

Act of 1993, the objective for the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad (FRA) Program is to provide grants to institutions of higher education to fund faculty to maintain and improve their area studies and language skills by conducting research abroad for periods of 3 to 12 months.

The Department will use the following FRA measures to evaluate its success in meeting this objective:

Performance Measure 1: The average language competency score of Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program recipients at the end of their period of research minus their average language competency at the beginning of the period.

Performance Measure 2: Percentage of all Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program projects judged to be successful by the program officer, based on a review of information provided in annual performance reports.

Efficiency measure: Cost per Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad grantee increasing language competency by at least one level in one (or all three) area.

The information provided by grantees in their performance report submitted via IRIS will be the source of data for this measure. Reporting screens for institutions and fellows may be viewed at: http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/FRA_fellow.pdf; http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/FRA_director.pdf.

VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Cynthia Dudzinski, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6007, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7589 or by e-mail: cynthia.dudzinski@ed.gov.

If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under *For Further Information Contact* in Section VII of this notice.

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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzelan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: September 30, 2009.

Daniel T. Madzelan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Technical Advisory Council

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

ACTION: Request for Nominations To Serve on the National Technical Advisory Council (NTAC).

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education (Secretary) invites interested parties to submit nominations for individuals to serve on the National Technical Advisory Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Technical Advisory Council (NTAC or the Council) is established by the Secretary of Education and governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended; 5 U.S.C.

Appendix 2). In order to ensure that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) is making sound technical decisions related to the approval of state-designed standards, assessments, and accountability systems, the NTAC shall advise the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education (Assistant Secretary) on technical issues related to the design and implementation of standards, assessments, and accountability systems consistent with section 1111(b) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and 34 CFR 200.1 through 200.20.

The Council shall consist of approximately 16 members, including persons who have knowledge of and

expertise in the design and implementation of educational standards, assessments, and accountability systems for all students, including students with disabilities and limited English proficient students, and experts with technical knowledge related to statistics and psychometrics. At least one-third of the members shall have experience working in or with state educational agencies or local educational agencies. NTAC will advise the Secretary on matters that arise during the State Plan review process.

Nomination Process: Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership. If you would like to nominate an individual or yourself for appointment to the Council, please submit the following information to the Department's White House Liaison Office:

- A copy of the nominee's resume;
- A cover letter that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual; and
- Contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, business phone, fax number, and business e-mail address).

In addition, the cover letter must state that the nominee (if nominating someone other than yourself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the Council. Nominees will be appointed based on technical qualifications, professional experience, and demonstrated knowledge of issues related to state-designed standards, assessment, and accountability systems.

DATES: Nominations for individuals to serve on the Council must be submitted (postmarked, if sending by mail; submitted electronically; or received, if hand delivered) by November 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations, including attachments, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronically:** Send to: WhiteHouseLiaison@ed.gov (specify in the e-mail subject line, "NTAC Nomination")
- **Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, or courier service:** Submit one copy of the documents listed above to the following address: U.S. Department of Education, White House Liaison Office, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 7C109, Washington, DC 20202. Attn: Karen Akins.

For questions, contact Karen Akins, White House Liaison Office, at (202)

401-3677, fax (202) 205-0723, or via e-mail at WhiteHouseLiaison@ed.gov.

Arne Duncan,

Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13569-000]

Southern Nevada Water Authority; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

September 28, 2009.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 13569-000

c. *Dated Filed:* August 14, 2009

d. *Submitted By:* Southern Nevada Water Authority (Southern Nevada)

e. *Name of Project:* Arrow Canyon Conduit Energy Recovery Hydroturbine

f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located next to the existing Coyote Springs Project Water Transmission Conduit in Moapa Clark County, Nevada. The project would occupy 0.68 acres of federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Scott P. Krantz, 100 City Parkway, Suite 700, Las Vegas, NV 89106; (702) 691-5240.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jim Fargo at (202) 502-6095; or e-mail at james.fargo@ferc.gov.

j. Southern Nevada notified the public of its request on August 26, 2009. In a letter dated September 28, 2009, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects approved Southern Nevada's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (b) the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by Section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. Southern Nevada filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 (P-13569). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-466-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

September 28, 2009.

Take notice that on September 18, 2009, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP09-466-000, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to abandon in place three horizontal compressor units consisting of 4,300 horsepower at its Sunray Compressor Station and associated piping, all located in Moore County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also 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, call (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, or by calling (402) 398-7077 (telephone) or

(402) 398-7426 (fax), dari.dornan@nngco.com, or to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, or by calling (402) 398-7103 (telephone) or (402) 398-7592 (fax), mike.loeffler@nngco.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in