

*Title:* Notice Inviting Proposals for Experimental Sites.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 250.

*Abstract:* With this notice, the Secretary invites proposals to reinvent the administration of Federal student assistance programs through the use of the experimental sites authority (Section 487A(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). The program is intended to encourage institutions to develop innovative strategies to improve Title IV program administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-179]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; California Power Exchange Corp.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**AGENCY:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** California Power Exchange Corporation (PX), a non-profit public benefit corporation formed under California law, has submitted an application for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On March 26, 1998, PX applied to the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. The newly structured corporation does not own or control any

electric generation or transmission facilities, nor does it have a franchised service area. The applicant claims that its purpose is to provide an efficient, competitive energy auction on a non-discriminatory basis to suppliers ("PX sellers") and purchasers ("PX buyers"). The PX will manage the trading of power in the day ahead and hour ahead markets based on demand bids from PX buyers and generation bids from PX sellers. Based on these bids, the PX will determine market clearing prices for each of the hours of the 24 hour scheduling day, then conduct auctions under which PX sellers will sell power through the PX and PX buyers will purchase power through the PX. PX sellers and PX buyers will not contract directly with one another but with the PX. A portion of the power that is purchased through the PX will be purchased by the Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico.

The PX indicates that it controls the sale of the power to be exported. It will be the entity that will determine the quantity of power to be sold, to whom the power is to be sold (including sales to Mexico), and the price of such power to be sold. The PX members will not know the identity of the purchaser, but only the price that the PX sellers receive for the sale of their power.

Transmission of the electric energy to be exported to Mexico will be scheduled by the PX and coordinated with the California Independent System Operator. Electric energy will be transmitted to Mexico using the international transmission facilities of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E). SDG&E's international transmission facilities, as more fully described in the application, have been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

### Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions, comments and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Dennis Loughridge, Chief Executive Officer, California Power Exchange Corp., 1000 South Fremont, A9W-5th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803 AND Edwin F. Feo, Milbank, Tweed,

Hadley & McCloy, 601 South Figueroa, Suite 3000, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 8, 1998.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal and Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal and Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, April 28, 1998: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pantex Plant, Building 1612, Amarillo, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

### Tentative Agenda

1:00 p.m. Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes  
1:15 p.m. Co-Chair Comments  
1:20 p.m. Facilitator's Presentation on Hanford Citizens' Advisory Board Visit  
1:45 p.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE

2:15 p.m. Risk Reduction Standard Presentation  
 3:15 p.m. Break  
 3:25 p.m. Discussion, Questions and Answers on Risk Reduction Standard Presentation  
 3:55 p.m. Ex-Officio Reports  
 4:25 p.m. Task Force/Subcommittee Minutes  
 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks/Adjourn

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be invited throughout the meeting. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Jerry Johnson's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at any time throughout the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 9, 1998.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-492-010]

### CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 8, 1998.

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 5, 1998:

Third Revised Sheet No. 140  
 Third Revised Sheet No. 150  
 Third Revised Sheet No. 160  
 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 175  
 Third Revised Sheet No. 176  
 Second Revised Sheet No. 177  
 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 178  
 Second Revised Sheet No. 179  
 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 255

CNG states that the above tariff sheets incorporate changes and corrections to address the concerns raised by Long Island Lighting Company, in comments filed in the captioned proceeding on March 4, 1998.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with the §§ 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before April 15, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of CNG's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-315-000]

### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

April 8, 1998.

Take notice that on March 30, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

(Columbia), 12801 Fairlakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146 filed in Docket No. CP98-315-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to abandon certain pipeline facilities in Pike County, Kentucky, and to construct and operate replacement facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to abandon approximately 5.5 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline and appurtenances, part of Columbia's Line KA, and to construct and operate replacement facilities consisting of approximately 5.5 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline and appurtenances. It is stated that the replacement is needed due to the age and condition of the facilities, which were installed in 1931 and need to be replaced to ensure the reliability of service to existing customers. It is explained that 90 percent of the pipeline (approximately 4.9 miles) will be replaced within the existing right-of-way, and that 2 segments totalling approximately 0.6 mile in length will be located outside the existing right-of-way, in one instance to make possible a more favorable stream crossing and in the other to avoid steep sidehill construction. It is estimated that the cost of constructing the replacement pipeline will be \$6.2 million and the cost to retire the existing facilities will be \$290,400.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 29, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 Natural Gas Act (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 Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the