

Eligible Applicants: Any designated State agency (DSA) that does not currently have a project funded under this program and is authorized to provide rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind is eligible for an award under this notice.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 15, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 14, 1998.

Applications Available: March 25, 1998.

Available Funds: \$40,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$40,000.

Estimated Average Size of Award: \$40,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 367.

Priority: The priority in the notice of final priority for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1994 (59 FR 66616), applies to this competition.

For Applications or Information Contact: Raymond Melhoff, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3327 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone: (202) 205-9320. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-8243.

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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 796f.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-55-000]

Lee Banks, D.B.A. Banks Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment and Relief

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Lee Banks, D.B.A. Banks Oil Company (Banks), filed a petition for relief of all the refund requests covering his well included in the Northern Natural Gas Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company and Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Companies) statement of Refunds Due, with the Exception of the Loewen "C" well (Panhandle). It is stated that this request is being based on hardship privileges as referenced in an Order Denying Rehearing and an Order clarifying Procedure wherein denial of relief would cause the applicant special hardship, inequity, or unfair distribution of burden (NGPA Section 502(c) and 385.1104 of the Commission's Regulations).

Banks states that he has pursued adjustment with each pipeline company and has put in escrow \$34,154.12, as the disputed amount covering his working and royalty interest on the Loewen "C" well which is the only well remaining of all wells which can justify any payment and would take years to recover. It is also stated that the three remaining well are marginal wells along with ten well which are either plugged, or will be plugged, or have been lost to the Department of Interior. Banks also states that he has unsuccessfully

attempted to contact and advise other royalty owners of their respective obligations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boerger,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-24-000]

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Cabot) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting an extension of the March 9, 1998, deadline established for first sellers to remit refunds of Kansas ad valorem taxes ("Tax" or "Taxes") to their pipeline purchasers, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, GP97-5-000, and RP97-369-000.² Cabot's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals³ directed first sellers

¹ 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).

under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission issued a January 28, 1998 order in Docket No. RP98-39-001, *et al.* (January 28 Order),⁴ clarifying the refund procedures, stating that producers could request additional time to establish the uncollectability of royalty refunds, and that first seller may file requests for NGPA section 502(c) adjustment relief from the refund requirement and the timing and procedures for implementing the refunds, based on the individual circumstances applicable to each first seller.

Cabot (as well as a predecessor-in-interest) has received Statements of Refunds Due ("Statements") from two of its then pipeline purchasers for Tax reimbursements received in conjunction with sales of Kansas natural gas for the period October 3, 1983 through June 28, 1988. Cabot is in the process of reviewing such Statements to determine their accuracy, as well as to address various other issues concerning whether Cabot, in fact, owes all or only a portion of such Tax refunds. Cabot's review includes whether such refund amounts are "uncollectible" pursuant to the standard set forth by the Commission. To date, Cabot has not completed its review of the Statements.

Cabot also is aware that numerous issues are either pending rehearing before the Commission, or for which appellate review has been sought. Cabot believes that these issues could, depending on their ultimate disposition, directly impact, and possibly significantly decrease, Cabot's Tax refund obligation.

Accordingly, to ensure that Cabot does not pay the Statements before their accuracy is verified and prior to these issues that are pending rehearing or appeal are finally resolved, Cabot is placing in escrow all invoiced amounts, together with interest, set forth in the Statements. Cabot also is requesting that the Commission grant Cabot an extension beyond March 9, 1998, to determine the accuracy of the Statements and what, if any, involved amounts are, in fact, uncollectible or otherwise improperly or unlawfully invoiced.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to

intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-256-000]

Clear Creek Storage Company, L.L.C.; Notice of application

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 2, 1998, Clear Creek Storage Company, L.L.C. (Clear Creek), 180 East 100 South, P.O. Box 45601, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0601, filed in Docket No. CP98-256-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Clear Creek to construct and operate facilities necessary to convert a depleted gas production reservoir in Uinta County, Utah into a storage facility, all as more fully set forth in application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Clear Creek states that it is a limited liability corporation owned by two gas marketers, Questar Trading Company (QTC) and Montana Power Ventures Inc. (MPV) which own 75% and 25% of Clear Creek, respectively.

Clear Creek anticipates that the planned storage field will have approximately 4 bcf of working gas, 2 to 4 bcf of cushion gas, and projects injection and withdrawal rates of 35 Mmcf per day and 50 Mmcf per day, respectively. To convert the production field, Clear Creek proposes to install two 2,100 hp compressors, a liquid removal plant, and certain natural gas liquid and water tanks. Clear Creek also proposes to reinsulate and install heat tracing on an existing pipeline that connects the planned injection/withdrawal well to the compressors.

Clear Creek proposes to operate the storage field solely for the use of the two owners, QTC and MPV. The owners would use the storage capacity of the field to buy and market natural gas and manage their individual portfolios of natural gas supplies and customer demands. Because Clear Creek does not propose to offer open access service it is not requesting a blanket transportation certificate. Therefore, to the extent necessary, Clear Creek requests a waiver of any applicable open access requirement.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 8, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest 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). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all

⁴ 82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998).