

and cumulative environmental impacts associated with relicensing the project.

To maintain and enhance the project's power generation efficiency and capacity, the DEIS recommends raising Leaburg Lake by 1.5 feet, installing structures in the McKenzie River near the Walterville intake, excavating the Walterville tailrace, and upgrading powerhouse generation equipment. The environmental impacts of these actions would be minor and could be mitigated by staff recommended measures.

To enhance highly valued McKenzie River fishery resources, EWEB would install a fish screen in the Walterville canal intake and would install tailrace barriers in the Leaburg and Walterville tailraces. To further improve fish habitat and boating opportunities, enhanced year-around minimum in-stream flows, including a flow allotment that could be used during late-summer low-flow conditions are recommended.

To enhance recreation access and opportunities along the McKenzie River, EWEB proposes trust fund donations to acquire lands along the river for access and habitat protection. EWEB also proposes several lesser measures to enhance wildlife habitat values and recreation opportunities on project lands.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2544-009 Washington]

**Washington Water Power Co.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

November 27, 1995.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an application for a reservoir drawdown to install a manual sluice gate at the Meyers Falls Project, Project No. 2544-009. The Meyers Falls Project is located on the Colville River, in Stevens County, Washington. The application is for a reservoir drawdown associated with the installation of a manual sluice gate. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the application. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 3104, of the Commission's offices at 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-77-000]

**Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

November 27, 1995.

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP96-77-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to operate as a jurisdictional facility, a delivery tap placed in service under Section 311(a) of the Natural Gas Policy Act and § 284.3(c) of the Commission's Regulations, under Koch Gateway's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway states that the proposed certification of facilities will enable it to provide transportation under its blanket transportation certificate through an existing delivery tap serving Entex, Inc. a local distribution company, in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Koch Gateway asserts that it will operate the delivery tap in compliance with 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F and that it has sufficient capacity to render the proposed service without detriment or disadvantage to its other existing customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed

for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-76-000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

November 27, 1995.

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska, 68103-0330, filed in Docket No. CP96-76-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, and 157.216(b)) for approval to abandon certain small volume measuring station facilities under Northern's blanket certificate authority issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to abandon a total of 140 measuring station facilities, located in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission. Northern states that the facilities to be abandoned are jurisdictional facilities under the NGA and were constructed pursuant to superseded 2.55 regulations, budget, or blanket authority, depending on the year the facilities were originally placed in-service. Northern indicates that Peoples Natural Gas Company's end-users have requested the removal of these stations from their property.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activities shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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## Office of Energy Research

### Health 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 title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period beginning in November 1995. The Committee will provide advice to the Director, Office of Energy Research, on the Biological and Environmental Research Program managed by the Office of Health and Environmental Research.

The renewal of the Health 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 95-91), and rules and regulations issued in implementation of those Acts.

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

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 22, 1995.

JoAnne Whitman,

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 96-04; Energy Biosciences

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant preapplications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Basic Energy Sciences of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites preapplications from potential applicants for research funding in the Energy Biosciences program area. The intent in asking for a preapplication is to save the time and effort of applicants in preparing and submitting a formal project application that may be inappropriate for the program. The preapplication should consist of a two- to three-page concept paper on the research contemplated for an application to the Energy Biosciences program. The concept paper should focus on the scientific objectives and significance of the planned research, and include an outline of the approaches planned, and any other information relating to the planned research. No budget information or biographical data need be included; nor is an institutional endorsement necessary. The preapplication gives us the opportunity to advise potential applicants on the suitability of their research ideas to the mission of the DOE Energy Biosciences program. A response indicating the appropriateness of submitting a formal application will be sent from the Division of Energy Biosciences office in time to allow for an adequate preparation period for a formal application.

**DATES:** For timely consideration, all preapplications should be received by February 26, 1996. However, earlier submissions will be gladly accepted. A response to timely preapplications will be communicated by April 18, 1996. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is June 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Preapplications referencing Program Notice 96-04 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-17, Division of Energy Biosciences, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 96-04. Fax submissions are acceptable (Fax Number (301) 903-1003).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pat Snyder, Division of Energy Biosciences, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-17, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone (301) 903-2873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Before preparing a formal application, potential applicants should submit a brief preapplication in accordance with 10 CFR 600.10 (d)(2), which consists of two to three pages of narrative describing research objectives. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and the research needs of the Energy Biosciences program. The Energy

Biosciences program has the mission of generating fundamental biological information about plants and non-medical related microorganisms that can provide support for future energy related biotechnologies. The objective is to pursue basic biochemical, genetic and physiological investigations that may contribute towards providing alternate fuels, petroleum replacement products, energy conservation measures as well as other technologies such as phytoremediation related to DOE programs. Areas of interest include bioenergetic systems, including photosynthesis; control of plant growth and development, including metabolic, genetic, and hormonal and ambient factor regulation, metabolic diversity, ion uptake, transport and accumulation, stress physiology and adaptation; genetic transmission and expression; plant-microbial interactions, plant cell wall structure and function; lignocellulose degradative mechanisms; mechanisms of fermentations, genetics of neglected microorganisms, energetics and membrane phenomena; thermophily (molecular basis of high temperature tolerance); microbial interactions; and one-carbon metabolism, which is the basis of biotransformations such as methanogenesis. The objective is to discern and understand basic mechanisms and principles.

Funds are expected to be available for new grant awards in FY 1997. The magnitude of these funds available and the number of awards which can be made will depend on the budget process. The awards made during FY 1995 ranged on the average from about \$63,000 to \$175,000 per year, mostly for a three-year duration. The principal purpose in using preapplications at this time is to reduce the expenditure of time and effort of all parties. Information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures may be found in the 10 CFR Part 605 and the Guide. The Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program for formal submissions and copies of 10 CFR Part 605 are available from U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, ER-17, Division of Energy Biosciences, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290. Telephone requests may be made by calling (301) 903-2873. Instructions for preparation of an application are included in the application guide. Electronic access to ER's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the