

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. Joseph J. Seebode, Chief, Regulatory Branch, New York District Corps of Engineers, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1937, New York, New York 10278-0090, Telephone (212) 264-3996.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****1. Project Description**

The project proposed by the applicant, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, would provide a subaqueous site for confined disposal of material dredged from the Port of New York and New Jersey. The proposed work would include dredging sediment from areas ranging from approximately 10 to 30 acres within the footprint of the existing Federal Navigation Channel in Newark Bay, for the purpose of constructing sub-channel disposal cells. Cell sizes and capacities would vary depending upon their exact locations. The maximum proposed cell depth would be approximately 90 feet below mean low water (MLW), or to bedrock, if bedrock is encountered at a shallower depth. Cell capacities would be approximately 75% of the volume of dredged sediment, based upon an anticipated 1.2 "bulking factor". Cells would be constructed on an as needed basis, but only one (1) cell would be operational at any time. Up to 20 cells are proposed for construction with a total capacity of approximately 10,000,000 cubic yards.

Accumulated surface and near-surface sediment dredged during construction, which has been exposed to contemporary or historic sources of contamination, would be disposed of at the Newark Bay Confined Disposal Facility or in a previously constructed cell. Underlying sediment would be utilized for some type of beneficial use, such as remediation material at the Historic Area Restoration Site (HARS) off Sandy Hook, New Jersey, construction material for restoration or remediation projects, or in wetland creation/enhancement projects in the New York-New Jersey region.

The proposed cells would be filled to 2.5 feet below the authorized channel depth, through restricted point source discharges of dredged materials from the Port of New York and New Jersey. Natural sedimentation would return the site to the authorized channel depth.

**2. Alternatives**

Decision options available to the District Engineer are issue the permit, issue the permit with modifications or conditions, or deny the permit. In addition to the no action alternative, the

alternatives to be considered within the EIS will include the following:

- a. Alternative sites and site configurations for subaqueous disposal of dredged material.
- b. Alternative methods of dredged material disposal:
  - (1) Containment Islands and Areas (land extension).
  - (2) Upland Disposal.
  - (3) Wetland Creation.
  - (4) Incineration and other decontamination technologies.
  - (5) Disposal at independent contractor's option.

**3. EIS Scoping**

As part of the EIS scoping process, comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted until the expiration of 45 calendar days after the publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. All comments should be addressed to the indicated contact person. In addition to receiving written comments, the USACE will receive oral comments during a public scoping meeting to be scheduled during the latter part of the scoping period. Formal notice of this meeting will be made through mailings and/or legal notices in newspapers.

**4. Public Participation in the EIS Process**

Creation of the EIS process will provide opportunities for full participation by interested state and local agencies, as well as other interested organizations and the general public. These opportunities will include public meetings and information sessions. All interested parties are encouraged to submit their names and addresses to the contact person indicated above for inclusion on the EIS distribution list and any related public notices.

**5. Federal Agency Participation in the EIS Process**

Full opportunity for federal agency participation will be provided. Federal agencies with an interest in this EIS effort are invited to participate as cooperating agencies pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6. Interested federal agencies are requested to indicate their desire to participate to the contact person.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Notice of Reissuance of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE-PS07-98ID13651—Industrial Process Control With Laser-Based Ultrasonics**

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**SUMMARY:** This is a reissuance of DE-PS07-98ID13651. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of Laser-Based Ultrasonic technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the steel industry. The objective of the solicitation is to develop and use an integrated laser ultrasonic system for in-process manufacturing applications in the U.S. steel industry via: (1) Development of an integrated sensor system to combine the use of laser ultrasonics with other measurement tools to meet the in-process monitoring requirements for accuracy and reproducibility; and (2) installation and use of this integrated system in an industrial process demonstrating the cost-savings utility to the industry. A total of \$1,500,000 in federal funds (\$550,000 in fiscal year 1998, \$500,000 in fiscal year 1999, and \$450,000 in fiscal year 2000) is expected to be available to fund this effort. DOE anticipates making a single award with a duration of three years or less. A minimum of 30% non-federal cost-share is required for research and development and a minimum of 50% non-federal cost-share is required for later demonstration and process evaluation. Collaborations between industry, university, and Federal Laboratory participants are encouraged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** T. Wade Hillebrant, Contract Specialist; Procurement Services Division, U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563; telephone (208) 526-0547, e-mail—hillebtw@id.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086. The solicitation text is posted on the ID Procurement Services Division home page and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address at <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/solicit.html>. This site also includes a link to the report of the workshop on Industrial Applications of Laser Ultrasonics. The Application Instruction

package forms (No.'s 1 through 6 and 7 if applicable) may be accessed at <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/application.html>. Sources intending to propose should send a notice of intent to propose to Mr. Hillebrant (point of contact listed above) by July 15, 1998. Deadline for receipt of applications is July 31, 1998, with additional time allowed for cost share commitment information submittal. Hard copies of the solicitation and the application forms may also be requested from Mr. Hillebrant.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on June 24, 1998.

**R. Jeffrey Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-650-000]

#### Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Application

July 10, 1998.

Take notice that on July 2, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) located at 3500 Park Lane, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275 filed in the referenced docket an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations thereunder (18 CFR Sections 157.7 and 157.18), requesting issuance of a Commission order authorizing Equitrans to effect the sale and transfer to Tri-County Oil & Gas Company (Tri-County) certain of its natural gas gathering facilities comprising the North Littleton gathering system, located in Wetzel and Monongalia Counties, West Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Equitrans seeks a determination that once conveyed, these facilities will be gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction.

Specifically, Equitrans proposes to abandon and transfer to Tri-County, the North Littleton gathering system consisting of 216 segments of pipe totaling 214,028 feet and ranging from 2 to 16 inches in diameter with each segment less than 2 miles in length and 13 metering stations. Equitrans proposes to sell these facilities to Tri-County for the negotiated amount of \$238,744.

Currently, Equitable Gas Company (Equitable), the predominant shipper on

the North Littleton system and an affiliate of Equitrans, serves the communities of Burton, Eastview and Hundred, West Virginia as well as 92 rural distribution customers from taps on the system. In addition, Equitable and other third parties ship local production on the system for delivery to Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company or the transmission system of Equitrans. Equitrans indicates that Tri-County has agreed that none of these arrangements with Equitrans, Equitable and other third party shippers will be discontinued, and that for a period of two years, Tri-County has agreed that the gathering charge to shippers will not exceed the maximum rate for gathering which Equitrans is authorized to charge under its FERC Gas Tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 31, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed with the time required herein or if the Commission on its own review of the matter, finds that a grant of the certificate for the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If the Commission believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be

unnecessary for Equitrans to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-610-003]

#### Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 26, 1998, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised and original tariff sheets:

First Revised Sheet Nos. 27 through 28  
Original Sheet Nos. 29 and 30  
First Revised Sheet No. 100  
First Revised Sheet No. 183  
Original Sheet Nos. 184 through 199

The tariff sheets are filed in compliance with the provisions of the May 27, 1998 certificate order issued in CP96-610-000.<sup>1</sup> Granite State states that the tariff sheets reflect the initial rates for the firm LNG storage and vaporization service approved in the certificate order and the provisions of Rate Schedule LNG-1 for firm service. The filing also includes a proposed Rate Schedule LNG-2 for interruptible peaking storage service and the proposed rates for such service.

Granite State further states that it will file substitute replacement tariff sheets with effective dates not less than 60 days before the date on which the completed and tested storage facility is ready to receive shipments of LNG for injection and storage. Granite State says it will also file, at that time, any revisions to the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff that are necessary to reflect the effect of the two new storage services and any proposed changes in the initial rates, if necessary. Granite State says that it must file an executed contract with Northern Utilities, Inc. for firm peaking storage service under Rate Schedule LNG-1 before construction can commence, as conditioned by the certificate order. Granite State also says that when it submits the executed contract, it will also file the forms of requests for service under Rate Schedules LNG-1 and LNG-2 and the forms of contracts for service in tariff sheet format.

<sup>1</sup> See 83 FERC ¶ 61,194.