

implementation; provide for monitoring of construction and excavation operations by a qualified archaeologist and a Native American observer; and should archaeological resources be encountered during construction, halt all work until a qualified archaeologist is consulted to determine if the resources are significant and whether excavation or protection of resources is required. The California SHPO concurs with this approach.

Analysis of air emissions that would occur during construction and operation of the percolation ponds determined that these emissions will be below *de minimis* levels and that the project conforms with the State Implementation Plan for air quality.

A Coastal Consistency Negative Determination was prepared for this project and it concluded that the proposed action is being carried out in a manner consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the California Coastal Management Plan. The California Coastal Commission concurs with this determination.

Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement began with a public scoping process to identify issues that should be addressed in the document. Involvement in scoping was offered through a combination of documented public announcements and meetings with State of California agencies. Public announcements were handled through scoping letters sent to Federal, State, and local governmental agencies, citizen groups and associations, and the general public. Also, a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published in local newspapers and the **Federal Register**. A public scoping meeting was held on December 17, 1992 in Oceanside, California.

The Notice of Availability of the DEIS appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1996. The DEIS was distributed to agencies and officials of Federal, State and local governmental agencies, citizens groups and associations, public libraries and other interested parties. The public review period for the DEIS was from September 6, 1996 through October 22, 1996. Comments received on the DEIS focused on alternatives analysis, endangered species and wetlands issues. The FEIS addressed these comments and was distributed to officials of Federal, State and local governmental agencies, citizens groups and associations, public libraries and to other interested parties on February 7, 1997. No comments were received on the FEIS.

The Department of the Navy believes that there are no outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to this project. Questions regarding the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to Mr. Lupe E. Armas, Assistant Chief of Staff, Environmental Security, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5008, telephone (619) 725-4512.

Dated: April 17, 1997.

Duncan Holaday,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Rocky Flats Field Office; Notice of Intent To Solicit Applications Competitiveness for Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to solicit competitive applications/proposals for financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The Rocky Flats Field Office (RFFO) of the Department of Energy is entrusted to contribute to the welfare of the nation by providing the scientific foundation, technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality, and a secure National defense. RFFO intends to fund a series of grants in special emphasis programs to encourage programs to train Native American, African American, Hispanic American, Asian-Pacific American, Women and Disabled students to pursue training in the fields of sciences and engineering; and to fund local community projects contributing to diversity-related programs.

DATES: Applications may be submitted at any time within 30 days from the date of this announcement. Applications received within 30 days from the date of this announcement, will be considered; applications received after that date may or may not be considered depending on the status of proposal review and selection.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Contracts and Assets Division, P.O. Box 928, B460, Golden, Colorado 80402-0928.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Johnson, Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office, P.O. Box 928, B460, Golden, Colorado 80402-0928,

(303) 966-9734 for application forms and additional information. Completed applications or proposal must be sent to the addresses heading.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There has been no previous DOE RFFO solicitation/award made under this program. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications/proposals. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications/proposals submitted in response to this notice.

Availability of Fiscal Year 1997 Funds

With this publication; DOE RFFO is announcing the availability of up to \$500,000 in grant funds for fiscal year 1997. RFFO anticipates that six or less grants will be made for a total not to exceed \$500,000. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Projects may cover a period of up to 3 years.

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the purposes of funding under this notice include organizations residing in Colorado proposing to implement minority science and engineering projects in Colorado as described in the summary section of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to propose project cost-sharing or sharing of inkind services or resources. The awards will be made through a competitive process to organizations and institutions located in the State of Colorado. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.502.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Department of Energy RFFO representatives. Successful proposal(s) will be selected on the opinion of panel members of proposals most able to meet the objectives listed in the summary section of this announcement and best able to meet the needs of this office.

DOE RFFO hereby reserves the right to fund, in part or whole, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this request. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications. Applicants should allow approximately 90 days for DOE evaluation. The status of any application during the evaluation and selection process will not be discussed with applicants. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on April 10, 1997.

Hugh G. Miller,

Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR97-9-000]

AIM Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

April 16, 1997.

Take notice that on April 7, 1997, AIM Pipeline Company (AIM) filed, pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a rate of 27.31¢ per MMBtu for interruptible transportation services performed under Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

AIM's petition states that it is an intrastate pipeline within the meaning of Section 2(16) of the NGPA in the State of Mississippi. AIM owns pipeline facilities in the State of Mississippi, which are subject to this petition, which consist of approximately 560 miles of 4-inch through 20-inch transmission and lateral lines, 44 meters at 25 delivery points, and 5 compressor stations in the State of Mississippi. The Commission had previously approved maximum rates for AIM's interruptible transportation service of 25.70¢ per MMBtu delivered. This rate for interruptible transportation service was approved by the Commission in the March 27, 1995, letter order issued in Docket No. PR95-10-000.

Pursuant to § 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the proposed rate for transportation service will be deemed fair and equitable. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentations of views, data, and arguments. Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 384.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission or before May 1, 1997. The petition for rate

approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP-97-156-000]

Hopkinton LNG Corporation; Notice of Site Inspection and Technical Conference, Hopkinton LNG Project

April 16, 1997.

On May 12, 1997, the Office of Pipeline Regulation environmental staff will meet at 1:00 pm with representatives of Hopkinton LNG Corporation at the Westborough, Massachusetts Marriott Hotel to conduct a cryogenic design and engineering review of the LNG facility. The Marriott Hotel is located at 5400 Computer Drive; Westborough, MA 01581. The discussion will initially be limited to the staff and members of the applicant's staff who have expertise in the given topics. Other attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions on the above issues after the initial discussions have concluded.

On May 13, 1997, the staff will conduct an inspection of the Hopkinton LNG Facility and surrounding area, commencing at approximately 8:30 am. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

For any further information on the site visit or the technical conference, call Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1611.

Warren Edmunds,

Acting Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-199-000]

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

April 16, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on April 22, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, for the purposes of exploring the possible settlement of the referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c) or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b) is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Kathleen M. Dias at (202) 208-0524 or Russell B. Mamone at (202) 208-0744.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-22-004]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

April 16, 1997.

Take notice that on April 1, 1997, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective April 1, 1997:

Substitute Original Sheet Number 248E
Substitute Original Sheet Number 248G
Substitute First Revised Sheet Number 257
Substitute Original Sheet Number 300A
Original Sheet Number 300A.01

Northern Border states that the filing is in compliance with the Commission's order, issued March 26, 1997, in the above-referenced docket. Northern Border further states that the March 26, 1997 order required Northern Border to resubmit the above-referenced revised tariff sheets to include specific Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) business standard language or to incorporate the entire GISB definition by reference.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211. All such protests should be filed on or before April 22, 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.