

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-14-007]

**Midwestern Gas Transmission
Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate
Filing**

May 26, 2000.

Take notice that on May 18, 2000, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), tendered for filing and acceptance a copy of an executed firm gas transportation service agreement pursuant to Midwestern's Rate Schedule FT-A between Midwestern and Dynegy Marketing and Trade (Dynegy) (Contract No. 33395); and a copy of an April 18, 2000 Firm Transportation Negotiated Rate Letter Agreement entered into by Midwestern and Dynegy for Contract No. 33395 (Letter Agreement). The filed Contract No. 33395 and the Letter Agreement reflect a negotiated rate arrangement between Midwestern and Dynegy (Negotiated Rate Arrangement). Midwestern seeks a June 1, 2000 effective date for the Negotiated Rate Arrangement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before June 1, 2000. 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 proceedings. 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
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[Docket No. RP00-297-000]

**Mississippi River Transmission
Corporation; Notice of Filing of Refund
Report**

May 26, 2000.

Take notice that on May 23, 2000, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) filed a refund report allocating to MRT's former firm sales customers an Account No. 858 refund amount MRT received from CMS Trunkline Gas Co. and Trunkline LNG Co., related the sale of these companies to an unaffiliated entity, CMS, and further related to the settlement in Docket Nos. RP87-15-036, RP92-122, *et al.*

MRT states that pursuant to 16.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of MRT's Tariff and based on established Account No. 191 and 858 allocations to its former jurisdictional sales customers, MRT is allocating to each customer its pro-rata share of the \$174,657 refund.

MRT states that a copy of this filing is being mailed to each of MRT's customers and to the state commissions of Arkansas, Illinois and Missouri.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[ER-FRL-6607-8]

**Environmental Impact Statements and
Regulations; Availability of EPA
Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 15, 2000 Through May 19, 2000 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65344-AK Rating EC2, Emerald Bay Timber Sale, Implementation, Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit, NPDES Permit, and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Cleveland Peninsula, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the lack of detailed information in the Environment and Effects chapter, the limited range of options covered in alternatives and that the alternatives were not completely developed and analyzed in the EIS. EPA recommends these issues be addressed in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65346-ID Rating EC2, Middle Fork Weiser River Watershed Project, Implementation of Vegetation Restoration, Landscape Fire Pattern and Watershed Restoration Objectives, Payette National Forest, Council Ranger District, Adams County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to water quality as well as the need for additional information on sediment delivery and other water quality related data.

ERP No. D-IBR-K39055-CA Rating, Salton Sea Restoration Project, Implementation, COE Section 404 Permit, Riverside and Imperial Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA concluded that the DEIS is inadequate and should be formally revised and reissued for public comment as a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). On the basis of the potential significant impacts involved, this proposal could be a candidate for referral to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The basis for EPA's

position is: (1) There are significant deficiencies in the environmental analysis, (2) the DEIS does not demonstrate that the project alternatives are feasible or sustainable or that they will achieve project objectives, (3) Salton Sea restoration should be evaluated within the context of the Lower Colorado River watershed, and (4) the project scope is too narrow.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-BLM-J02037-WY South Baggs Natural Gas Development Area, Proposal to Drill and Develop 50 Natural Gas Wells, Application for Permit to Drill and COE Section 404 Permit, Carbon County, WY.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-DOE-E06018-SC, Savannah River Site Spent Nuclear Fuel Management Plan, Implementation, Aiken County, SC.

Summary: EPA noted that the EIS provided a good explanation of the complex issues associated with this project, but the Agency has concerns about the project's cumulative environmental impacts.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6607-7]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed May 22, 2000 Through May 26, 2000 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000157, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, Rocky Mountain Front Mineral Withdrawal, Implementation, Helena and Lewis and Clark National Forests, Great Falls, MT, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Rick Prausa (406) 791-7720.

EIS No. 000158, FINAL EIS, HUD, CA, City of Monterey Park Project, Construction and Operation of the Monterey Park Towne Plaza, North of the Pomona Freeway and west of Paramount Boulevard, Los Angeles County, CA, Due: July 03, 2000, Contact: Ray Hanada (626) 307-1463.

EIS No. 000159, FINAL EIS, BLM, WY, Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas

Exploration and Development Natural Gas Wells Project, Implementation, Sublette County, WY, Due: July 05, 2000, Contact: Joe Patti (307) 775-6101. *EIS No. 000160, DRAFT EIS, FHW, WV,* Shawnee Highway Project, Construction between the Ghent Interchange of I-787 in the North and McDowell County 14 or McDowell County 17 in the South, Funding, McDowell, Raleigh and Wyoming Counties, WV, Due: July 28, 2000, Contact: Thomas J. Smith (304) 347-5928.

EIS No. 000161, DRAFT EIS, NPS, MA, Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, Implementation, General Management Plan, Boston, MA, Due: August 01, 2000, Contact: George Price (617) 223-8666.

EIS No. 000162, FINAL EIS, BLM, CA, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project, Proposal to Mine, Produce and Sell, "Split Estate" Private Owned and Federally Owned Lands, Transit Mixed Concrete, Los Angeles County, CA, Due: July 03, 2000, Contact: Elena Misquez (460) 251-4810.

EIS No. 000163, DRAFT EIS, COE, MS, Destination Broadwater Project, Proposed Redevelopment and Construction of a large-scale Casino Destination Resort in Biloxi, Approval of Permits for Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act and Section 404 of the CWA, Harrison County, MS, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Susan Ivester Rees (334) 694-4141.

EIS No. 000164, FINAL EIS, FAA, CT, Tweed-New Haven Airport Runway Safety Area and Taxiway Improvements, Safety Improvements to Runway 2/20 and Taxiways 'B' and 'E', Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, New Haven County, CT, Due: July 03, 2000, Contact: John Silva (781) 238-7602.

EIS No. 000165, DRAFT EIS, USN, HI, North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory Project, Reuse of Low Frequency Sound Source and Cable for Use in Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Research, Kauai, HI, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Dr. Jeff Simmen (703) 696-4204.

EIS No. 000166, DRAFT EIS, FTA, PA, North Shore Connector, Extending existing Light Rail Transit (LRT) System from Golden Triangle of downtown Pittsburgh to the North Shore, Funding, USCG Bridge Permit, NPDES Permit, and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Allegheny County, PA, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Robin Mayhew (215) 656-7100.

EIS No. 000167, FINAL EIS, FHW, NY, Albany Shaker Road and Watervliet Shake Road Improvement Project,

Construction and Reconstruction, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Town of Colonie, Albany County, NY, Due: July 03, 2000, Contact: Harold J. Brown (518) 431-4127.

EIS No. 000168, DRAFT EIS, AFS, ID, Starbuck Restoration Project, Implementation of Vegetative Treatment, Road Construction and Watershed Improvements, Nez Perce National Forest, Red River Ranger District, Idaho County, ID, Due: July 17, 2000, Contact: Kevin Martin (202) 842-2245.

EIS No. 000169, DRAFT EIS, AFS, NV, CA, Northern Sierra Amendment to the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management, To Unify and Revise Management Direction, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Douglas and Washoe Counties, NV and Alpine and Toulomne Counties, CA, Due: August 31, 2000, Contact: Dave Loomis (775) 882-2766.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6708-3]

Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of fiscal year 2000 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research (8703R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA