

electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S.

Energy Atlantic proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over transmission facilities owned by the Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Energy Atlantic, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

#### Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protest to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Energy Atlantic application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-193. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael E. Small, Wendy N. Reed, Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005 and Paul Cariani, President, Maine Public Service Company, P. O. Box 1204, Presque Isle, Maine 04769-1209.

A final decision will be made on this application 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 action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menus.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE-SC07-99ID13658; Environmental Monitoring and Ecological Research for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL)

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office intends to issue a solicitation in anticipation of making one financial assistance award for environmental monitoring and ecological research of geographical areas peripheral to and on the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The services required include: (1) Wildlife, habitat and vegetation surveys, studies and research; (2) offsite surveillance including sample collection and analysis of air, water, soil, milk, wheat, lettuce, and meat (domestic and wildlife) for radionuclides including the analysis and reporting of data obtained; (3) sitewide research about endangered wildlife species, pollutants in the environment, and revegetation, and; (4) diverse, but program specific research projects, including a demonstration of a biobarrier for environmental restoration or waste management areas, assessment of iodine—129 levels in the environment and impact of effluent disposal in lined ponds. Estimated cost for the services is approximately 1.67M to 1.9M per year over a five-year cooperative agreement.

**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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for the program is Section 102 of the DOE Organization Act, as amended, P.L. 95-91. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.502. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about October 7, 1998, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/solicit.html>. Application package forms are available at <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/application.html> or may be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be written. Those intending to propose must notify Mr. Hillebrant via fax, letter or e-mail. Include company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, e-mail address and fax number.

Contact the contract specialist at the address above, via fax number (208) 526-5548, or via email to [hillebtw@id.doe.gov](mailto:hillebtw@id.doe.gov).

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**R. Jeffrey Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 98-56-NG, 97-74-NG, 96-76-NG, 94-55-NG, 98-58-LNG, 98-57-NG, 93-96-NG, 91-39-NG, 98-59-NG]

### Office of Fossil Energy; Orders Granting, Amending and Vacating Authorizations to Import and/or Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas

Union Gas Limited, Centra Gas Ontario, Inc., Union Gas Limited, Union Gas Limited (Formerly Centra Gas Ontario Inc.), Distrigas Corporation, Upstate Energy Inc., The Montana Power Gas Company, The Montana Power Gas Company, Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting, amending and vacating various natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.

They are 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., on September 14, 1998.

**John W. Glynn,**

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

ORDERS GRANTING, AMENDING AND VACATING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATION  
[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-Year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
1404 .....	08/12/98	Union Gas Limited, 98-56-NG.	216 Bcf		Import and export combined total from and to Canada beginning August 15, 1998, and ending August 14, 2000.
1311-A .....	08/12/98	Centra Gas Ontario, Inc., 97-74-NG.			Blanket authority vacated.
1214-A .....	08/12/98	Union Gas Limited, 96-76-NG.			Blanket authority vacated.
968-A .....	08/13/98	Union Gas Limited (Formerly Centra Gas Ontario Inc.) 94-55-NG.			Name change.
1405 .....	08/13/98	Distrigas Corporation, 98-58-LNG.	100 Bcf		Import of LNG from any foreign supplier beginning on the date of first import delivery after September 8, 1998.
1407 .....	08/18/98	Upstate Energy Inc., 98-57-NG.	73 Bcf		Import and export combined total from and to Canada and Mexico beginning on the date of first import or export delivery.
865-A .....	08/20/98	The Montana Power Gas Company, 93-96-NG.			Long-term authority vacated.
538-B .....	08/20/98	The Montana Power Gas Company, 91-39-NG.			Long-term authority vacated.
1408 .....	08/27/98	Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P., 98-59-NG.	7.3 Tcf		Import and export combined total from and to Canada beginning on the date of first import or export delivery.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-767-000]

**Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Application**

September 15, 1998.

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Corporation Limited Partnership (Great Lakes), One Woodward Avenue, suite 1600, Detroit, Michigan 48226, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-767-000 pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for (1) permission and approval to abandon up to 12.6 miles of pipeline looping over a three-year period, and (2) for temporary and permanent authorization to construct and operate an approximately equivalent amount of replacement pipeline, over the same three-year period, in Itasca, Aitkin, and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Great Lakes states that this filing may also be reviewed on its website at: <http://www.greatlakesgas.com/transport/floodwood.htm>

Great Lakes requests permission and approval to abandon, over a period ending March 31, 2001, up to 12.6 miles of 36-inch diameter pipe between Great Lakes' mainline valves 4-3 and 4-4. Great Lakes also proposes to construct and operate, over a period also ending March 31, 2001, an approximately equivalent length of 36-inch diameter pipe to replace segments of mainline pipe abandoned between mainline valves 4-3 and 4-4. Great Lakes also requests temporary authority to engage in certain preconstruction activities such as using an offsite contractor, storage yards, and preparing ice access roads. Great Lakes states that it would spend approximately \$250,000 to remove old pipeline segments and approximately \$12,237,000 to construct the new pipeline facilities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 6, 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 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (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 proceeding. 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA 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 within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion 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 Great Lakes to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
Acting Secretary.

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