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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of the SBDC Program**

A partnership exists between SBA and an SBDC. SBDCs offer training, counseling and other business development assistance to small businesses. Each SBDC provides services under a negotiated Cooperative Agreement with SBA, the general management and oversight of SBA, and a state plan initially approved by the Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds. An SBDC must operate according to law, the Cooperative Agreement, SBA's

regulations, the annual Program Announcement, and program guidance.

**Program Objectives**

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of states, academic institutions and the private sector to:

- (a) strengthen the small business community;
- (b) increase economic growth;
- (c) assist more small businesses; and
- (d) broaden the delivery system to more small businesses.

**SBDC Program Organization**

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC subcenters. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low cost resources as much as possible.

**SBDC Services**

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

**SBDC Program Requirements**

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statute, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) Locate subcenters so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) Open all subcenters at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
- (d) Maintain lists of private consultants at each subcenter.

Dated: July 28, 1999.

**John L. Gilman,**

*Acting Associate Administrator, Small Business Development Centers.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 3106]

**Finding of No Significant Impact: Penn Octane Corporation Pipelines at the Port of Brownsville, TX**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of a finding of no significant impact with regard to an application to construct, operate and maintain two pipelines to transport crude oil across the U.S.-Mexico border.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has conducted an environmental assessment of the proposed construction by Penn Octane Corporation of two pipelines to transport petroleum products crossing the international boundary near the Port of Brownsville, Texas. The purpose of these pipelines is to improve both the safety and economics of transporting liquid petroleum gas (LPG) and refined product from producers in the U.S. to consumers in Mexico. The pipelines will originate at the Penn Octane terminal located at the Port of Brownsville, Texas. The pipelines will be designed to transport up to 50,000 barrels of LPG and an equivalent amount of gasoline or diesel per day.

Four alternatives to the proposed action were considered, including three alternate pipeline routes, and a "no action" alternative which would result in the continued transport of LPG via tanker truck from Brownsville to Matamoros, Mexico.

The assessment concluded that there are no substantial impacts from the construction and normal operation of these pipelines. The proposed routing avoids populated areas in Cameron County to the maximum extent possible, and also shows no disproportionate impacts to minority or disadvantaged populations.

Environmental impacts of the proposed routing are minimized by the selection of a route which largely uses existing right-of-ways established for railroads, utility lines, drainage ditches, or roads. Disturbances to waterways to be crossed will be minimized by directionally drilling below resacas (oxbow lakes remaining from the Rio Grande delta) and the Rio Grande River. Additional engineering practices, such as coating, cathodic protection, automatic check valves and inventory

control, inspection, and hydrotesting will be incorporated into the project to minimize the risk of accident to the pipeline in the future.

Based on the environmental assessment, the Department of State has concluded that issuance of a Presidential Permit authorizing construction of the pipelines will not have a significant effect on the human environment within the United States. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, 40 CFR 1501.4 and 1508.13 and Department of State Regulations, 22 CFR 161.8(C), a finding of no significant impact is adopted and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PIPELINE PERMIT APPLICATION, CONTACT:** Bill Memler, Office of International Energy Policy, Room 3535, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-4557.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Penn Octane Corporation is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business in Redwood, California.

On May 20, 1999, the Department of State published a Notice of Application for a Presidential Permit in the **Federal Register**. No negative public comments were received and concerned agencies expressed no opposition to issuing the permit.

Dated: July 28, 1999.

**Peter Bass,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Tennessee Valley Authority (Executive Meeting No. 2).

**TIME AND DATE:** 9 a.m. (EDT), August 4, 1999.

**PLACE:** TVA Chattanooga Office Complex Auditorium, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### Agenda

New Business

Energy

C1. Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee for use of the provider network, medical claims

administration, medical management, and cost containment services.

C2. Contracts with ABB Combustion Engineering, Inc., Siemens/Westinghouse Power Corporation, Vistas Corporation, and Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, for outage services and parts at Sequoyah and Watts Bar Nuclear Plants.

C3. Contract with ABB Combustion Engineering Nuclear Power for replacement steam generators, with associated equipment and licensing support, for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Unit 1.

C4. Award of a cost-reimbursable contract to Parson Energy & Chemicals Group, Inc., to provide architect/engineering services to support TVA's in-house engineering staff.

C5. Award of a fixed-price contract with LaRoche Industries, Inc., to engineer and design an ammonia storage and supply facility and to supply ammonia for the selective catalytic reduction system at the Paradise Fossil Plant Units 1 and 2.

#### Information Items

1. Charter for the Regional Resource Stewardship Committee and designation of the Chief Operating Officer to complete the chartering process and appoint committee members.

2. Filing a condemnation cases concerning the Pinhook-Smyrna Transmission Line in Rutherford County, Tennessee; Montgomery-Wilson Tap to Coopertown Transmission Line in Robertson County, Tennessee; and Weaver-Young Cane Transmission Line in Union County, Georgia.

3. Filing of condemnation cases concerning Mt. Pleasant-A.E.D.C Tap to Lynchburg Transmission Line in Bedford County, Tennessee.

4. Concurrence by the Chairman with the Chief Administrative Officer's proposal to sell at public auction 1.47 acres of land at the former Bowling Green Power Service Center site in Warren County, Kentucky, Tract No. NM-7818.

5. Concurrence by the Chairman with the Chief Administrative Officer's proposal to modify a deed restriction affecting approximately 0.08 acre of former TVA land on Norris Lake in Campbell County, Tennessee, Tract No. XNR-154.

6. Concurrence by the Chairman with the Chief Administrative Officer's proposal to modify a release and grant of easement affecting approximately 6.13 acres of former TVA land on Norris Lake in Campbell County, Tennessee, a portion of Tract No. XNR-188;S-2.

Implementation of the results of negotiations with the Engineering

Association, Inc., over compensation for annual and hourly employees.

8. Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Transmission Power Supply Group, or a designated representative, to negotiate and execute a contract with Tennessee Technological University to implement a TVA Power Engineering Program.

9. Approval of renegotiation of coal supply contract with Pittston Coal Sales Corporation.

10. Delegation of authority to the Vice President, Fuel Supply and Engineering Services, or such officer's designee, to enter into a contract with Power River Coal Company for subbituminous coal for various TVA fossil plants.

11. Approval to award a 1-year contract extension with Ingersoll-Dresser Pump Company (IDP) for IDP pump parts at TVA's fossil plants.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: July 29, 1999.

**William L. Osteen,**

*Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Announcement of Selected Fiscal Year 1999 Projects for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) solicited competitive grants under the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program, authorized under Section 3037 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The solicitation was announced in the **Federal Register** of Friday, November 6, 1998, Vol. 63, No. 215, pp. 60168-60176. This notice announces the successful applicants for fiscal year (FY) 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Administrator for application-specific information and issues (Appendix A). For general program information, contact Doug Birnie, Office of Research Management, (202) 366-1666, email [douglas.birnie@fta.dot.gov](mailto:douglas.birnie@fta.dot.gov), or refer to