

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon L. Donaldson, 630/252-0953.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation, when issued, will include a narrative scope of work, program requirements, qualification criteria, evaluation criteria, and other information. The purpose of this solicitation is to invite interested parties to submit an application for cost-shared cooperative agreements with the Department of Energy (DOE) for research and development of Advanced Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Onboard Storage Systems (ALOSS) for natural gas vehicles. The solicitation is to accelerate research, development and testing of novel LNG storage technologies that would increase the vehicle's driving range, improve its efficiency and durability, and lower evaporative emissions and costs. The major barrier to using natural gas as a vehicle fuel is the problem of storing sufficient quantities of natural gas onboard the vehicle. The storage of natural gas in its compressed state (CNG) is viable for some vehicles, but does not meet the needs of most Class 7 and 8 trucks and buses. Since Class 7 and 8 trucks and buses use nearly 40% of the country's transportation fuel, it is an important market sector to DOE's Office of Transportation Technologies. By using LNG, the storage problem can be solved. The storage of natural gas in its liquid rather than compressed state increases the driving range of a vehicle by 300%.

The use of LNG introduces the complexity of dealing with a cryogenic liquid. This approach is not new, because the first LNG-fueled buses used cryogenic pumps. However, the technology was later abandoned because of problems relating to durability, consistency of fuel delivery, and excessive vapor venting. In spite of the known problems of using LNG with cryogenic pumps, the benefits are sufficient to warrant revisiting its use. The goal of this solicitation is to reduce the overall complexity of LNG through the development of a simple and reliable onboard cryogenic pump.

The benefits of using a cryogenic pump with low-pressure LNG storage are that it: increases usable fuel in the tank by 25%, eliminates the need for fuel conditioning, simplifies the operation of the refueling station, reduces the atmospheric venting of natural gas, reduces connector leaks, and has the ability to supply fuel to all types of natural gas engines from high pressure direct injected to aspirated. Some of the risks and/or challenges of using an onboard cryogenic pump include: keeping the pump cold at all

times, durability, thermal management, meeting transient loads, redundancy, cavitation, and costs.

This solicitation seeks a solution to the problems and challenges described so that the benefits noted above can be realized. DOE's long-term goal is to improve LNG vehicles so that they capture a greater share of the transportation fuel market and thereby lessen U.S. dependency on imported oil.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS; no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG02-131-000]

#### Auburndale Peaker Energy Center, L.L.C.; Notice of Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

May 31, 2002.

Take notice that on May 2, 2002, Auburndale Peaker Energy Center, L.L.C. (Auburndale) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's regulations. Auburndale, a Delaware limited liability company, proposes to own and operate a 115 MW simple cycle, electric generating facility located in Polk County, Florida.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be

taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* June 7, 2002.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-389-051]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

May 31, 2002.

Take notice that on May 21, 2002, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing the following contract for disclosure of a negotiated rate transaction under its Rate Schedule FTS-1:

Service Agreement No. 72806 between Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and Aquila Merchant Services dated May 17, 2002

Transportation service is to commence June 1, 2002 and end October 31, 2002 under the agreement.

Columbia Gulf states that it has served copies of the filing on all parties identified on the official service list in Docket No. RP96-389.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in

determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 184-065, California]

#### El Dorado Irrigation District; Notice of Public Meetings

May 30, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a new license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No. 184), filed on February 22, 2000. The El Dorado Project, licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador Counties, California. The project occupies lands of the Eldorado National Forest.

The EID, several state and federal agencies, and several non-governmental agencies have asked the Commission for time to work collaboratively with a facilitator to resolve certain issues relevant to this proceeding. These meetings are a part of that collaborative process.

On Monday, June 10, the aquatics-hydrology workgroup will meet from 9:00am until 4:00pm. On Tuesday, June 11, meetings will be held as follows:

Plenary Meeting 9:00am—12:00 noon;  
Recreation Workgroup 1:00pm—4:00pm.

The workgroup meetings will focus on further defining interests and the development of management objectives. We invite the participation of all interested governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in these meetings.

All meetings will be held in the Best Western Placerville Inn, located at 6850 Greenleaf Drive, Placerville, California.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Molloy at (202) 208-0771 or John Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02-1257-000, ER00-2998-001, ER00-2999-001, ER00-3000-001, ER00-3001-001]

#### Hermiston Power Partnership; Notice of Issuance of Order

May 30, 2002.

Hermiston Power Partnership (Hermiston) submitted for filing an initial rate schedule that provides for wholesale sales of electric energy, capacity replacement services, and certain ancillary services at market-based rates, and for the reassignment and resale of transmission rights. Hermiston also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Hermiston requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Hermiston.

On May 3, 2002, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates-West, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Hermiston should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, Hermiston is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Hermiston, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Hermiston's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is June 10, 2002.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG02-130-000]

#### Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC; Notice of Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

May 31, 2002.

Take notice that on May 2, 2002, Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC (Los Esteros) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Los Esteros, a Delaware limited liability company, proposes to own and operate a nominally rated 180 MW natural gas-fired, simple cycle electric generating facility to be located in Santa Clara County, California. Los Esteros intends to sell the output at wholesale to an affiliated marketer.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make