

or awarded. Not only would the disclosure of such data implicate proscriptions set forth in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, but also such disclosure would significantly frustrate a proposed agency action. Specifically, disclosure of the Subcommittee's discussion prematurely, including contract specifications and government cost estimates, could affect private decisions made by the contractor which might damage the financial interests of the government as a whole, by, for example, increasing the costs to the government, and might make it impossible for the two sides to reach agreement. Such matters are protected by exemption 9B of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities of this closed meeting and other related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the Section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** The Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice for 1998 State Energy Program special projects.

**SUMMARY:** As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 1998, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for a group of special project activities. Funding is being provided by a number of end-use sector programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States that are awarded funding for special projects will carry out their projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP, with the special

projects funding and activities tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the programs providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects activities are to assist States to: Accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

**DATES:** The program guidance/solicitation is expected to be December 5, 1997. Applications must be received by February 14, 1998.

#### ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Faith Lambert at the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fiscal year 1998 is the third year special project activities are funded in conjunction with the State Energy Program (10 CFR part 420). Most of these State-oriented special projects are related to or based on similar efforts that have been funded separately by the various DOE end-use sector programs that are now providing funding for these optional SEP activities.

#### Availability of Fiscal Year 1998 Funds

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of \$11.825 million in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 1998. The awards will be made through a competitive process. The end-use sector programs that are participating in the SEP special projects for fiscal year 1998, with the estimated minimum amount of funding available for each, are as follows:

- **Clean Cities:** Accelerating the introduction and increasing the use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles through the development of infrastructure and clean corridors (\$2.0 million).
- **Federal Energy Management Program:** Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal and State buildings (\$975,000).

- **Industrial Programs:** Accelerating industrial and clean production opportunities with regional industries through the programs of the Industrial Alliance (Inventions and Innovation, NICE<sup>3</sup>, Industrial Assessment Centers, Motor Challenge, Climate Wise, and Steam Partnership. (\$2.35 million)

- **Rebuild America:** Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1.0 million).

- **Codes and Standards:** Supporting States' actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$4.0 million).

- **Utility Technologies:** Projects to demonstrate and increase utilization of renewable energy sources, such as biomass, geothermal heat pumps, hydrogen technology, photovoltaics for utility scale applications, and wind energy (\$1.5 million).

#### Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing or matching contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing or matching contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

#### Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the respective participating end-use sector programs in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. A decision as to the applications selected for funding will then be made by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Building Technology, State and Community Programs, or designee, based on the findings of the technical merit review and any stated program policy factors. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole

or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586-2319.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 28, 1997.

**Joseph Romm,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4745-000]

#### Alpena Power Marketing, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 1, 1997.

Alpena Power Marketing, L.L.C. (Alpena Marketing) filed an application for authorization to engage in the wholesale sale and brokering of electric capacity and energy at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Alpena Marketing requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Alpena Marketing. On November 13, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's November 13, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (F):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Alpena Marketing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, Alpena Marketing is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object

within the corporate purposes of Alpena Marketing, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(F) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Alpena Marketing's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 15, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-81-000]

#### Colt Electric Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 1, 1997.

Colt Electric Corporation (Colt) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Colt will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Colt also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Colt requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Colt.

On November 17, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Colt 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 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Colt is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any

security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Colt's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 17, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER98-33-000 and EL98-9-000]

#### Enron Power Marketing, Inc.; Order Accepting Rate Schedule for Filing, as Modified, Granting Waiver of Notice, and Announcing Policy Concerning Reassignment of Transmission Capacity by Power Marketers

Before Commissioners: James J. Hoecker, Chairman; Vicky A. Bailey, and William L. Massey

Issued November 28, 1997.

In this order, we accept for filing Enron Power Marketing, Inc.'s (Enron Marketing's) proposed rate schedule for reassignment of transmission rights, subject to certain modifications. We also inform all power marketers of an amendment to their existing rate schedules pertaining to reassignment of transmission rights, and waive the prior notice and filing requirements with respect to reassignments of transmission capacity by power marketers.

#### Background

On October 3, 1997, Enron Marketing submitted for filing a proposed tariff for the sale, assignment, or transfer of transmission rights procured under any open access transmission rate schedule by Enron Marketing on the transmission system of any transmission provider.

Enron Marketing's rate schedule provides that the charges for such transmission service would be capped at