

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****[DE-PS36-01GO90000]****Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development, and Demonstration; Hydrogen Technical Analysis**

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of request for financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Hydrogen Program of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is issuing a Supplemental Announcement (06) to the EERE Fiscal Year 2001 Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-01GO90000, dated November 27, 2000. Under this Supplemental Announcement 06, titled "Hydrogen Technical Analysis," DOE is seeking applications for technical analysis in two specific areas that can advance hydrogen production, storage, and utilization technologies. Analysis is requested in the areas of: (1) Gasification of certain materials followed by hydrogen production, and (2) hydrogen infrastructure development that may be enabled by the installation of fuel cells in federal buildings and in vehicles.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement on February 07, 2001. The closing date of the Supplemental Announcement is March 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html> under "Solicitations".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth H. Dwyer, Contracting Officer, at Facsimile 303-275-4788 or e-mail Beth_Dwyer@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE will undertake this effort under provisions of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996, Public Law 104-271.

DOE anticipates selecting up to three Applications for negotiation toward an award under this Supplemental Announcement. Each award will be a Cooperative Agreement with a term of one or two calendar years (crossing up to three fiscal years), depending on the area of analysis, as described in the Supplemental Announcement. A

minimum cost share of 20% of the total project cost is required for an Application to be considered for award under this Supplemental Announcement. Subject to availability, the total DOE cost share contribution for all awards is anticipated to be up to \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2001, \$400,000 in 2002, and \$200,000 in 2003. For each individual award, the maximum DOE cost share contribution is anticipated to be no more than \$150,000 per calendar year, or a total of \$300,000.

All information regarding the Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at the address identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on January 31, 2001.

Matthew A. Barron,

Contracting Officer, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****Superconductivity Program for Electric Power Systems**

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Supplemental Announcement 05 to the Fiscal Year 2001 Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DE-PS36-01GO90000.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for the DOE Superconductivity Partnership Initiative (SPI) Program. The selected applicants will receive financial assistance under a cooperative agreement with DOE.

DATES: Supplemental Announcement 05 will be issued February 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of Supplemental Announcement 05 once it is issued, interested parties must access the Golden Field Office Application, Award and Solicitation page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "solicitations" and then locate Supplemental Announcement 05. DOE does not intend to issue written copies of the Supplemental Announcement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, (EERE) is pursuing, through the issuance of this Supplemental Announcement, the development of a wide range of electric power and industrial equipment, incorporating significant high temperature superconductive (HTS) components or sub-systems through its Superconductivity Program. A minimum cost share of 50% of the total project cost is required for an Application to be considered for award under this Supplemental Announcement. DOE intends that its industry partners will be vertically integrated teams composed of equipment manufacturers, HTS wire and coil suppliers, component suppliers, and end users (primarily utilities). Applicant teams may avail themselves of the technical expertise and capabilities of the DOE National Laboratories via a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement. A laboratory could contribute specialized capabilities, facilities, or equipment to the project that would complement the partnership's needs. These teams would carry out the multi-year technology developmental efforts, consisting of design, construction, installation and testing phases. DOE anticipates that awards will be made to teams for projects ranging in size from hundreds of thousands of dollars to several million dollars per year and for project periods of up to four years. Subject to the availability of funds, it is anticipated that the DOE funding share for these efforts will be no more than \$5.5 million in the first year, and no more than \$9 million for each of the following 3 years. Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be cost-shared cooperative agreements between DOE and the prime of the industry-led team. Supplemental Announcement 05 will include complete information on the program including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, application evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting applications for funding. No pre-application conference is planned.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James McDermott, Contract Specialist, at 303-275-4732, e-mail jim_mcdermott@nrel.gov. Responses to questions will be made by amendment to the Supplemental Announcement and will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page listed above.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on February 5, 2001.

Jerry Zimmer,
Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC00-547-001, FERC-547]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

February 12, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission did not receive comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of September 5, 2001 (65 FR 53708-09) and has made a notation in this submission.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before March 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-547 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Report Requirements."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0084. The Commission is requesting reinstatement, without change, of the previously approved data collection for which approval expired July 31, 2000, and a three-year approval of the collection of data. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of Section 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Refund Reports are required to carry out the refund obligation policy in Section 4(e) of the NGA. Refunds are created due to the difference between pipeline rates collected and subject to refund and firm rates set by the Commission. The refunds are flowed through by the following means: (a) Pursuant to settlement agreements, and (b) legal requirements. The Commission uses the data to insure the pass-through to gas consumers of refunds that are required to correct rates charged by pipelines. The data provided by the respondents are used to monitor the progress that is being made to make those refunds and to assure that refunds are being made in compliance with the Commission's regulatory functions. The Commission is committed to insuring that refunds owed by pipelines, to their customers are made as expeditiously as possible, in order to hasten their ultimate pass-through to residential customers and other end-users. The data required to be filed for the refund report is specified by 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 154.501.

(5) *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 75 natural gas pipeline companies.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 5,625 total burden hours, 75 respondents, 75 responses annually, 1 hour per response.

Authority: Sections 4, 5 and 16 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. 717-717w).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-791-000]

Allegheny Energy Supply Conemaugh, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 12, 2001.

Allegheny Energy Supply Conemaugh, LLC (Allegheny Conemaugh) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Allegheny Conemaugh will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Allegheny Conemaugh also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Allegheny Conemaugh requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Allegheny Conemaugh.

On February 1, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, 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 Allegheny Conemaugh 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Allegheny Conemaugh 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 Allegheny Conemaugh'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 March 5, 2001.