

year floodplain and associated wetland at the Shiprock site and would conform to the Navajo Nation's floodplain protection standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications; Southeast Regional Biomass Energy Program Management Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance applications number DE-PS36-98GO10359.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for the Southeastern Regional Biomass Energy Program (SERBEP) Management Project. The selected applicant will receive financial assistance to manage SERBEP under a cooperative agreement with DOE.

DATES: The solicitation will be issued on or about October 13, 1998.

AVAILABILITY: To obtain a copy of the Solicitation once it is issued, submit a written request to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Attention: Mr. Matt Barron, Contract Specialist. For convenience, requests for the Solicitation may be sent via facsimile to Matt Barron at (303) 275-4788 or by E-mail to matt_barron@nrel.gov. Prospective applicants are encouraged to obtain the solicitation electronically through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>. Only written requests for the solicitation will be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The major goals of the DOE SERBEP are: to promote biomass energy by creating awareness, a positive image, and confidence in biomass energy technologies within the region; to develop a climate supportive of biomass energy among the general public and relevant government agencies; to assist both the public and private sectors in the responsible development, commercialization, and utilization of biomass energy technologies so that the

region achieves full realization of associated energy, economic, and environmental benefits; and to select and perform activities that provide for responsible development of biomass energy within the region. The Southeastern Region includes the following states/areas: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Applications must address each of the following activities in order to be considered for award. The activities are (1) management and planning, (2) information and outreach, and (3) project oversight and evaluation.

1. Management and Planning includes a plan for the overall management of the project at the state level, including coordination with the DOE Atlanta Regional Support Office (ARSO) and SERBEP ad hoc steering committees. The responsibility also includes development of resource plans and the provision of technical input to DOE for development of annual operating plans for the SERBEP.

The SERBEP Annual Operating Plan (AOP) is a document which will be prepared each year by the ARSO, with appropriate committee input, which provides guidance and direction to the program for the following Fiscal Year.

The FY'98 AOP is available for interested parties. It is anticipated that the FY'99 AOP will not vary significantly from the current AOP and that it will be completed by September 1998—prior to the award resulting from this solicitation. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to guide the Program in meeting AOP objectives, recommend and implement changes to the AOP as necessary, and assist the ARSO in the preparation and completion of future AOP's.

2. Information and Outreach includes responding to inquiries about the program from interested parties, developing biotech briefs, collecting and contributing articles to support dialogue, and preparing regional biomass energy program reports. The recipient also will coordinate and publish a regional newsletter at least quarterly and will establish and maintain a SERBEP Internet site which provides relevant biomass program information and project summaries.

3. Project Oversight and Evaluation includes the award and administration of subgrants to organizations in the region. The recipient will solicit applications for projects in support of program objectives through a

competitive solicitation. The ARSO will establish a review panel consisting of DOE and/or DOE laboratory staff, state officials, university staff, and other experts as needed. Documentation of the evaluation process and final recommendations will be collected and presented to the ARSO Project Officer for approval prior to execution of subawards.

Administration of the individual subgrants, including financial commitments, performance tracking, and the provision of periodic reports to DOE, will be the responsibility of the recipient with appropriate oversight from the ARSO.

In response to this solicitation, DOE expects to make a single award. Solicitation number DE-PS36-98GO10359 will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting projects for funding. No pre-application conference is planned. Issuance of the solicitation is planned on or about October 13, 1998, with responses due on November 10, 1998.

Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL BIOMASS ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on September 17, 1998.

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Chief, Procurement, GO.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-168-000 and CP97-168-001; Docket No. CP97-169-000 and CP97-169-001]

Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Environmental Compliance Meeting for the Alliance Pipeline Project

September 21, 1998.

Take notice that on October 6, 1998, the staff of the Office of Pipeline Regulation will meet with representatives of Alliance Pipeline L.P., to discuss its compliance with the environmental conditions contained in the Commission's Order issued in the above dockets on September 17, 1998 (Order). However, because the Order is subject to petitions for rehearing at this time, the staff will not discuss the

merits of any pending issues in this case.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Commission's offices located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC. Parties interested in attending the meeting should contact Mr. Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 for more details.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-768-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 21, 1998.

Take notice that on September 8, 1998, as supplemented on September 14, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company, (Applicant), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed in Docket No. CP98-768-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 152.205, and 157.212) for approval to construct and operate a tap and valve assembly, with appurtenances, and acquire certain metering facilities and approximately one thousand feet of sixteen-inch pipeline, with appurtenances, comprising a new delivery point located in Yoakum County, under Applicant's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant proposes a new delivery point to permit the interruptible transportation and delivery of natural gas to Mustang Station, a gas-fired combined cycle power plant, also located in Yoakum County, Texas at the request of GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc., a Texas corporation, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, a Texas corporation, and Denver City Energy Associates, L.P., (jointly referred to as Golden Spread). Applicant submits that it will construct a tap and valve assembly on its twenty-four-inch Dumas Line and that Golden Spread will construct a meter station and approximately one thousand feet of sixteen-inch O.D. pipeline, which Golden Spread will turn over to Applicant after construction is

completed. Applicant asserts that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries for Golden Spread without detriment or disadvantage to Applicant's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 activities 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 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,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-778-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 21, 1998.

Take notice that on September 14, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP98-778-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to certificate and to continue the operation of an existing delivery point, installed under Section 311(a) of the Natural Gas Policy Act, under El Paso's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that the facility was installed under Section 311(a) and has exclusively used this delivery point for the transportation and delivery of natural gas under Part 284, Subpart B. El Paso states that the regulatory restriction placed on the operation of a facility installed under Section 311 (a)

of the NPGA prohibits El Paso shippers from utilizing this delivery point under any transportation arrangement other than a Subpart B transportation arrangement. In view of this limited service flexibility, El Paso believes that certification of the Pinnacle Delivery Point, located in Hutchinson County, Texas, pursuant to Section 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations, is necessary and in the public interest. El Paso states that continued operation of the facility is not prohibited by El Paso's existing Volume No. 1-A FERC Gas Tariff. El Paso states that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to El Paso'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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-783-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application

September 21, 1998.

Take notice that on September 15, 1998, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (Applicant), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP98-720-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Section 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to authorize Applicant to abandon by sale to Wyckoff Development Company (Wyckoff), as