

private transporters of natural gas in Argentina. GdE was the sole transporter of natural gas in the country. In addition, there were no separate transportation rates for natural gas in the country until after 1992. During our review period, the published tariff rates for natural gas included the cost for the natural gas, its transportation, and its distribution.

Therefore, because there were no separate rates for transportation in Argentina during the period of review, to determine whether the transportation rates for natural gas charged to Siderca under the GdE contract were preferential, we compared those prices to the transportation cost study conducted by an independent consulting firm, Stone & Webster. Stone & Webster were technical advisors to the GOA in the privatization of GdE.

This Stone & Webster cost study detailed the cost of transporting natural gas from the gas fields to Siderca's plant. We compared the transportation cost detailed in the Stone & Webster study to the price negotiated in the GdE contract. Based upon this comparison, we determined that the price charged to Siderca for transportation of natural gas under the GdE contract was much higher than the gas company's costs and provided a large profit for GdE. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that the transportation rates charged to Siderca in the GdE contract were not preferential, and thus not countervailable, during the review period.

### III. Programs Preliminary Found Not To Be Used

We examined the following programs and preliminarily find that the producers and/or exporters of the subject merchandise did not apply for or receive benefits under these programs during the period of review:

- Medium- and Long-Term Loans
- Capital Grants
- Income and Capital Tax Exemptions
- Government Trade Promotion

#### Programs

- Exemption from Stamp Taxes Under Decree 186/74
- Incentives for Trade (Stamp Tax Exemption Under Decree 716)
- Incentive for Export
- Export Financing Under OPRAC 1, Circular RF-21
- Pre-Financing of Exports Under Circular RF-153
- Loan Guarantees
- Post-Export Financing Under OPRAC 1-9
- Debt Forgiveness
- Tax Deduction Under Decree 173/

### IV. Program Preliminary Found Not to Exist

#### Tax Concessions for the Steel Industry

Petitioners alleged that under Paragraph 8 of the April 11, 1991 Steel Agreement between the GOA and Argentine steel producers that the GOA provides the steel industry with tax concessions. According to the response of the GOA, Paragraph 8 of the Steel Agreement does not provide tax concessions to the steel industry but merely states that the industry's Reembolso level will be studied taking into account the tax incidence of steel producers. For information on the Reembolso/Reintegro program, see the program "Rebate of Indirect Taxes," above. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that there were no new tax concessions provided to the steel industry under the Steel Agreement.

#### Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 0.49 percent *ad valorem*.

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties of 0.49 percent *ad valorem* on entries of the subject merchandise covered by this administrative review for the period January 1, 1991 through September 19, 1991, and to liquidate all entries made on or after September 20, 1991 through December 31, 1991, without regard to countervailing duties.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38(e).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later

than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under section 355.38(c), are due.

The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 355.22.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Council on Indian Education

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Council on Indian Education, ED.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the cancellation of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education that was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 102, page 28841, Wednesday, May 28, 1997. This meeting has been canceled due to the lack of obtaining a quorum for the meeting, which was scheduled for June 11, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**DATES:** JUNE 6, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David Beaulieu, Director, Office of Indian Education, (202) 260-1516; FAX (202) 260-7779.

**David Beaulieu,**

*Director, Office of Indian Education.*

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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 committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Program Committee 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.

**DATE:** June 25, 1997.

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Southern Regional Education Board, 592 Tenth Street, NW., Atlanta, GA 30318-5790 (Room to be posted).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564, Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma\_Leenhouts@ed.gov.

**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 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 Committee will discuss allocation of its budget and implementation of the Board's work plan.

A final agenda will be available from the Board office on June 18, 1997. 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, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

**Eve M. Bither,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Solicitation for the Development and Implementation of International Projects That Reduce, Avoid, or Sequester Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Submission Under the U.S. Initiative on Joint Implementation Program

**AGENCY:** Chicago Operations Office, Office of Utility Technologies, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving applications for federal assistance for the development and implementation of international projects

that reduce, avoid, or sequester greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries and countries with economies in transition under the U.S. Initiative on Joint Implementation (USII) Program. As part of the U.S. Climate Change Action Plan launched in 1993, the USII is a pilot program encouraging partnerships between businesses and non-governmental organizations in the United States and those in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The complete solicitation document will be available on or about June 18, 1997 on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.html> under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities" Solicitation No. DE-PS02-97EE35024. Applications are due no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT), July 18, 1997. Any amendments to the solicitation will be posted on the Internet. Please note that users are not alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet or when amendments are posted to the Internet. Prospective applicants are therefore advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. This office will provide a printed copy of the solicitation and its amendments to any firm unable to access the solicitation on the Internet upon request. Awards are anticipated by September 15, 1997. Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-PS02-97EE35024 must be submitted to the U. S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Mary Lou Zambrano, Bldg. 201, Rm. 3D-24, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The focus and objectives of these grants are consistent with the goals of the USII program which are: to promote technology cooperation with, and sustainable development in, developing countries and countries with economies in transition; test and evaluate methods to measure, track, and verify emissions reductions, costs and benefits; encourage private sector investment and innovation in developing and disseminating technologies that reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions; and establish an empirical base for the formulation of international criteria for joint implementation. DOE anticipates that approximately \$250,000 will be available for funding and that five (5) to ten (10) projects will be selected for funding at approximately \$25,000—\$50,000 for each project awarded. The period of performance is expected to be

twelve (12) months. These federal grant funds are intended to provide assistance for feasibility analysis; USII proposal development; calculation of baselines and greenhouse gas benefits; development of monitoring and verification systems; and travel costs associated with USII proposal development (i.e., host country acceptance, etc.).

Any non-profit or for-profit organization, or other non-federal agency or entity, is eligible to apply. DOE National Laboratories are not eligible to respond directly to this solicitation nor may they participate as a subcontractor under any proposal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Lou Zambrano, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439; Telephone No. (630) 252-2077, Fax No. (630) 252-5045, or by e-mail at [marylou.zambrano@ch.doe.gov](mailto:marylou.zambrano@ch.doe.gov)

Issued in Chicago, Illinois, on June 5, 1997.

**John D. Greenwood,**

*Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-90-001 and RP97-99-002]

### Algonquin LNG, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 9, 1997.

Take notice that on June 5, Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, tariff sheets listed on Appendix to the filing, to be effective July 1, 1997 and a pro forma tariff sheet included in the Appendix C to the filing, to be effective November 1, 1997.

ALNG asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's orders in Docket No. RP97-90-000 and RP97-99-000, issued on December 20, 1996 and March 20, 1997, respectively. ALNG states that the two orders had granted ALNG an extension of time to file Order No. 587, Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) compliance tariff sheets and the compliance with the Commission's Regulation, Section 154.107(b), which requires that rates be "stated in cents or dollars per thermal unit." In both orders the extension of time was granted until 30 days after the Commission's action in ALNG's certificate application in Docket