

does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an

agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EX01-1-000]

Ensuring Sufficient Capacity Reserves in Today's Energy Markets; Notice Requesting Comments

September 27, 2001.

Take notice that on September 26, 2001, the Commission posted on its Website (www.ferc.gov, click on "Discussion Papers for Commission Meeting on September 26, 2001, click on "Ensuring Sufficient Capacity Reserves in Today's Energy Markets") a Commission Staff Study Team Discussion Paper entitled "Ensuring Sufficient Capacity Reserves in Today's Energy Markets."

Comments on new ways to ensure sufficient capacity reserves, in response to that discussion paper, should be submitted on or before October 17, 2001. Comments should reference Docket No. EX01-1-000. Comments longer than 5 pages should include a brief executive summary.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Applications, Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of financial assistance for project assistance.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the participating agencies are soliciting individual research proposals of up to 3 years duration, and depending on appropriations, multi-disciplinary regional studies of up to 5 years duration for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) program. This program

provides support for research on algal species whose populations may cause or result in deleterious effects on ecosystems and human health. Studies of the causes of such blooms, their detection, effects, mitigation, and control in U.S. coastal waters (including estuaries and Great Lakes) are solicited. This document details the requirements for applications for research support that will be considered by the Federal research partnership.

DATES: The deadline for applications is January 10, 2002 by 4 EST.

ADDRESSES: Submit the original and eighteen copies of your proposal to Coastal Ocean Program Office, N/SC12, SSMC#4, 8th Floor, Room 8243, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/rfa/forms/downlf.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>, under "announcements."

AWARDS: Final selection of awardees by the participating agencies will be determined on the basis of peer and panel recommendations, applicability of the proposed effort to the interests and objectives of an agency, and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that each award will be made and be administered by a single agency; however, several agencies may participate in providing assistance to individual components of multi-institutional projects. Applicants recommended for funding will be requested to resubmit their applications and may be asked to modify their budgets and/or work plans to comply with special requirements of the particular agency supporting their awards. Awards will be subject to the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Information: Susan Banahan, ECOHAB Coordinator, CSCOR/COP Office, 301-713-3338/ext 148, Email: susan.banahan@noaa.gov.

Administrative Information: Gina Perovich, EPA/NCER, 202-564-2248, Email: perovich.gina@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Goals and Topic Areas

The National Center for Environmental Research/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Coastal Ocean Program and the Office of Protected Resources/ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration