

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplement to the 1997 Environmental Impact Statement for the Yuma Training Range Complex****AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy intends to prepare a Supplement to the 1997 Environmental Impact Statement for the Yuma Training Range Complex to evaluate the cumulative impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn, an endangered species, of Marine Corps actions when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding preparation of the SEIS may be directed to: Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132–5190 (Attn: Ms. Deb Theroux).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deb Theroux, telephone (619) 532–3348, fax (619) 522–2648, E-Mail therouxde@efds.w.navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Marine Corps completed an environmental impact statement (EIS) in 1997 addressing its military aviation and associated training impacts on the Yuma Training Range Complex. This complex includes the Barry M. Goldwater Range, AZ, which contains habitat for the Sonoran Pronghorn.

On February 12, 2001, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia found that the cumulative impact analysis in the 1997 Yuma Training Range Complex EIS was deficient in that it failed to provide sufficient analysis of cumulative impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.7. The Court remanded the matter to the Marine Corps for further consideration of such impacts.

Accordingly, the Department of the Navy is preparing a Supplement to the EIS, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.9(c), that will evaluate the cumulative impacts on the Sonoran pronghorn of Marine Corps actions when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions.

Dated: April 18, 2001.

Duncan Holaday,*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities).*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Program Interest (NOPI)****AGENCY:** Office of Isotopes for Medicine and Science, Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of Program Interest to the Public.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Isotopes for Medicine and Research, Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) solicits responses for development and demonstration programs for long-term improvements in accelerator and/or reactor production of Ac-225/Bi-213 generators for use in diagnosis and therapy of cancer, and other infectious diseases or other innovative medical applications. The Department wishes to encourage development in these areas by providing resources in a cooperative partnering arrangement for the required development/demonstration programs.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about April 20, 2001. Any questions must be submitted to the below address by May 1, 2001. Applications are due May 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The complete solicitation document will be available on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Home Page at <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov> as solicitation number DE–SC05–01OR22872. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted at the IIPS site on the Internet and prospective proposers are responsible for checking the IIPS site for amendments or any additional changes to the solicitation as that is the only place that they will be posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth L. Holt, Contract Specialist, at 865–576–0783, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831–8759; by facsimile at 865 241–2549; or by e-mail at holtbl@oro.doe.gov or John J. McClure, Program Manager, Office of Isotopes for Medicine and Science, at 301–903–5460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Isotopes for Medicine and Science is soliciting responses to this Notice of Program Interest for development and demonstration programs for long-term improvements in accelerator and/or reactor production of Ac-225/Bi-213

generators. Researchers throughout the United States are assessing alpha-emitting radioisotopes that can destroy cancer cells and reduce tumors. Bi-213 has been effective in killing leukemia cells and shows promise in cancer therapy. The Department's objectives in this effort are to: (1) Develop an assured future supply of Bi-213; (2) maximize private involvement and investment with the long term objective of commercialization; (3) minimize future Government involvement. The Department wishes to encourage the private sector to be involved in the large scale production of these generators by providing resources in a cooperative partnering arrangement for the required development/demonstration programs. The Department's financial assistance awards under this solicitation will be funded through cooperative agreements. The Department has \$225,000 in FY 2001 to be divided among up to three awards depending on the concepts presented that best achieve our objectives. It is anticipated that a total of \$300,000 will be available in each of the two subsequent years. The purchase of equipment and supplies will be acceptable based on reasonableness and contribution to the project. Applications will be subject to peer review by the Department's representatives. Members that participate in a submission or whose institutions are submitting a proposal must resolve conflict-of-interest concerns. Awards may be renewed upon submittal of an application prior to the original end date. Awards will be administered under the policies of the Department. The solicitation is available through the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>. Dissemination of the solicitation, receipt of applications, evaluations, and the notice of award will occur in a paperless environment. To get more information about IIPS and to register your organization, go to <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>. Follow the link on the IIPS home page to the Secure Services Page. Registration is a prerequisite to the submission of an application, and applicants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. When registering, all applicants should use the same North American Industry Classification System number 325412. A help document, which describes how IIPS works, can be found at the bottom of the Secure Services Page.

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Charles D. Crowe,

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Oak Ridge Operations Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-154-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

April 19, 2001.

On April 13, 2001, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135, filed in Docket No. CP01-154-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Rules and Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Maritimes: (i) To place in service, on a full-time basis, a compressor unit which is currently installed for use on a stand-by basis at Maritimes' existing compressor station site in Richmond, Maine; (ii) to connect, place in service and operate a second compressor unit currently on site and stored within an existing compressor station building in Baileyville, Maine; and (iii) to construct, install, and operate any auxiliary facilities at these compressor stations necessary to place these compressor units in service. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Maritimes, along with its Canadian pipeline affiliate, operates a high pressure natural gas delivery system that transports natural gas in international commerce from a point near Goldboro, Nova Scotia to the Canadian-United States border and through the northeastern states of Maine and New Hampshire, with a terminus in Dracut, Massachusetts. Maritimes states that the proposed facilities will provide additional system flexibility and reliability and eliminate system bottlenecks for Maritimes' existing shippers. It also will enable Maritimes to accommodate additional flows of gas from the existing production fields located offshore Nova Scotia. The proposed compressor units have a nominal rating of 8,311 (HP) (NEMA) each. The new compressor units will

increase the design capacity of 360,575 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) to 440,000 Dth/d. Maritimes states that there are no additional land requirements associated with the proposed project. All project components are located on lands, and within compressor station buildings, currently owned and used by Maritimes.

The estimated cost of Maritimes' proposed project is approximately \$11.7 million. Maritimes states that there is no subsidy issue with respect to this application because: (i) The cost of the unit at Richmond is already reflected in rate base, (ii) Maritimes' rates are currently capped and will continue to be capped until at least November 30, 2004, at \$0.715 per dth on a 100 percent load factor basis, and (iii) the rate on a rolled-in basis, giving consideration to the costs associated with the proposed facilities, will not increase above current levels.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed project should be directed to Joseph F. McHugh, Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs, M&N Management Company, 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135.

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 May 10, 2001, 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 determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing

comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments, protests, and intervention 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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