

different geographic regions of the United States. Area 1 will accept drilling program applications with a minimum 50% cost share for drilling new or extending existing wells using a coiled tubing drilling system. Each drilling program must have a minimum of three wells. Approximately three applications will be funded. The successful awards will be with different E&P companies in diverse geographic locations. A coiled tubing drilling system must be used to drill the last length of hole. This hole will be no more than 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter and no less than 1,000 feet long. Applications must include an economic analysis of coiled tubing drilling versus rotary drilling and overall economics of the drilling program. Technology transfer of the drilling program results will be a requirement.

Area of Interest 2: DE-PS26-03NT15392-2: Technology Development

Applications submitted under Area 2 must target one (1) of four (4) specific technical topics (shown below) for the development and manufacture of equipment required to fulfill the Microhole Technology goal. This equipment will be an evolutionary advance over existing designs. Applications must include conceptual drawings, basic engineering design specifications, Quality Control standards, corporate history, product test capabilities and proposed test standards. Proposed equipment will complement the Microhole Technology goal of drilling, completing and characterizing reservoirs a minimum of 5,000 feet TVD and 1,000 feet directional displacement in a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " borehole. All component applications must be compatible with the Microhole Coiled Tubing Rig. DOE personnel will coordinate compatibility issues between manufacturers. A 20% cost share is required for any Area 2 application.

Applications for Area 2 must target only one (1) of the following four (4) topics:

1. *Built for purpose Microhole Coiled Tubing Rig (MCTR).* The MCTR will handle 1" through 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " coiled tubing. The rig will be able to drill and case surface, intermediate, production and liner hole intervals. The rig will be able to drill with coiled tubing and conventional rotary or top drive. The rig will be able to run at a minimum 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ " range 2 casing. The MCTR may be truck, trailer or skid mounted and meet USDOT limitations. The MCTR may be more than one load. If skid mounted the rig must be helitransportable. The MCTR must be readily adaptable to

support low-cost directional drilling and through-tubing micro-lateral drilling from existing wells. The MCTR must be able to drill with low density, compressible drilling fluids. The MCTR design will facilitate quick reel or coiled tubing changes in the field.

2. *Self contained "zero discharge" drilling mud system.* The mud system may be truck, trailer or skid mounted and meet USDOT limitations. If skid mounted it will be helitransportable. The mud system may be more than one load. The mud system will be compatible with the MCTR. The mud system will be able to mix, circulate downhole, clean and hold diesel or water based drilling mud. The mud system will have a minimum 200 bbl total capacity with active, reserve and trip tanks. The mud pump will be from a standard oilfield equipment manufacturer and be capable of circulating 15 gpm at 5,000 psi and 500 gpm at 1,000 psi. The mud system will have a solids control system capable of continuously separating the drill solids and "fine" low gravity drill solids. The mud system must be compatible with an underbalanced drilling system.

3. *Microhole Coiled Tubing Bottom Hole Assemblies.* MWD, LWD, DA and PDM suitable for drilling 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " boreholes. Applications may be for all or any portion of these Bottom Hole Assemblies.

4. *Microhole Cementing Equipment.* Cementing float shoe, collar, wiper plugs and cement head/plug launcher for 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", 2" and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " coiled tubing.

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Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 5, 2003.

Take notice that on August 29, 2003, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (Cove Point) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 11, with an effective date of October 1, 2003.

Cove Point states that the purpose of this filing is to correct the daily rates for capacity release for Rate Schedules FPS-1, FPS-2, FPS-3, and LTD-1.

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 § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 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 (FERRIS) 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 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.

Protest Date: September 10, 2003.

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