

the international transmission facilities authorized by PP-50 in order to enhance cross-border transmission of electric energy.

Presently, the PP-50 facilities can only be operated as a radial connection between the CFE and CPL systems. In this mode of operation, electric energy can only be transmitted from one system to the other by means of a "block-loading" scheme. Connection of the HVDC equipment to the PP-50 facilities would convert the interconnection with CFE to a continuous asynchronous interconnection.

On July 27, 1999, DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** indicating its intention to amend certain Presidential permits to require permit holders to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission services over their international transmission lines. In that notice, the cross-border facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-50 were included in a list of facilities proposed to receive this open access condition. Since the facilities covered by Presidential Permits PP-50 and the proposed PP-219 are the same, it would be DOE's intention to add such an open access condition to PP-219, if granted, at the conclusion of DOE's open access proceeding in Docket No. 99-1.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with section 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFE 385.211, 385.214).

Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be filed directly with: Alan McQueen, Project Manager, Central and South West Service Inc., Two West Second Street, Tulsa, OK 74103 and Carolyn Y. Thompson, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, 51 Louisiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001-2113.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). DOE also must obtain the concurrences of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity" from the "Regulatory Info" menu, and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menu.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of competitive financial assistance solicitation for energy efficiency science initiative.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing a competitive solicitation for applications for cooperative agreements to pursue scientific and engineering research and development (R&D) in enabling technologies. The solicitation will focus on areas that have the potential for cross-cutting applications in the field of energy efficiency across the transportation, industrial, and building sectors. It is estimated that funding of approximately \$10.7 million will be available for 10 to 15 awards under this solicitation in fiscal year 2000.

Six priority areas of interest have been identified: (1) Advanced materials; (2) biobased products and bioenergy; (3) combustion processes and systems; (4) sensors and controls; (5) computational sciences; and (6) energy storage and power conversion. The awards will be for a period of one to three years. Proposals will be subject to the objective merit review procedures for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).

It is anticipated that the solicitation will encourage applications to be submitted by institutions of higher education and that such institutions will lead teams including participants such as for-profit entities, non-profit organizations, national laboratories, state government agencies, and/or individual researchers located in the

United States. Applications that are submitted by institutions of higher education and that reflect a collaborative team approach will be given favorable consideration in the selection process.

Applications by DOE management and operating contractors (M&O) will not be eligible for award. However, applications that include performance of a portion of the project by an M&O contractor will be eligible and encouraged, provided that the proposed use of any such entity is specifically authorized in writing by the DOE Contracting Officer or authorized designee responsible for the M&O based on specified criteria.

This solicitation provides opportunities to leverage funds for important research and development (R&D) designed to advance technologies that promote energy efficiency. Proposed cost-sharing will be given favorable consideration in the selection process.

DATES: Later in February 2000, a draft solicitation document, which will include greater detail about specific program areas of interest, application instructions, due dates and evaluation criteria, will be issued for public comment for a ten-day period. The final solicitation is expected to be issued in March 2000.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document will be disseminated electronically as Solicitation No. DE-PS36-00GO10500 through the Golden Field Office's World Wide Web site at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, CO 80401. The Contract Specialist is James Damm, at FAX (303) 275-4788 or e-mail at jim_damm@nrel.gov. All questions or comments concerning this announcement must be in writing and should be directed to the attention of Mr. Damm. The preferred method of submitting questions and/or comments is through e-mail. Only questions and comments submitted to Mr. Damm will be considered. Questions and/or comments requiring coordination with EERE program officials will be directed to the cognizant offices.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of EERE implements DOE's strategic objectives of increasing the efficiency and productivity of energy use, while limiting harmful environmental impacts; reducing the vulnerability of the U.S. economy to disruptions in

energy supplies; ensuring the existence of a competitive utility power industry that can deliver adequate and affordable supplies of energy with minimal negative environmental impacts; supporting U.S. energy, environmental, and trade and other economic interests in global markets; and delivering leading-edge technologies.

Proposals will be accepted in the following areas or combination of areas: (1) Advanced materials; (2) biobased products and bioenergy; (3) combustion processes; (4) sensors and controls; (5) computational sciences; and (6) energy storage and power conversion.

Additional information about the programs of the Office of EERE can be obtained at the Office's

Internet site at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/ee.html>.

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Contracting Officer, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-206-005]

Atlanta Gas Light Company; Notice of Technical Conference

February 10, 2000.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2000, at 10 am., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-76-000]

Distrigas of Massachusetts Corporation; Notice of Application

February 10, 2000.

Take notice that on February 3, 2000, Distrigas of Massachusetts Corporation (DOMAC), 75 State Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, filed in

Docket No. CP00-76-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, for a limited-term certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing DOMAC to install on a temporary basis, at its liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Everett, Massachusetts, certain air injection equipment needed to modify the Btu content of LNG prior to delivery into a pipeline, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. DOMAC further requests that the limited-term certificate be granted for a period through March 31, 2000, the end of the winter heating season. In addition, DOMAC requested that the Commission issue a temporary certificate by February 4, 2000, pursuant to Section 157.17 of the Commission's Regulations, pending final action on the limited-term authorization. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

DOMAC explains that, due to recent weather conditions, very high LNG demand among DOMAC's customers has created a temporary shortage of LNG supply. In order to relieve the LNG shortage, DOMAC states that it has arranged for a cargo of high-Btu-content LNG to arrive at the Everett terminal for unloading on February 6, 2000. Another cargo, of lower-Btu-content LNG, is expected to arrive on February 8, 2000. The additional air injection equipment, which consists of two natural gas-fired, truck-mounted air compressors and appurtenant facilities for air stabilization, is said to be necessary to permit more rapid stabilization of the high-Btu-content LNG in order to permit full utilization of DOMAC's existing send-out capacity to meet the current regional gas demand and permit the unexpected receipt of a cargo of high-Btu-content LNG followed within a short interval by a second cargo.

Based on the statements made in DOMAC's filing, the Commission determined that an emergency exists within the meaning of the Natural Gas Act and, on February 4, 2000, issued temporary authorization, without prejudice to the ultimate disposition of DOMAC's application for a limited-term certificate, to install air injection equipment at DOMAC's LNG terminal in Everett, Massachusetts.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Robert A. Nailling, Senior Counsel, Distrigas of Massachusetts Corporation, 75 State

Street, 12th Floor, Boston Massachusetts 02109 at (617) 526-8300.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 24, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.