

Laboratory (EMSL). Bioremediation activities are centered on the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) program, a basic research program focused on determining the conditions under which bioremediation will be a reliable, efficient, and cost-effective technique. This subprogram also includes basic research in support of pollution prevention, sustainable technology development and other fundamental research to address problems of environmental contamination.

Program Contact: (301) 903-3281.

(d) Environmental Processes

The program seeks to understand the basic physical, chemical, and biological processes of the Earth's atmosphere, land, and oceans and how these processes may be affected by energy production and use. The research is designed to provide data that will enable an objective assessment of the potential for and consequences of global warming at global and regional scales. The program is comprehensive with an emphasis on understanding and simulating the radiation balance from the surface of the Earth to the top of the atmosphere (including the effect of clouds, water vapor, trace gases, and aerosols) and on enhancing the quantitative models necessary to predict possible climate change at global and regional scales.

The Climate Change Technology (CCT) research seeks the understanding necessary to exploit the biosphere's natural carbon sequestration processes to enhance the sequestration of carbon dioxide in terrestrial systems and the ocean and to understand its potential environmental implications. The CCT includes research that can lead to the development of approaches to reduce or overcome the environmental and biological factors or processes that limit the sequestration of carbon in these systems to enhance the net sequestration of carbon in terrestrial and ocean systems. The research includes studies on terrestrial and ocean carbon sequestration and disposal, including research to modify the carbon sequestration capacity and rate by marine and terrestrial organisms and to understand the potential environmental implications of purposeful policies intended to enhance the natural sequestration of carbon in terrestrial and marine systems and/or dispose of carbon by deep ocean injection.

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6. Energy Research Analyses

This program supports energy research analyses of the Department's

basic and applied research activities. Specific objectives include assessments to identify any duplication or gaps in scientific research activities, and impartial and independent evaluations of scientific and technical research efforts. Consistent with these overall objectives, this program conducts numerous research studies to assess directions in science and to identify and assess new and improved approaches to science management.

Program Contact: (202) 586-9942.

7. Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

The objective of the EPSCoR program is to enhance the capabilities of EPSCoR states to conduct nationally competitive energy-related research and to develop science and engineering manpower to meet current and future needs in energy-related fields. This program addresses basic research needs across all of the Department of Energy research interests. Research supported by the EPSCoR program is concerned with the same broad research areas addressed by the Office of Science programs that are described in this notice. The EPSCoR program is restricted to applications, which originate in nineteen states (Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming) and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It is anticipated that only a limited number of new competitive research grants will be awarded under this program subject to the availability of funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-113-000]

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

December 1, 2000.

Take notice that on November 22, 2000, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 707 and First Revised

Sheet No. 708, to be effective on January 1, 2001.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to revise the phone number of the person to whom complaints should be directed regarding Algonquin's compliance with the Commission's gas marketing affiliate rules and to provide for the posting on Algonquin's Internet Web site of information regarding shared operating employees and shared facilities, as well as any physical office space barriers and card key protections that may be necessitated by virtue of shared office space, consistent with Commission precedent.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing has been mailed to all affected customers 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests 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>.

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Secretary.

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Algonquin LNG, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 1, 2000.

Take notice that on November 22, 2000, Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG)