

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Evaluation Process**

Applications will undergo several stages of review: administrative review, stewardship/ICF review, and scientific/technical review. The administrative review assures that the application is complete, has been signed by an authorized official, and is consistent with national security and export laws. The stewardship relevance review will be performed by a panel consisting of representatives from the three weapons laboratories who will evaluate whether applications fall within the scope of the grant program. Independent scientific/technical peer reviewers will evaluate applications on their merit, will score them against an established set of criteria. The DOE selection official will be Christopher J. Keane, Associate Director, Office of Inertial Fusion and the NIF Project.

Scientific / Technical Merit Evaluation Criteria

The following evaluation criteria are listed in relative order of importance.

- (1) Scientific/technical merit and significance of the research.
- (2) The feasibility of plans for carrying out the proposed research considering such factors as appropriateness of the proposed method or approach, facility compatibility, other commitments, competition, and timing.
- (3) Impact on stewardship mission.
- (4) Adequacy of proposed resources and interest of the applicant institution.
- (5) Research performance, capability and future promise of the investigator(s).
- (6) Reasonableness and appropriateness of proposed budget.

Representative Research Areas

Under this solicitation, DOE will consider applications for unclassified research in inertial fusion science that is relevant to stockpile stewardship. Both theoretical and experimental proposals are encouraged. Examples of areas of research (and some subfields) eligible for support under this financial assistance program are:

Hydrodynamics—fluid instabilities, behavior of complex systems;

Radiative properties and atomic physics—dense plasma behavior, plasma spectroscopy, radiative transfer, opacity;

Plasma physics—interpenetrating plasmas, plasma streaming in magnetic fields, laser-plasma instabilities, beam-plasma interactions, high-energy-density plasmas;

Material properties—equation of state, extreme high temperature and high

pressure regimes, material/radiation interactions;

Development of Diagnostics—particle (neutron and charged particle), spectroscopic (e.g. x-ray);

Computational Physics—radiation-hydrodynamics codes, material-radiation interactions new modeling techniques.

Facility Use

For applicants who propose the use of facilities at one of the ICF laboratories, arrangements will need to be made with the specific laboratory. Potential applicants should contact the appropriate laboratory directly to discuss any facility-related concerns and to determine the laboratory's procedures and schedule for submittal of a facility use proposal. The laboratory's review of facility use proposals for acceptability will take place prior to the DOE selection.

Preapplication

Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a preapplication consisting of one to five pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment. The purpose of the preapplication is (1) to provide some feedback to applicants on the relevance of their ideas to the program, and (2) to give DOE an idea of the number of full applications to expect. A preapplication should include cover-page information and a brief (1 to 5 page) project description. The cover page should include: a statement that the document is a preapplication; principal investigator's (PI) name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address; name and address of PI's organization; and title of the project. The project description should include the following, as appropriate: a description of the proposed research; a statement of its importance; an explanation of methodology and equipment needs, including ICF facility use; anticipated results; a project schedule with estimated completion date; cost-share and total project cost information. Confidential or proprietary information is discouraged, but any such information must be clearly marked. Attachments or enclosures submitted with the preapplication will not be reviewed.

Preapplications will be reviewed relative to the goals of the grant program and the DOE will respond with a letter informing the applicant whether or not the proposed work is within the bounds of the program. Preapplications are not required, but are encouraged. Preapplications referencing DE-FG03-97DP00167, should be submitted by

May 1, 1997 to: Office of Inertial, DP-18, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn.: Grant Program, or submitted electronically to: ann.satsangi@dp.doe.gov.

(The Catalogue of Federal Assistance number for this program is 81.112.)

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Anthony A. Pino,

Director, Program Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-323-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 7, 1997.

Take notice that on April 1, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (N.A.) (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) and Columbia's authorization in Docket No. CP83-76-000, for authorization to relocate two existing points of delivery to New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) to a single location, to abandon by sale to NYSEG 18.2 miles of 6-inch and 8-inch pipeline and appurtenances located in Cattaraugus, Delaware and Tioga Counties, New York, and to abandon by retirement 0.6 mile of 6-inch and 8-inch pipeline located in Cattaraugus County, New York, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity is deemed to be authorized effective on the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest

is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. QF94-147-002]

Grays Ferry Cogeneration Partnership; Notice of Amendment to Filing

April 7, 1997.

On April 2, 1997, Grays Ferry Cogeneration Partnership (Applicant) tendered for filing a supplement to its filing in this docket. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

The supplement provides additional information pertaining primarily to the technical operation of the cogeneration facility.

Any person desiring to be heard or objecting to the granting of qualifying status should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests must be filed by April 17, 1997, and must be served on the Applicant. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a petition to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER95-19-011]

Northwest Regional Transmission Association; Notice of Filing

April 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 14, 1997, Northwest Regional Transmission Association tendered for filing a Notice of Withdrawal of its Member Signature Pages for Public Utility District No. 1, of Franklin County, WA, and Public Utility District No. 1, of Benton County.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 17, 1997. 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC96-19-003, ER96-1663-003, ER97-2358-000, ER97-2364-000, and ER97-2355-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Filings

April 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Southern California Edison company (Edison), San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), (collectively the Companies), and the Trustee for the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO Trustee), tendered several filings to implement the comprehensive restructuring of the

California electric marketplace, and responding to the Commission's orders dated November 26 and December 18, 1996, in Docket Nos. EC96-19-000 and ER96-1663-000.¹

Docket Nos. EC96-19-003 and ER96-1663-003

In Docket No. EC96-19-003 and ER96-1663-003, the ISO Trustee filed, among other things, the Independent System Operator's (ISO) organizational and governance documents, the ISO's Operating Agreement and Tariff, the Transmission Control Agreement and other materials and explanations required by the Commission as a condition to the transfer of operational control of transmission facilities in the State of California from the Companies to the ISO. The ISO Trustee's Power Exchange (PX) filign in this docket includes, among other things, the PX's organizational and governance documents, the PX's Operating Agreement and Tariff and other materials and explanations required by the Commission.

Also in Docket Nos. EC96-19-003 and ER96-1663-003, the Companies tendered for filing a Pro Forma Transmission Owner's Tariff. The Companies state that the Transmission Owner's Tariff, in conjunction with the tariff and agreements submitted by the ISO Trustee, contains the rate methodology, and certain terms and conditions related to transmission service provided over the Companies' facilities over which the ISO will have operational control. The Companies request that the Commission review the Pro Forma terms and conditions of the Transmission Owner's Tariff in this proceeding, and the utility-specific rates in the Companies' respective Section 205 tariff proceedings.

The Companies also submitted with the filing their joint response to certain questions raised by the Commission in its Phase I orders in this proceeding.

PG&E filed individually a Phase II market power filing and a response to the Commission regarding PG&E's proposed treatment of existing contracts. SDG&E filed individually a response to the Phase I orders consisting of a supplemental report concerning mitigation of market power and a description of how certain existing contracts will be administered after January 1, 1998. Edison filed

¹ Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company, 77 FERC ¶ 61,204 (1996); Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company, 77 FERC ¶ 61,265 (1996) (Phase I Orders).