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The U.S. Franchising Matchmaker Delegation: Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki; November 9-13, 1998; Recruitment closed on September 30, 1998.

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The Information Technology Dealmaker: Toronto, Canada; November 11-12, 1998; Recruitment closes on November 1, 1998.

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Corporate Executive Office Mission to MEDICA: Dusseldorf, Germany; November 18-21, 1998; Recruitment closes on November 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Sykes at the Department of Commerce Tel: 609-989-2020 Fax: 609-989-2395 E-mail: dsykes@cs.doc.gov.

Used Equipment Trade Mission: Costa Rica, Panama and Guatemala; April 18-28, 1999; Recruitment closes March 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bodson, Department of Commerce Tel: 202-482-0681 Fax: 202-482-0304, or Reginald Beckham, Department of Commerce Tel: 202-482-5478 Fax: 202-482-1999.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Tom Nisbet,

Director, Office of Trade Promotion Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Request for Comments on Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications Under the 35 U.S.C. 112 ¶1 "Written Description" Requirement; Notice of Change in Public Hearings, Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public hearing in San Diego, California; change of location of November 4, 1998, public hearing; and extension of request period to present oral testimony.

SUMMARY: Due to insufficient interest, the public hearing to be held in San Diego, California, on November 6, 1998, is canceled. For the same reason, the public hearing to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 4, 1998, will be held in Arlington, Virginia. The period to request an opportunity to present oral testimony at the Arlington location has been extended to November 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The November 4, 1998, hearing will be held in the Commissioner's Conference Room located in Crystal Park Two, Room 912, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Those interested in testifying should send their request to the attention of Mary Critharis addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box 4, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. Requests may also be submitted by facsimile transmission to Mary Critharis at (703) 305-8885.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Critharis by telephone at (703) 305-9300, by facsimile at (703) 305-8885, by electronic mail at mary.critharis@uspto.gov, or by mail addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 23, 1998, the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) announced its intention to hold public hearings relating to the "written description" requirement under section 112 of title 35 of the United States Code. 63 FR 50,887 (1998). Interested members of the public were invited to testify on this subject at public hearings to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 4, 1998 and San Diego, California, on November 6, 1998. The period to request an opportunity to present oral testimony at these hearings was set to end on October 30, 1998.

Due to insufficient interest, the public hearing in San Diego is canceled. For the same reason, the public hearing initially scheduled for Boston will instead be held in Arlington, Virginia, on November 4, 1998, starting at 9 a.m. and ending no later than 5 p.m. Those wishing to present oral testimony at the hearing must request an opportunity to do so no later than November 3, 1998.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Grant of Interim Extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,291,708; T-SCAN™.

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of term extension.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office has granted an interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for one year of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,291,708 that claims the medical device "T-SCAN™."

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karin L. Tyson by telephone at (703) 305-9285; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box DAC, Washington, DC 20231; by fax marked to her attention at (703) 308-6916, or by e-mail at karin.tyson@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review. Under section 156, a patent is eligible for term extension only if regulatory review of the claimed product was completed before the original patent term expired.

On December 3, 1993, section 156 was amended by Pub. L. 103-179 to provide that if the owner of record of the patent or its agent reasonably expects the applicable regulatory review period to extend beyond the expiration of the patent, the owner or its agent may submit an application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for an interim extension of the patent term. If the Commissioner determines that, except for receipt of permission to market or use the product commercially, the patent would be eligible for a statutory extension of the patent term, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant a certificate of interim extension for a period of not more than one year.

On September 4, 1998, patent owner Yeda Research & Development Co., filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,291,708. The patent claims the method of use of the medical device "T-SCAN™." The application indicates, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has confirmed, that the medical device is currently undergoing a regulatory review before

the FDA for permission to market or use the product commercially. The original term of the patent is due to expire on November 2, 1998. Applicant requests an interim extension of one year.

Review of the application indicates that except for receipt of permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156. Since it is apparent that the regulatory review period may extend beyond the date of expiration of the patent, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C 156(d)(5) is appropriate. Accordingly, an interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,291,708 has been granted for a period of one year from the original expiration date of the patent.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Notice of Transmittal of Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 1999 to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget

Pursuant to Section 254(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904(b)), the Congressional Budget Office hereby reports that it has submitted its Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 1999 to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

David M. Delquadro,

Assistant Director, Administration and Information Division, Congressional Budget Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee.

DATES: Tuesday, November 17, 1998, 10:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; and Wednesday,

November, 18 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Norton Haberman, Designated Federal Officer, Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, NE-1, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, Telephone Number 301-903-4321, E-mail:

Norton.Haberman@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology of the Department of Energy on the many complex planning, scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Nuclear Energy research program.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

Introduction of members and staff

Welcome remarks

Overview of DOE's nuclear energy programs

Medical isotope expert panel

Nuclear science and technology infrastructure roadmap

Future of nuclear engineering education

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

NE's research programs

Potential development areas

New business

Public comment period.

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis because of limited seating. Written statements may be filed with the committee before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Norton Haberman at the address or telephone listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be made and received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Reading Room. 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on October 27, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-51-001]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Supplemental Compliance Filing

October 27, 1998.

Take notice that on October 22, 1998 Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) submitted for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to become effective November 2, 1998:

Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 662

Algonquin asserts that the above tariff sheet is being filed to supplement Algonquin's October 2, 1998 filing in Docket No. RP99-51-000 to comply with Order No. 587-H, Final Rule Adopting Standards for Intra-day Nominations and Order Establishing Implementation Date (Order No. 587-H) issued on July 15, 1998, in Docket No. RM96-1-008.

Algonquin states that, in response to a protest filed by Dynegy Marketing and Trade, the filing revises Section 23.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of Algonquin's Tariff to provide that any customer which is bumped will be provided notification of the bump in the same manner as provided for notification of OFO's in Algonquin's Tariff. Algonquin also states that this supplemental filing also corrects an unintended, potential impact on the relative priority of primary and secondary firm service that was inadvertently created by the language submitted in the October 2 Filing.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of 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, NE, Washington, DC 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