment and Executive) will be heard and acted upon as necessary.

The meeting of the FICC is open to the public and will be physically accessible. Anyone requiring accommodations such as an interpreter, materials in Braille, large print, or cassette please call Kim Lawrence at (202) 205-8428 ten days in advance of the meeting.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Solicitation for Applications, Building a Sustainable Future Program Grants for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities**

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation DE-PS48-98R800658.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's (DOE's) Building a Sustainable Future grant program is designed to promote sustainable development projects in the 72 urban and 33 rural communities designated as Federal Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC's). On December 21, 1994, the Clinton Administration announced the EZ/EC program to assist distressed communities. In applying for EZ/EC

designation, communities had to address four key principles: (1) economic opportunity, (2) sustainable community development, (3) community-based partnerships, and (4) strategic vision for change. The Building a Sustainable Future grants have been set up to help EZ/EC's more effectively incorporate sustainable development into their activities.

DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy will consider proposals from interested EZ/EC's to help fund capacity building projects and sustainable community development activities. Funding can be used for activities that encourage the use of energy efficient technologies such as design charrettes, industrial ecology training, visioning exercises, energy efficient land-use planning techniques, and economic studies of the benefits of energy efficiency on jobs and the environment. This grant program will be administered by the Denver Regional Support Office and its Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the solicitation on May 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation (DE-PS48-98R800658), eligible parties may (1) see the DOE Golden Field Office website <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>, (2) write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, MS 1721, Golden, CO 80401 or (3) fax a request to Ken Snyder at (303) 275-4830. Telephone requests for the solicitation will not be granted.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project or activity must be conducted in one of the 105 currently designated Federal Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities. Any non-profit or non-federal public organization (501(c)(3) non-profit or State, City, County or Town office) can apply. Organizations/offices can sub-contract with non-profit or for-profit organizations for specific services. If the applicant does not represent the main authorized Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community implementing office, a letter of support from that office is needed as part of the application process. Cost-sharing is not required. Applications will be considered for projects and/or activities up to \$50,000 per project. Subject to the availability of funds, DOE anticipates that approximately \$250,000 will be made available this fiscal year to provide between 7 to 10 small grants (\$10,000 to \$50,000 in size). Additional requirements will be described in the

solicitation. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30, 1998. Applications should be mailed to the Department of Energy; Denver Regional Support Office; 1617 Cole Boulevard—Building MS 1721; Golden, CO; 80401. Please submit 4 copies of your proposal, bound by staple without any special binders or covers. Project selections should be announced by August 1, 1998.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on May 22, 1998.

John W. Meeker,

Chief, Procurement, GO.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GP98-32-000]

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation; Notice of Complaint and Motion for Remand

May 26, 1998.

Take notice that, on May 4, 1998, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko) filed: (1) a complaint against PanEnergy Pipe Line Company (PanEnergy), Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), PanEnergy Corporation (PanEnergy Corp), and Panhandle Eastern Corporation (Panhandle Corp) [collectively: Panhandle Parties], pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (U.S. District Court) staying *Anadarko Petroleum Corp. v. PanEnergy Pipe Line Company*, Civil Action No. H-97-1705 (March 19, 1998), that referred the issues in that proceeding to the Commission for the exercise of its regulatory jurisdiction; and (2) a motion that the Commission either determine the issues or remand the issues back to the U.S. District Court for resolution. Anadarko's complaint and motion for remand is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Anadarko explains that, at one time, Panhandle owned certain natural gas leases that included producing properties, that Panhandle created a producer affiliate who acquired certain leases from Panhandle and made sales from Kansas production to Panhandle, and that Panhandle's producer affiliate recovered Kansas ad valorem taxes from Panhandle. Anadarko further explains that it was created by Panhandle's producer affiliate, on or about August 1, 1985, as a new pipeline affiliated

producer, that properties (including Kansas gas leases) were transferred to Anadarko, and that Anadarko was spun-off and became an independent producing company on October 1, 1986.

Anadarko contends that Panhandle and its producer affiliate were Anadarko's predecessors-in-interest and, as such, are liable for any Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, and interest, required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order, in Docket No. RP97-369-000 *et al.*¹ on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.² That order required First Sellers to refund Kansas ad valorem tax reimbursements to the appropriate pipelines, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. Anadarko contends that the Panhandle Parties agreed to indemnify Anadarko from any liability associated with the possible refund of Kansas ad valorem taxes, both before and after the transfer to Anadarko, as part of the consideration for the transfer price. Thus, Anadarko contends that all Kansas ad valorem tax refund liabilities arising from production after October 4, 1983, and associated with the working interests of Anadarko, should be paid by Panhandle or one of its affiliates, not by Anadarko. Anadarko further contends that (a) the Commission may either adjudicate Anadarko's complaint, or decide not to exercise its primary regulatory jurisdiction, and (b) if the Commission decides not to exercise its regulatory jurisdiction, it may (after making the necessary findings that Anadarko's allegations are cognizable in court, remand this matter back to the court, by final order.

Anadarko states that it filed its complaint in the above-referenced proceeding before the U.S. District Court, seeking (a) judgment (against the Panhandle Parties) that the Panhandle Parties assumed all of the obligations of Anadarko and the Panhandle Parties for refunds, plus interest, claimed on natural gas sold in Kansas, and (b) recovery of the refunds that Anadarko has already paid to Panhandle Parties as a result of the Commission's September 10 order, based on tax bills rendered after June 22, 1988. Anadarko states that the U.S. District Court, in its Order staying the Anadarko case, stated that it shall retain jurisdiction pending resolution of the issues by the FERC and the exhaustion of any appeals from the FERC's decision.

¹ See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying rehearing issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

² *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).

Any person desiring to comment on or make any protest with respect to Anadarko's complaint should on or before June 25, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding, or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Answers to the complaint should also be filed on or before June 25, 1998.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1417-001, Project No. 1835-013]

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District; Nebraska Public Power District; Notice of Settlement Offer

May 26, 1998.

On May 15, 1998, the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Nebraska Public Power District, U.S. Department of the Interior, State of Wyoming, State of Colorado, Sierra Club, Nebraska Wildlife Federation, American Rivers, National Audubon Society, and Platte River Whooping Crane Critical Habitat Maintenance Trust filed an offer of settlement for the Kingsley Dam Project (FERC No. 1417) and the North Platte/Keystone Diversion Project (FERC No. 1835) per Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

Comments on the proposed settlement may be filed with Commission no later than June 4, 1998, and replies no later than June 15, 1998. Copies of comments and replies by parties and intervenors must be served on all other parties and intervenors. Under Rule 602(f)(3), a failure to file comments constitutes a