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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

**A. Lee Fritschler,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**
**Idaho Operations Office; Hydropower Turbine Technology: Cost-Shared Testing to Determine Biological Performance of Large Turbines**

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Program Interest (NPI) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID) is soliciting interest and comments for cost-shared testing of the biological performance of new hydropower turbine technology. The primary objective of this project is to determine the fish passage characteristics of the turbine technology and to verify the environmentally friendliness of the turbine. Qualified participants must own the rights to the turbine technology. The technology must also be advanced to the stage that hardware exists or can be readily constructed; *i.e.*, the equipment design has been completed. This project is limited to hydropower turbines which are greater than 1 MW. This work will be in support of the U.S. DOE Advanced Hydropower Turbine System Program.

**DATES:** The responses to this NPI should be received by November 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The NPI responses should not exceed two pages and should be

sent to the following address: U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563, ATTN: Peggy Brookshier, MS 1220, or e-mail: [brookspa@id.doe.gov](mailto:brookspa@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Depending on the availability of Program funding, approximately \$2.5 million for each of two years will be available to support at least one or more testing projects. DOE seeks a cost sharing goal of 50% on these new projects. However, the awardee will be required to provide a minimum of 30% cost share for the related testing activities. DOE's cost share is limited to work associated with measuring biological performance and cannot be used for facility construction or modifications. The testing portion of the work will be cost-shared between DOE and the awardee. The results of these projects will be made public through the publication of DOE reports. All cost sharing shall be in the form of cash or labor. DOE may request from the awardee additional procedure development, equipment development testing, or testing support activities that may not be cost sharing by DOE.

The anticipated contract deliverables will include:

- (1) specification of testing protocol, criteria, guidelines, procedures, and plan;
- (2) documentation of the appropriate testing; and
- (3) analysis and reporting of the results.

An independent group may be assigned to review the reports and activities prior to their finalization.

Failure to respond to this notice will not disqualify anyone from participating in the solicitation, but those that do respond to this notice will be issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) and notification of related activities, if they indicate that desire. DOE is interested in the comments on the proposed solicitation, particularly with regard to the cost-share limitation. Expressions of interest and comments must be in writing; no telephone calls will be accepted. The expression of interest or comments should include the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of the primary contact person, and an indication of whether or not the respondent wishes to receive a copy of the RFP. **Do not send a proposal. This is not a request for proposals.** The RFP will not be open to DOE agencies or DOE national laboratories, and these agencies and laboratories will not be

allowed to participate as a potential team member in any responses.

Issued in Idaho Falls on October 12, 2000.

**Dallas L. Hoffer,**

*Contracting Officer, Procurement Services Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**
**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 14, 2000—8 a.m.—6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000—8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Public participation sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, November 14, 2000—12:15–12:30 p.m., 5:45–6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000—11:45–12 noon, 4–4:15 p.m.

These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses, please check with the meeting facilitator.

**ADDRESSES:** Ameritel Inn, 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL Cab Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, Phone (208) 522-1662 or visit the Board's Internet home page at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

**Tentative Agenda:** (Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting. Please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the CAB's Internet site at [www.ida.net/users/cab](http://www.ida.net/users/cab)).

Presentations on the following:

- Natural and biological resources at the INEEL
- Closure Plan for the New Waste Calcining Facility
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes perspectives and concerns regarding the INEEL

- Fiscal Year 2001 budget for DOE-ID
- DOE's budget process
- How DOE determines shipping schedules for radioactive waste

Briefings on the following:

- Preferred alternative for the Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement

- Status of Stage II at Pit 9

Presentation and Recommendation Finalization of the following:

- Proposed Plan for Groundwater Remediation at Test Area North

- Upcoming transition in DOE leadership and the role of the INEEL CAB

- Plans for rehabilitation/revegetation of burned areas on the INEEL

Discussion of the following:

- End states for Waste Area Group 7

**Public Participation:** This meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board facilitator either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board Chair at the address or telephone number listed above. Request must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Jerry Bowman, Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, Idaho Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Every individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL CAB Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402 or by calling (208) 522-1662.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 17, 2000.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-49-000]

#### Algonquin LNG, Inc., Notice of Request for Exemption

October 18, 2000.

Take notice that on October 13, 2000, Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG) submitted its filing in compliance with Order No. 587-L, Final Rule, issued on June 30, 2000, in Docket No. RM96-1-014, and the Commission's subsequent order granting clarification issued on September 28, 2000 in Docket No. RM96-1-016. The order granting clarification stated that "pipelines seeking an exemption from the imbalance trading requirement are required to file within 15 days of the order to show why they should not be required to implement imbalance trading."

ALNG states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of ALNG and interested state commissions.

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 October 25, 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).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-11-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

October 18, 2000.

Take notice that on October 13, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia, filed an application in Docket No. CP01-11-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon a storage injection/withdrawal well and an associated well line located in the Benton Storage Field, Vinton County, Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222).

Columbia proposes to abandon its storage injection/withdrawal Well No. 10238 and its associated Well Line No. SR-W10238, consisting of 0.27 mile of 2-inch pipeline. Columbia states that the physical condition of the storage well has deteriorated to the extent that an expensive repair or abandonment is required. Columbia also submits that the repairs would be uneconomic due to the poor performance of the well. Columbia also states that recent evidence of leakage from the well supports proposal for immediate abandonment.

Columbia indicates that the well line will no longer be needed after the well is abandoned. Columbia also states that no customers will be impacted by the proposed abandonment.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Fredric J. George at (304) 357-2359.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before October 30, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (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 parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a