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### Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, as amended, and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following retransfer: RTD/CA(AU)-2 for the transfer of 596.2 kilograms of heavy water, containing approximately 5.5 ci/kilogram tritium, from Australia to Canada as part of the detritiation exchange, will be used by Ontario Hydro in the operation of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

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### Notice of Intent to Provide Optional Prescreening Process for the National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>) Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, The Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to provide optional prescreening process for potential applicants under the DOE NICE<sup>3</sup> program solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a State Grant Program entitled National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>). The goals of the NICE<sup>3</sup> Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry.

### Background Information

The intent of the NICE<sup>3</sup> program is to fund projects that have completed the research and development stage and are ready to demonstrate a fully integrated commercial unit. Some industrial technologies that the NICE<sup>3</sup> program has funded follow: SO<sub>2</sub> Cleaning Process in the Manufacture of Semiconductors; Innovative Design of a Brick Kiln Using Low Thermal Mass Technology; Continuously Reform Electroless Nickel Plating Solutions; Recovery and Reuse of Water-Washed Overspray Paint; and HCl Acid Recovery System. For the past six years the NICE<sup>3</sup> program has offered 65 grants (approximately \$20.5 million) to fund innovative industrial technologies.

Eligible applicants for funding include any authorized agency of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State agency applicants. Local governments, State and private universities, private non-profits, private businesses, and individuals, who are not eligible as direct applicants, must work with the appropriate State agencies in developing projects and forming participation arrangements. DOE strongly encourages and requires these types of cooperative arrangements in support of program goals.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.105. Up to \$6 million in Federal funds will be made available in FY 1998 by DOE for the August 1997 solicitation. Cost sharing is required by

all applicants and/or cooperating project participants. The Federal Government will provide up to 45 percent of the funds for the project in FY 1998. The remaining funds must be provided by the eligible applicants and/or cooperating project participants. In addition to direct financial contributions, cost sharing can include beneficial services or items, such as manpower equipment, consultants, and computer time that are allowable in accordance with applicable cost principles. The state applicant is required to have an industrial partner to be considered eligible for grant consideration.

### Presolicitation

This notice is to advise potential applicants and project participants of the August 1997 solicitation and that DOE will accept presolicitation submissions that set out a brief description of the potential projects. The submissions should not exceed two pages and should adhere to the format laid out in the preproposal format. This format can be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of Energy's Golden Field Office contacts (listed below). All preproposal submissions will be reviewed by NICE<sup>3</sup> project monitors at the Golden Field Office. The monitors will provide comments to the submitter on the proposed project's applicability to the NICE<sup>3</sup> program. In addition, the reviewers will provide feedback which the applicant can use to formulate and refine their proposal.

The submission of a presolicitation description is not mandatory for submitting an application under the August 1997 solicitation. The DOE reviews and comments under the presolicitation process will not be used by DOE in evaluating or awarding applications under the solicitation. The only purpose of the presolicitation process is to assist potential applicants, who may need assistance, in refining their application.

**DATES:** A brief description of the proposed project can be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before July 1, 1997. All summaries must be submitted through a state agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Hass, at (303) 275-4728, or Doug Hooker, at (303) 275-4780, at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office or State Agency. In addition, information on the NICE<sup>3</sup> program can be located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/>

Access/nice<sup>3</sup>. The Contract Specialist is James Damm, at (303) 275-4744.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 21, 1997.

**John W. Meeker,**

*Procurement Manager, GO.*

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## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP96-81-003]

### **Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing**

March 27, 1997.

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company (CIPCO), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, with an effective date of February 1, 1997:

Substitute Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 7

CIPCO states that the purpose of the filing is to reflect its currently effective Annual Charge Adjustment of \$0.0019 per Dth and correct an error made in its filing to implement the settlement approved by the Commission in Docket No. RP96-81, et al.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public reference room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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### **Consolidated Edison Company of New York; Notice of Filing**

March 27, 1997.

Take notice that on January 28, 1997, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) tendered for filing an amendment to rate schedule FERC No. 139, an agreement with

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (Orange & Rockland) for the purchase and sale of energy and capacity.

Con Edison states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon Orange & Rockland.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 4, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-293-000]

### **Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment by Transfer**

March 27, 1997.

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas, 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP97-293-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting permission and approval to abandon by transfer to Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO) certain interconnecting facilities located west of the Atchafalaya River at the interconnection with TETCO's system in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, FGT requests that the Commission issue an order authorizing the abandonment by transfer to TETCO of the 800 feet of 24-inch pipeline (Interconnecting Facilities) connecting FGT's M&R Station to TETCO's facilities. FGT states that the Interconnecting Facilities were authorized in Docket No. CP74-56, and replaced with a higher grade of 24-inch pipe in the Spring of 1996 pursuant to Section 2.55(b) of the Commission's

Regulations. FGT also states that it will retain ownership of the M&R Station including the EFM/SCADA equipment, but TETCO will operate the Station along with the remaining facilities necessary to render gas transportation service for both systems. FGT further states that TETCO shall acquire the Interconnecting Facilities under its blanket certificate pursuant to Section 157.208 and shall report the facilities in the required Annual Report after FGT receives Commission authorization to abandon by transfer.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 17, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 FGT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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