

consideration. DOE will consider comments submitted after October 15, 1999, to the extent practicable. A public hearing on the Draft JEA EIS will be held as follows: Florida Community College at Jacksonville, North Campus, Thursday, September 16, 1999, Times: 12 pm to 3 pm (Information Session) and 6 pm to 9 pm (Public Hearing).

The hearing will provide an opportunity for information exchange and discussion among DOE and the public, as well as opportunities for the public to present oral or written comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, telephone, or electronically to: Ms. Lisa Hollingsworth, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, Telephone: 304-285-4992; Fax 304-285-4403, leave a message at 1-800-276-9851,

[lisa.hollingsworth@fetc.doe.gov](mailto:lisa.hollingsworth@fetc.doe.gov).

Requests for copies of the Draft JEA EIS or other information regarding this environmental analysis should be addressed to Ms. Hollingsworth at the address above. The Draft EIS will be available under the DOE NEPA Analysis link from the DOE NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the proposed project or the environmental impact statement, please contact Ms. Hollingsworth as directed above. For general information on the Department's NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling 202-586-4600 or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 13, 1997, the Department published a Notice of Intent (62 FR 60889) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed JEA Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustor Project, in Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida. The purpose of the Notice of Intent was to inform the public of the proposed scope of the EIS, to solicit public input, and to announce a public scoping meeting that was held on December 3, 1997, in Jacksonville, FL. The Notice invited comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the environmental impact statement, including environmental issues and

alternatives, and invited public participation in the NEPA process. Comments and feedback received during the public scoping process were used in preparing the Draft EIS. The scoping period closed on December 31, 1997.

**Alternatives Considered**

The Draft EIS evaluates a proposed action and a no-action alternative. DOE's proposed action is to provide JEA with cost-shared funding of approximately \$73.1 million (24 percent of the estimated total cost of \$309 million) for the construction and operation of a combustor and boiler to repower a steam turbine and generator that have been out of service since 1983 at JEA's Northside Generating Station. In analyzing the proposed action (the preferred alternative), the Draft EIS also evaluates JEA's plans to repower a second, currently operating, steam turbine without cost-shared funding from DOE.

In addition to analyzing the environmental impacts of the proposed action, the Draft EIS analyzes the potential impacts of a No-Action Alternative. Under the No-Action Alternative, the Draft EIS analyzes three scenarios that JEA could pursue in the absence of DOE funding. The scenarios considered are: (1) JEA would construct the proposed project without DOE funding; (2) JEA would construct a new gas-fired combined cycle facility at Northside Generating Station or another location; and (3) JEA would purchase electricity from other utilities to meet JEA's projected demand. The Draft EIS compares the environmental impacts that could be expected to occur from repowering the two steam turbines with new circulating fluidized bed combustors under the proposed action with the impacts that would be likely from each of the three scenarios under the No-Action Alternative.

The Draft EIS focuses on impacts from construction and operation of the proposed project on: Human health, air quality, surface water, groundwater, ecological resources, socioeconomic resources, environmental justice, noise, and traffic. In addition, impacts on land use, floodplains, wetlands, waste management, and cultural resources are considered.

**Availability of the Draft EIS**

DOE has distributed copies of the Draft EIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local government officials in Florida, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of the document may be obtained by contacting DOE as provided in the

section of this notice entitled, **ADDRESSES**. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available for inspection at the locations identified below:

- (1) U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.
- (2) U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.
- (3) U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, 626 Cochran Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940.
- (4) Highlands Branch Library, 1826 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

After the public comment period ends on October 15, 1999, DOE will consider all comments received, revise the Draft EIS as appropriate, and issue a Final EIS. DOE will consider the Final EIS, along with other information, such as economic and technical factors, in deciding whether or not to provide funding for the construction and operation of the proposed coal-fired, circulating fluidized bed combustor and boiler.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Cancellation of Notice 99-19: Computational Structural Biology**

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

**ACTION:** Cancellation Notice.

The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby cancels its Notice 99-19, Computational Structural Biology as published in FR, Vol. 64, No. 88, page 24628, Friday, May 7, 1999.

The Notice is canceled to enable DOE to prepare a more comprehensive Notice that encompasses aspects of both computational structural biology and experimental structural biology, including current and developing needs in structure determination, instrumentation, automation, and computation. Notice 99-19 represented only one part of the reorganization of DOE's structural biology program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Roland F. Hirsch, SC-73, Mail Stop F-237, Medical Sciences Division, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-9009, fax: (301) 903-0567, E-mail: roland.hirsch@science.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 18, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science

#### Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-25: Division of Nuclear Physics Outstanding Junior Investigator Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).  
**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Division of Nuclear Physics of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy, announces the initiation of an Outstanding Junior Investigator Program in nuclear physics and invites grant applications for support. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical nuclear physics research, and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers. The full range of activities currently supported by the Division of Nuclear Physics is eligible for support under this program.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration of awards in fiscal year 2000, formal applications submitted in response to this notice should be received by November 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Complete formal applications referencing Program Notice 99-25 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99-25. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any other commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant. An original

and seven copies of the application must be submitted. Due to the anticipated number of reviewers, it would be helpful for each applicant to submit an additional four copies of the application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dennis G. Kovar, Division of Nuclear Physics, SC-23 (GTN), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-3613. Fax: (301) 903-3833. E-Mail: dennis.kovar@science.doe.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is the first year of an Outstanding Junior Investigator Program in Nuclear Physics supported by the Department of Energy's Office of Science. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented new nuclear physicists early in their careers and facilitate the development of their research programs. Eligibility for awards under this notice is restricted to non-tenured investigators in academic institutions who are conducting experimental or theoretical nuclear physics research. The program is expected to contribute importantly to the vigor of the U.S. Nuclear Physics program. Applicants should request support under this notice for the normal research project costs required to conduct the proposed research.

The DOE expects to make two to four awards in the first year to meet the objectives of the program. The actual number of awards will be determined by the number of excellent applications and the total amount of funds available for this program. It is anticipated that a total of up to \$250,000 will be available for the first year funding of the program, subject to availability of appropriated funds, and that awards would be for three to five year terms. At the end of the initial term, these grants may be renewed, subject to appropriate external peer review at the time of renewal, as long as the recipient's tenure status is unchanged.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR 605.10 (d):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. The latest version of SC's Application Guide is available on the world wide web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 93-34-NG]

#### TransCanada Pipelines Limited; Order Amending Long-Term Authorization To Import and Export Natural Gas From and to Canada

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Order.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that on August 19, 1999, it issued DOE/FE Order No. 795-A (Order 795-A) which amends TransCanada PipeLines Limited's (TransCanada) natural gas import and export authorization granted April 30, 1993 by DOE/FE Order No. 795 (1 FE ¶ 70,787). The amendment permits TransCanada to increase the volumes of natural gas it is authorized to import and export from and to Canada from 1,405,000 Mcf per day to 1,717,000 Mcf per day for the remaining authorization term through November 1, 2005. The additional gas will be imported near Noyes, Minnesota, for storage in the United States and subsequent export back to Canada. The gas is transported by the pipeline system of Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership across northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan to two export points on the international boundary near St. Clair and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The gas will be sold by TransCanada to its customers in eastern Canada. In all other respects the terms and conditions