

Cylinder Storage Yards C-745-K, L, M, N, and P and Construction of a New Uranium Hexafluoride Cylinder Storage Yard (C-745-T) at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/EA-1118, July 1996);

- Environmental Assessment for DOE Sale of Surplus Natural and Low Enriched Uranium (DOE/EA-1172, October 1996);

- Environmental Assessment for the Lease of Land and Facilities within the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/EA-1175, 1997);

- Notice of Intent for Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Disposition of Scrap Metals (DOE/EIS-0327) (66 FR 36562, July 12, 2001).

Scoping Meetings

The purpose of this Notice is to encourage early public involvement in the EIS process and to solicit public comments on the proposed scope of the EIS, including the issues and alternatives it would analyze. DOE will hold public scoping meetings near Portsmouth, Ohio; Paducah, Kentucky; and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to solicit both oral and written comments from interested parties. Oral and written comments will be considered equally in the preparation of the EIS. See **DATES** above for the times and locations of these meetings.

DOE will designate a presiding officer for the scoping meetings. The scoping meetings will not be conducted as evidentiary hearings, and there will be no questioning of the commentors. However, DOE personnel may ask for clarifications to ensure that they fully understand the comments and suggestions. The presiding officer will establish the order of speakers. At the opening of each meeting, the presiding officer will announce any additional procedures necessary for the conduct of the meetings. If necessary to ensure that all persons wishing to make a presentation are given the opportunity, a time limit may be applied for each speaker. Comment cards will also be available for those who would prefer to submit written comments.

DOE will make transcripts of the scoping meetings and other environmental and project-related materials available for public review in the following reading rooms:

DOE Headquarters, Freedom of Information Reading Room, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1 E-190, Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-3142.

Oak Ridge/ DOE, Public Reading Room, 230 Warehouse Road, Suite 300, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. Telephone: (865) 241-4780.

Paducah/DOE, Environmental Information Center, Berkley Centre, 115 Memorial Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, Telephone: (270) 554-6979.

Portsmouth/DOE, Environmental Information Center, 3930 U.S. Route 23, Perimeter Road, Piketon, OH 45661. Telephone: (740) 289-3317.

Information is also available through the project web site at <http://web.ead.anl.gov/uranium> and on the DOE NEPA web site at <http://www.tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa>.

The EIS will also contain a section summarizing the nature of the comments received during the scoping process and describing any modification to the scope of the EIS in response to the scoping process comments.

EIS Schedule

The draft EIS is scheduled to be published by June 2002. A 45-day comment period on the draft EIS is planned, which will include public hearings to receive oral comments. Availability of the draft EIS, the dates of the public comment period, and information about the public hearings will be announced in the **Federal Register** and in the local news media.

The final EIS for the DUF6 Conversion Facilities is scheduled for January 2003. A ROD would be issued no sooner than 30 days after the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency notice of availability of the final EIS is published in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 10th day of September, 2001.

Steven V. Cary,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Peer Review of DOE's Competitive Solicitation Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Announcement of a peer review of the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Competitive Solicitation Program.

SUMMARY: The DOE, Office of Power Technology is announcing its intention to conduct a Peer Review of DOE's Competitive Solicitation Program September 20, 2001 in Golden Colorado. The meeting is open to the public and attendance is free of charge.

DATES: Thursday, September 20, 2001 from 12 Noon to 5 pm (MDT).

ADDRESSES: 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Building 17, 4th Floor Conference Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lizana K. Pierce, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or (303) 275-4727 or via facsimile to at (303) 275-4753, or electronically to lizana-pierce@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Peer Review is to: (1) Improve decision-making and program leadership; (2) improve productivity and management; (3) provide stakeholders the opportunity to learn about the program and projects; and (4) provide public accountability for the use of public funds. The Peer Review will examine the: (1) Appropriateness of the program scope and objectives relative to available resources; (2) effectiveness in meeting the stated goals; (3) adequacy in reaching the intended audience; (4) quality of the competitive process; and (5) effectiveness of DOE Program and Project plans. The panel will also be requested to provide recommendations for future activities and ways in which the Program can be improved.

The mission of the Competitive Solicitation Program is to obtain, analyze, and disseminate cost and operational information necessary to overcome the perceptions of risk in selecting renewable energy and hybrid renewable energy generation or cogeneration systems for the competitive electric market. The Competitive Solicitation effort is a technology-focused competitive process aimed at carrying out field validation and education efforts that: (1) Prove the availability of clean, affordable, and reliable electric power supply options for many remote or economically challenged regions of the nation, including at Federal facilities, on Native American lands or at Tribal Colleges; (2) obtain essential data on operational performance, reliability, and benefits of renewable energy and hybrid renewable energy generation or cogeneration systems in various geographic locations and climatic conditions; or (3) enhance the public's understanding and use of renewable energy technologies.

The Competitive Solicitation Program was proposed as a six-year program with two components: (1) Feasibility studies, and (2) field verification projects. However, the only component of the Competitive Solicitation Program funded in Fiscal Year 2000 (FY00) was the Native American solicitation for renewable energy feasibility studies at Tribal colleges and universities.

Therefore, the resulting solicitation, entitled Feasibility Studies for Potential Application of Renewable Energy Technologies at Tribal Colleges and Universities is the focus of the Peer Review. However, preceding projects, competitively selected under the Remote Applications of Renewable Power Technologies on Native American Lands solicitation, will be included as representative field verification projects.

The Peer Review will be open to the public, and the public will have an opportunity to address DOE representatives and the panel. DOE will also accept written comments through October 5, 2001. Approximately 40 days after the meeting, a report documenting the results of the review will be issued and posted on the DOE Golden homepage at www.golden.doe.gov.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on September 5, 2001.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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CalPeak Power—Midway LLC, et. al., Notice of Issuance of Order

September 12, 2001.

CalPeak Power—Midway LLC, CalPeak Power—Ponoché LLC, CalPeak—Vaca Dixon, CalPeak Power—El Cajon LLC, CalPeak—Enterprise LLC, CalPeak Power—Border LLC, and CalPeak—Mission (collectively, “CalPeak”) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which CalPeak will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. CalPeak also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, CalPeak requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by CalPeak.

On September 4, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard

or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by CalPeak should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, CalPeak is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CalPeak and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of CalPeak’s issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 4, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission’s Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The Order 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-2998-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Filing

September 7, 2001.

Take notice that on August 31, 2001, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), a Notice of Termination of the 1992 Interconnection Agreement

between PG&E and Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) on file with the Commission as First Revised PG&E Rate Schedule FERC No. 142 and a proposed Interconnection Agreement (IA) between PG&E and NCPA. The IA supersedes the 1992 Interconnection Agreement and is intended to provide for the continued interconnection of the PG&E and NCPA electric systems.

Copies of this filing have been served upon NCPA, the California Independent System Operator Corporation and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before September 21, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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 Commission’s web site 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

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ANR Pipeline Co.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Badger Pipeline Project

September 12, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in the above-referenced docket.