

ACTION: Notice reopening competition and establishing a new application deadline date for fiscal year (FY) 2002.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (we) announces the reopening of the competition for new awards under the Talent Search Program for FY 2002. We also establish a new deadline date for the transmittal of applications. We are taking these actions because recent disruptions in the U.S. Postal Service may have interfered with our receipt of many applications. The reopening is intended to help potential applicants compete fairly under this competition.

DATES: The new deadline date for transmitting applications is December 17, 2001. The previous date was October 19, 2001. The new deadline date for the transmittal of State process recommendations by State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) and comments by other interested parties under Executive Order 12372 is February 15, 2002. The previous date was December 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The addresses and telephone numbers for obtaining applications for, or information about, this competition were in the original application notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 11, 2001 (66 FR 31338-31339).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number, if any, listed in the individual application notice. If we have not listed a TDD number, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

If you want to transmit a recommendation or comment under Executive Order 12372, you can find the latest list and addresses of individual SPOCs on the Web site of the Office of Management and Budget at the following address: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 11, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications for new awards under this program for FY 2002 and establishing a deadline date for the transmittal of applications.

In the application package, which hundreds of potential applicants requested, we stated that if you send your application by mail or if you or your courier deliver it by hand, our Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to you.

We further stated that if you do not receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the date of mailing the application, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9493.

In recent weeks numerous applicants have called to say that they did not get a notification that we had received their respective applications even though they had proof of having mailed the applications. Through a search of our records, we determined that we had not received those applications. In addition, we determined that we had received far fewer applications for new awards under this program than we had received in previous years and far fewer than we had expected for the FY 2002 competition.

We have concluded that many applications may be delayed because of the recent disruptions of normal mail service, particularly in the Washington, DC area. Because we do not know when delayed applications may be delivered, we have decided to reopen this competition to give all applicants a chance to transmit their applications to us. This reopening and new deadline date for transmittal of applications apply to the entire country, as well as to eligible Territories.

Please note that there are alternative methods of transmittal besides the U.S. Postal Service. These include commercial carriers and courier services, as well as hand delivery. If you use a commercial carrier, please make sure to get a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from the carrier. If you use one of these alternative means of transmittal, we will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to you.

Note: If you have already submitted an application by mail and have not received a notification of application receipt from us by now, we urge you to resubmit your application and to indicate on the application that this is a resubmission. You may also wish to consider an alternative means of transmittal. Otherwise, we may not receive your application in time to consider it.

Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities

If you are an individual with a disability, you may obtain a copy of this notice in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in the application notice.

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Dated: December 3, 2001.

Maureen A. McLaughlin,
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy,
Planning, and Innovation, Office of
Postsecondary Education.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee; Renewal

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and in accordance with section 102-3.65, title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period beginning in November 2001. The Committee will provide advice to the Director, Office of Science, on the Biological and Environmental Research Program managed by the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.

The renewal of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee has been determined to be essential to the conduct of the Department of Energy business and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Committee will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law No. 95-91), and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

Further information regarding this Advisory Committee can be obtained from Ms. Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; University Research for the Geothermal Program

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for research projects in earth science at universities to expand the geothermal knowledge base. The knowledge gained from this work will result in new and improved technology that will help meet geothermal program goals. University earth science research and development is sought to enhance exploration tools, increase reservoir productivity, and improve reservoir management. The Program's overarching goal is to reduce the levelized cost of generating geothermal power to 3 to 5 cents/kWh by 2010, as compared to 5 to 8 cents/kWh in 2000.

DATES: The Standard Form 424, and the technical application (20 page maximum), must have an IIPS transmission time stamp of not later than 5 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications are required to be submitted via the U.S. Department of Energy Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Dahl, Contract Specialist at dahlee@id.doe.gov, facsimile at (208) 526-5548, or by telephone at (208) 526-7214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Approximately \$2,000,000 dollars in Federal funds is expected to be available over the next three fiscal years. A maximum of \$500,000 dollars is expected to be available in fiscal year 2002 to totally fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates awarding three to five grants, each with a duration of three years or less. U.S. institutions of higher education may submit applications in response to this solicitation. National laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation. Multi-partner collaborations between U.S.

universities and U.S. industry are encouraged. Cost share is not required but encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14263 is on or about November 29, 2001. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The statutory authority for this program is the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977, Public Law 95-238, Section 207, and Public Law 101-218. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.087, Renewable Energy Research and Development.

Issued in Idaho Falls on November 29, 2001.

R.J. Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-22-000]

Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

December 3, 2001.

Take notice that on November 9, 2001, Michigan Gas Storage Company (Michigan Gas), 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, 49201, filed an application pursuant to section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and section 152.1 of the Commission's regulations, for a declaration of exemption from the provisions of NGA. 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).

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 24, 2001, file with the 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 Procedures (19 CFR sections 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR section 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 proceedings.

Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition in accordance with the Commission's Rules. 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.

Take notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 Commission on this application if no protest or motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein. At that time, the Commission, on its own review of the matter, will determine whether granting the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 advise, it will be unnecessary for Michigan to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL02-26-000]

Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company, Complainants, v. Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc., Respondent; Notice of Complaint

December 3, 2001.

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Nevada Power Company (NPC) and Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) (collectively, the Nevada companies) filed a complaint requesting that the Commission mitigate unjust and unreasonable prices in sales contracts between NPC and Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc. (Duke) and between SPPC and Duke entered into in late 2000 and the first half of 2001 for delivery after January 1, 2001.

The Nevada companies request that the Commission set a refund effective