

ACTION: Notice of competitive financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The DOE/NNSA, through the Oakland Operations Office, is seeking applications/proposals in specific areas of physical science with the principal goals of: (1) Grow the U.S. scientific community, through the funding of research projects at universities, in areas of fundamental science and technology relevant to stockpile stewardship, with a focus on those areas that have not been traditionally supported by other federal agencies and for which there is a recruiting need within the NNSA/DP laboratories complex; and (2) Providing fundamental-science information and developing advanced experimental measurement techniques in selected areas of physical sciences: condensed matter physics and materials science, hydrodynamics, plasma and high-energy-density physics, fluid dynamics, and low-energy nuclear science.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document, Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program (DE-PS03-01SF22349), is available through the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) located at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. IIPS provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. Individuals who have the authority to enter their university or academic institution into a financial assistance award and intend to submit proposals/applications via the IIPS system must register and receive confirmation that they are registered prior to being able to submit an application on the IIPS system. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractor" can be obtained by going to the IIPS Homepage at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov> and then clicking on the "Help" button.

Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPSHelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms Bertha Crisp, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, N-700, Oakland, CA 94612-5208; e-mail bertha.crisp@oak.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposals for Research Grants and Centers of Excellence are invited from universities or other academic institutions in the following specific areas of physical science: (1) Properties of materials under extreme conditions and

hydrodynamics, (2) high-energy-density physics and fluid dynamics, and (3) low-energy nuclear science. The Stewardship Science Academic Alliances Program is an expansion of the currently funded "Inertial Fusion Science in Support of Stockpile Stewardship" Grant Program. The Office of Research, Development and Simulation anticipates supporting multiple awards in physical sciences totaling approximately \$12.5M annually, subject to the availability of funds, as a result of this solicitation. Awards will be for one to three-year projects of work at a funding level appropriate for the proposed scopes. Funding of awards will range up to approximately \$2,000,000 per year for Centers of Excellence and will range up to a few hundred thousand dollars per year for Research Grants. The solicitation document contains all the information relative to this action for prospective applicants. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) number for this program is 541.

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Acting Director, Financial Assistance Center, Oakland Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for emergency OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Submission for Emergency OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the energy information collections listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). The DOE is requesting an emergency clearance from OMB for the Form EIA-417R by December 18, 2001. This form is used to collect information on emergency situations in U.S. electric power systems. Approval of the request will provide DOE with the time necessary to more thoroughly evaluate its information needs in light of the

changed environment since September 11, 2001.

DOE has responsibilities for tracking actual and potential emergency situations on the U.S. electric energy supply system so that Federal emergency response and national security measures can be implemented in a timely and effective manner, as necessary. DOE has had regulations in place since the 1980's requiring electric energy entities to report on systems' incidents and disturbances.

In 1998, the DOE received OMB approval, under Form EIA-417R, to collect electric systems' emergency information through December 31, 2001. DOE is requesting emergency approval to continue use of the existing Form EIA-417R while the revised form is being prepared for submittal to OMB.

During the summer of 2001, DOE developed revised reporting requirements for the form and issued a request for public comments. The **Federal Register** notice (66 FR 47189) requesting public comments was published on September 11. Given the events of September 11, 2001, public comments received in response to the **Federal Register** notice, and consultations with affected groups, DOE is reassessing the information it will require on electric power systems' incidents and disturbances. DOE will not complete this reassessment prior to expiration of the EIA-417R's approval, and thus needs to request an emergency 6-month approval to continue collecting information under the existing regulations (10 CFR 205.350-353).

DATES: Comments must be filed with OMB by December 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Bryon Allen, OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX at 202-395-7285 or e-mail to Ballen@omb.eop.gov is recommended. The mailing address is 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-7318. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX at 202-287-1705 or e-mail to herbert.miller@eia.doe.gov is recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of

Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection number and title; (2) the sponsor (i.e., the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (i.e., new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (i.e., mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Form EIA-417R, "Electric Power System Emergency Report".

2. Office of Emergency Management, Office of Security and Emergency Operations.

3. OMB Number 1901-0288.

4. Reinstatement (emergency clearance request).

5. Mandatory.

6. The Form EIA-417R serves the purpose of alerting the Federal government about actual or projected incidents that will impact the operational and/or reliability of the Nation's domestic electric power systems. Respondents are the owners and/or operators of the Nation's electric power systems. Data are used to examine the incidents and track recovery process, along with alerting the senior policy makers of the Executive branch.

7. Businesses or other for-profit; Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

8. 139 total burden hours; (48 respondents × 1 report × 2.89 hours/report).

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02-59-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 4, 2001

Take notice that on November 28, 2001 Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing to become effective January 1, 2002.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to revise the Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharges to be effective January 1, 2002 in compliance with the January 21, 1998, Stipulation and Agreement Concerning GRI Funding approved by the Commission in Gas Research Institute, 83 FERC ¶ 61,093 (1998), order on reh'g, 83 FERC ¶ 61,331 (1998).

Algonquin states that the filing complies with the surcharges set forth in Appendix A to the Stipulation and Agreement as adjusted upward by 10% consistent with Article II, Section 1.0 of the Stipulation and Agreement, which was approved for filing by GRI member pipelines to be effective on January 1, 2002 without suspension or potential refund obligation by OMTR letter order issued September 19, 2001 in GRI's Docket No. RP01-434.

Specifically, Algonquin states that the approved 2002 surcharges are as follows: (1) A GRI volumetric surcharge of 0.55¢ per dekatherm will be charged on all non-discounted firm commodity and interruptible transportation services; (2) a 0.88¢ per dekatherm surcharge will be charged on all non-discounted firm commodity units delivered to small customers qualifying for service under Algonquin's Rate Schedules AFT-1S and AFT-ES; (3) a reservation surcharge of 6.6¢ per dekatherm per month will be charged on non-discounted firm high load factor customers, i.e., greater than 50% load factor; and (4) a reservation surcharge of 4.07¢ per dekatherm per month will be charged on non-discounted firm low load factor customers, i.e., less than or equal to 50% load factor.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. 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). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-445-001]

Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Negotiated Rates

December 4, 2001.

Take notice that on November 26, 2001, Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 2002:

First Revised Sheet No. 11
First Revised Sheet No. 12
First Revised Sheet No. 13
First Revised Sheet No. 14

Alliance states that it provides firm service under Rate Schedule FT-1 for its existing shippers, all of whom have agreed to pay negotiated rates. The negotiated rate agreements provide that changes in Alliance's costs will be reflected in its negotiated rates from time to time. Alliance states that the tariff sheets listed above set forth the essential elements of its Rate Schedule FT-1 negotiated rate transactions, including the rates thereunder, and that it is filing the listed tariff sheets to reflect changes made to the rates charged under its negotiated rate agreements as a result of changes in its