

collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by November 7, 2003. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Elementary and Secondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Consolidated State Performance Report.

*Abstract:* This information collection package contains the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR). The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in general, and its provision for submission of consolidated plans, in particular (see section 9302 of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB)), emphasize the importance of cross-program coordination and integration of federal programs into educational activities carried out with State and local funds. States would use this instrument for reporting on activities that o

*Additional Information:* The request for an emergency review of Part I of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated State Performance Report is being made to enable the Department to meet reporting requirements of NCLB. Section 1111(h)(5) of NCLB requires the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report that provides national and State-level information that is derived from State reports mandated by Section 1111(h)(4). The statute requires that the first annual report cover the 2002–2003 school year. The earliest time that States can submit all these data to the Department is this fall, and to provide annual and timely information to the Congress the Department will need to submit its report this winter. For the Secretary's report to be an annual report, as the statute requires, the Secretary must report information on the 2002–2003 school year during the 2003–2004 school year. For the Department to review all the required data elements from the States, prepare its report to Congress, and distribute its annual report during the 2003–2004 school year, the Department must receive the State data no later than December 2003. The Department spent months of collaborating on this collection, and the collection received recent approval from the Secretary's office. Due to this unanticipated event, we are requesting OMB clearance of Part I of the Consolidated State Performance Report by October 31, 2003.

*Frequency:* Annually.  
*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.  
*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 22,304.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2356. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651 or to the e-mail address [vivan.reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivan.reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Kathy Axt at her e-mail address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE–PS26–04NT15450–0 entitled, "Oil Exploration and Production Program Solicitation." The primary mission of the Department of Energy (DOE)—National Oil Program, implemented through the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)'s National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO) in Tulsa, OK, is to conduct oil related research and development activities. The purpose is to expand the knowledge base through which industry can bring additional oil reserves and new technology options into the marketplace in a cost-effective and environmentally acceptable manner. The goal of this Oil Exploration and

Production Program Solicitation is to support research that supplements and complements but does not duplicate or displace private and other public research and development efforts. The objective of the solicitation is to select midterm type research projects that will focus on cost effectively improving current technologies.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about October 30, 2003. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Juliana L. Heynes, MS 921-107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, E-mail Address: [heynes@netl.doe.gov](mailto:heynes@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: 412-386-4872.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The goals of the Department of Energy's Fossil Energy Oil Program are derived from the National need for increased oil production as a part of the national security, requirements for Federal lands stewardship and increased protection of the environment. The core research program of NETL continues to support these goals through carefully selected projects from similar program solicitations. Approximately two-thirds of all the oil discovered in the United States remains in the ground. This effort will provide further development of technologies to recover the remaining reserves in the domestic arena.

Technological advances can also be applied by companies in foreign reserves, increasing global supplies as well. The program supports the National Energy Policy goals to increase domestic oil exploration through continued partnership with public and private entities and to promote enhanced oil recovery from existing wells through new technology. By providing support to the development of improved and new technologies in three specific areas, the results should improve oil recovery and increase hydrocarbon reserves. This will augment the domestic oil supply. Applications submitted to any Area of Interest or technical topic must contain a minimum of 20% cost share.

Approximately twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) is expected to be available for new awards under this announcement. It is anticipated that six million dollars (\$6,000,000) will be available during Fiscal Year 2004. (**Note:** The limit on participation by an M&O contractor for an individual project

under this solicitation cannot exceed 25% of the total project cost).

This solicitation has *three separate Areas of Interest:*

**Area 1—Drilling Technology for High Speed Downhole Motors**

Area 1 is limited to one technical topic. Applications in Area 1 will be for projects designed to develop high-speed downhole motors suitable for drilling with high speed bits in the harsh downhole drilling environment. The Oil Program has a drilling program that is currently focused mainly on microhole drilling and applications. However, the area of high speed bit development is progressing steadily and it was recognized that a suitable downhole motor will be necessary to fully develop the capabilities of the high speed bits in multiple applications. Current long-term research efforts are looking for solutions to drilling in deep wells and hard rock. High speed drilling holds the potential to reduce drilling costs and produce a smaller environmental footprint. The need for a downhole motor to operate with these bits will be required in the near future. It is anticipated these bits and motors will be employed in directional, slimhole and coiled tubing drilled wells. The drilling program will look to enhance this developing area of research.

**Area 2—Advanced Diagnostics and Imaging Technology**

Area 2 is comprised of three separate technical topics: (A) Subsurface Imaging; (B) Regional Study and Basin Analysis; and (C) Reservoir Characterization and Management.

The Advanced Diagnostics and Imaging Systems (ADIS) Program is an integral part of the DOE/FE mission and strategy. ADIS is directed toward cross-cutting interdisciplinary research to develop advanced and innovative technologies applied to the incremental recovery of the estimated 160 billion barrels of existing and undiscovered technically recoverable oil from onshore and offshore waters of the United States (USGS, 1995, MMS, 1996).

Uncertainty concerning the physical and chemical nature of oil reservoirs is one of the most severe technological barriers to increasing the economic oil recovery from existing and undiscovered fields. Oil reservoirs are composed of a wide variety of architectural heterogeneities (*i.e.*, rock facies geometry, diagenetic alterations, fracturing, stratigraphic and structural setting). Porosity, relative permeability, pore and pore throat morphology, capillary forces, miscibility and saturation variations (oil-gas brine plus

other displacing fluid/gas compositions, rock-fluid, fluid-gas and fluid-fluid interactions) also contribute to technical recovery barriers. Several of these variables often change between like reservoirs within a single geologic play and change due to temporal and spatial dynamic alterations that occur within a reservoir throughout the exploitation and recovery processes.

The ADIS section of this solicitation supports research designed to quantify the interrelationship of the reservoir rock architecture, fluid-rock, fluid-gas, and fluid-fluid interactions that impact oil productibility from petroleum reservoirs. Research efforts should target geologic formations and associated oil reservoirs within United States basins. Multidisciplinary teaming and active involvement by oil producers and /or service companies, with interests in the application of research results for more efficient recovery of larger volumes of oil from fields within the geologic formations and basin studied, is strongly encouraged. Results of these research and technology developments shall be aggressively transferred to the public and private industry thus allowing for informed decisions related to cost-effective reservoir management and exploitation of like oil reservoirs within the productive formations studied.

**Area 3—Reservoir Efficiency Processes**

Area 3 is comprised of six separate technical topics: (A) Chemical Flooding; (B) Microbial Flooding; (C) Heavy Oil Recovery; (D) Novel Processes; (E) Reservoir Simulation; and (F) Gas Flooding.

Fossil fuels will likely remain the principal energy sources for most of the world, including the United States, well into the middle of the century. The program shall expand the knowledge base which, with industry, can bring efficient, economically competitive, and environmentally acceptable new fossil energy resources and technology options into the marketplace and improve the United States national security by reducing dependence on imported oil. As an integral part of the Fossil Energy mission and strategy, Production Research is directed toward the development of advanced and innovative technologies for recovering oil from large, currently unrecoverable petroleum resources.

As an integral part of the Fossil Energy mission and strategy, the extraction research of oil is directed toward the development of advanced and innovative technologies for recovering oil from large, currently unrecoverable, petroleum resources.

Primary and secondary recovery operations have been utilized for many years to extract oil from reservoirs.

With continually diminishing United States crude production and increasing dependency on foreign supplies, there is a need to develop oil production from these domestic oil resources. Advanced Recovery Concepts will play a significant role in the exploitation of these domestic resources. New techniques to overcome the problems associated with advanced recovery are needed in order to meet the energy demands of the immediate future. The importance of increasing the petroleum reserves of the United States through the production of oil left in petroleum reservoirs after conventional recovery techniques are used is well known and well documented.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on October 28, 2003.

**Dale A. Siciliano,**

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-30-000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 30, 2003.

Take notice that on October 22, 2003, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised

Volume No. 1, Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 40, to become effective on December 1, 2003.

Algonquin states that the filing is being made to revise its Fuel Reimbursement Percentages (FRPs) for the calendar period beginning December 1, 2003, pursuant to section 32 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff. Algonquin further states that it has used actual data for the last 24-month period ending July 31, 2003, since the prior 12-month period includes a winter period during which Algonquin's market area experienced severe weather conditions, resulting in unusually high levels of Company Use Gas on Algonquin's system.

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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary". Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-466-003]

#### CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 30, 2003.

Take notice that on October 28, 2003, CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following substitute revised tariff sheets, to be effective on October 1, 2003:

Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 167A  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 170  
Original Sheet No. 170A

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order dated October 16, 2003.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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