

The proposed action would subject the WINSTON CHURCHILL to no more than four explosive charges, 10,000 pounds each, while monitoring the effects on the ship. The EIS will thoroughly address reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, the existing environments of the proposed test areas, and the impact to the environment at those areas. Mayport, Florida, Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Norfolk, Virginia were chosen initially for evaluation because they effectively meet the operational criteria necessary to conduct a shock trial on a surface combatant. These criteria include: Water depth of at least 600 feet; geographic location; proximity to a Naval Station, Ship Repair Facility, Military Airbase, Ordnance Loading Station, naval ships and aircraft; sea traffic; weather and sea state; and personnel tempo requirements. The proposed shock trial is scheduled to occur over a consecutive period of four weeks between May 1, and September 1, 2001.

The EIS will analyze impacts of the proposed action on air and water quality, marine life (including marine mammals and endangered and threatened species), commercial fishing and shipping, recreation, and economic and commercial resources.

**DATES:** The Navy will hold the following three public meetings in January 1999:

1. January 19, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
2. January 20, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and
3. January 21, 1999, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meetings will be held at a location near each of the proposed test areas:

1. January 19, 1999, at Granby High School, 7101 Granby Road, Norfolk, Virginia.
2. January 20, 1999, at Fair Hall at Jackson County Fairgrounds, Corner of Shortcut and Hospital Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
3. January 21, 1999, at Mayport Middle School, 2600 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida.

The meetings will be announced in local newspapers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the commentator believes the EIS should address. Written statements and/or questions regarding the scoping process should be mailed no later than

February 1, 1999 to: Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (Attn: Mr. Will Sloger, Code 064WS), 2155 Eagle Drive, N. Charleston, South Carolina, telephone 843-802-5797, FAX 843-802-7472.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A brief presentation will precede the request for public comment. Navy representatives will be available at this meeting to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**Ralph W. Corey,**

*Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

**DATES:** January 14 and 15, 1999.

**TIME:** January 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; January 15, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma\_\_Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerppb@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination,

and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting is open to the public. On January 14, the Board will discuss issues relating to the OERI reauthorization and Joint Research Initiative and will hear a report on the third-year evaluation of the Regional Education Laboratories. On January 15 the Board will hear committee and officers' reports and a presentation on expectations for education policy in the 106th Congress. A final agenda will be available from the Board office on January 7, 1999.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

**Eve M. Bither,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Intent to issue a Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Proposal (SCAP)

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a SCAP No. DE-SC26-99FT40528 entitled "Energy Efficient Building Equipment and Envelope Technologies." The SCAP will solicit the submission of innovative technologies that have the potential for significant energy savings in residential and commercial buildings. Through this solicitation the Department of Energy is seeking to support projects that are advancing energy efficient building equipment and envelope technologies. Specifically, the objective of the procurement is to accelerate technologies that, because of their risk, are unlikely to be developed in time commensurate with their potential payoff to the nation without a partnership between industry and the Federal government.

**DATES:** Requests for information concerning the solicitation should be submitted in writing at the address above, by facsimile at 304/285-4683, or by E-mail to raymond.jarr@fetcd.doe.gov. Telephone requests for the solicitation package will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Acquisition and Assistance Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond R. Jarr, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880; Telephone 304/285-4088.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE/FETC intends to select a group of projects programmatically balanced with respect to: (1) End use category (such as water heating, lighting, and space cooling); (2) sector (residential and/or commercial); and (3) time of commercialization (short-term or long-term market potential of the technology). The solicitation will cover research and development on materials, components and systems applicable to both residential and commercial buildings. The solicitation will not support demonstration projects to deploy the technology on a large scale.

The research and development areas of interest are as follows: Building Equipment—energy conversion and control equipment supplying services such as lighting, space heating, cooling, dehumidification and ventilation, water heating, appliance services and electric power to building occupants and commercial operations; and Building Envelope—materials, components and systems for the windows, walls, roofs, foundations and other elements which comprise building exteriors and provide day lighting and thermal integrity.

The solicitation is divided into four technology maturation stages. Technology Maturation Stage 2 involves applied research; Technology Maturation Stage 3 involves exploratory development (non-specific applications and bench-scale testing; Technology Maturation Stage 4 involves advanced development (specific applications and bench-scale testing); and Maturation Stage 5 involves engineering development (pilot-scale and/or field testing).

Multiple awards are expected regardless of the technology maturation stage proposed with decision points to continue occurring at the completion of each technology maturation stage. The solicitation will be available on DOE/FETC's Internet address at <http://www.fetcd.doe.gov/business>. Those

prospective offerors who obtain a copy of the solicitation through the Internet should check the location frequently for any solicitation amendments. Those prospective offerors who request in writing a copy of the solicitation will receive an electronic version of the solicitation on diskette in WordPerfect 6.1 format. Solicitations will not be distributed in paper form. Requests for information concerning the solicitation should be submitted in writing at the address above, by facsimile at 304/285-4683, or by E-mail to raymond.jarr@fetcd.doe.gov. All requests should reference the SCAP solicitation number and title, and should include a point-of-contact at the requestor's location. Telephone requests for the solicitation package will not be accepted. The solicitation will be available on or about January 11, 1999. The exact date and time for the submission of proposals will be indicated in the solicitation. However, at least a forty-five day response time is currently planned. It is DOE's desire to encourage the widest participation included the involvement of small business concerns, and small disadvantaged business concerns. However, this procurement is not a partial set-aside. In order to gain the necessary expertise to review proposals, non-Federal personnel may be used as evaluators or advisors in the evaluation of proposals, but will not serve as members of the technical evaluation committee. This particular program is covered by section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPAct 3002 requires a cost share commitment of 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects. In accordance with FAR 52.232-18, "Availability of Funds," funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

**Randolph L. Kesling,**

*Supervisory Contract Specialist, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-101-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 14, 1998.

Take notice that on December 3, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax 22030-1046, filed in Docket No. CP99-101-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.201 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon by retirement approximately 0.07 mile of 8-inch transmission Line 10036, appurtenances and one point of delivery to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CPA), under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that Line No. 10036, which is located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, provided service to CPA but has not been used for approximately 2 years and CPA has indicated that it no longer requires this point of delivery. Columbia included in its application a copy of CPA's letter agreeing to the abandonment of the point of delivery.

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 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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