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Dated: April 22, 2002.

**Susan B. Neuman,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the Advisory Council on Education Statistics.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES). Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** May 23-24, 2002.

**TIMES:** May 23, 2002—Full Council meeting, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; May 24, 2002—Full Council meeting 9 a.m.-1.

**LOCATION:** Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurence T. Ogle, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 9115, Washington, DC 20006

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES) is established under section 46(c)(1) of the Education Amendments of 1974, Public Law 93-380. The Council is established to review general policies for the operation of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) and is responsible for advising on standards to ensure that statistics and analyses disseminated by NCES are of high quality and are not subject to political influence. In addition, ACES is required to advise the Commissioner of NCES and the National Assessment Government Board on technical and statistical matters related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This meeting of the Council is open to the public, with the exception of budget discussions. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternate format) should notify Laurence T. Ogle at (202) 502-7426 by no later than May 15, 2002. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. The proposed agenda includes the following:

- Review of Division activity within NCES.
- Legislative and budget updates.
- Ethics training.
- New NCES Standards.
- Adult literacy standards.

Records are kept of Council proceedings and are available for public inspection. Records are also available for public inspection at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Laurence T. Ogle, Advisory Council on Education Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, 1900 K Street, NW., Room 9115, Washington, DC 20006.

**Grover J. Whithurst,**

*Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### National Energy Technology Laboratory

##### Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT15376 entitled "Advanced Technology Development by Independents for High Risk Domains." The Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of its National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO), seeks applications for cost-shared development and demonstration projects using advanced technologies that address specific high risk domains in the United States. The proposed project can address a technical risk that impacts the technology's full acceptance by the independents working in one of three areas; the shallow shelf Gulf of Mexico, Alaska and the Rocky Mountain Frontier. Or the proposed project can address the critical problems associated with exploration of these regions. The goal is to provide technical solutions to issues that are limiting domestic on-shore or off-shore oil exploration and production by independent oil producing companies while providing the same or higher levels of environmental protection expected under the law.

Applications will either address: (1) Existing Fields—established production areas of the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska and Rocky Mountain Frontier regions, or (2) Exploration—in the very complicated environments of the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska and Rocky Mountain Frontier regions.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> and on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about April 30, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keith R. Miles, Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, E-mail Address: [miles@netl.doe.gov](mailto:miles@netl.doe.gov), Telephone Number: 412-386-5984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Department of Energy's

Fossil Energy Oil Program is derived from the National need for increased oil production as a part of the national security, requirements for Federal Lands stewardship, and increased protection of the environment. The Oil Reservoir Life Extension Program supports those goals. In addition, the program supports the National Energy Policy goals to increase domestic oil and gas exploration through continued partnership with public and private entities and to promote enhanced oil and gas recovery from existing wells through new technology. By providing demonstrations of new technologies and approaches that improve the recovery and allow access and explorations to technologically difficult locations, the oil program will increase the domestic oil supply.

The Department of Energy Oil Program has, through funding by Congress focused on the needs of the Nation's independent oil operators. The Administration also addressed the needs of the independent oil producer in the National Energy Policy when they recognized that, "Small independent businesses account for 50–65% respectively of domestic petroleum and natural gas production in the lower 48 states." Independent operators have rapidly moved operations into regions that were traditionally explored and operated by the major oil companies. Recently the many of the Nation's independent producers placed in the ranks of the top 20 producing companies in the United States. They currently maintain 63% of the oil reserves and 62% of the oil production. They control 50% of the gas reserves and 52% of the gas production. In the Gulf of Mexico, one of the regions addressed under this solicitation, independent producers control 25% of the oil production. Alaska has received the attention of independent operators in recent years as these companies have taken on larger and larger leaseholds and operations responsibilities. Based on these figures, it is important that the independent producers use the most effective and advanced technologies in their operations to maximize production and protection of the environment and the resource. It is our intention to partner with the independents who are pushing into new areas of activity either by addressing under explored areas of the State of Alaska and the Rocky Mountain Frontier region, or by testing the newest technologies as they move into greater operations in the shallow offshore Gulf of Mexico and the other two higher risk regions of Alaska and the Rocky Mountains.

Projects do not need to be limited to one area of operations. They may address exploration, drilling and completion, well stimulation, enhanced oil recovery or other operational issues. They can involve several processes and seek to test a management process. The proposed project must however address the identified problems in such a way that evaluation of the success or failure can occur and the reasons can be attributed clearly to the technology or some other identified factor.

The proposed projects must contain a field demonstration.

The solicitation targets projects in three areas: shallow offshore Gulf of Mexico, Alaska, and Rocky Mountain Frontier. Projects will be accepted that address problems affecting independent exploration and production in these areas. The program is not intended to simply provide additional government funding to a proposed capital or venture project operated by an independent operator. Projects should describe how the proposed project expects to increase the oil and gas production in one of the three identified high risk regions. The goal is to assist the operator in testing new technology or processes and extending their expertise into these high risk domains in an effort to create a broader reserve base for the Nation using its own entrepreneurs. The two areas of interest for this solicitation are:

**Area of Interest 1—Existing Fields—**The projects in this area will promote the goals of the National Energy Policy to use new technology to promote enhanced oil and gas recovery in established production areas of the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska and Rocky Mountain Frontier regions. It addresses the technical risk associated with developing, testing and deploying a new technology under actual field conditions. This program provides the connection between the laboratory and the field and applications are expected to provide documentation of the need for this technology and the problem that it will address. The program allows continued development of a technology to create evolutionary improvements in performance and then the demonstration of such improvements in actual field conditions.

**Area of Interest 2—Exploration—**The projects in this area target the National Energy Policy goal of advancing new exploration methodologies and technology through the partnership with the independent producers conducting exploration in very complicated environments. The DOE will partner with independent producer in an effort to push the limits of standard exploration technologies and to improve

them. Applications are expected to describe the overall exploration problem in the exploration of deeper formations in the Shallow offshore Gulf of Mexico, the oil-prone areas of Alaska, or the Rocky Mountain Frontier and propose the technical solution to the identified problem. They should address the need of the independent operator with regard to this region and show that the project provides such a solution to the problem or problems.

DOE anticipates awarding approximately five (5) to seven (7) financial assistance (i.e., Cooperative Agreements) with a project performance period no less than three years in length and no more than five years in length. Approximately \$7.0 million of DOE funding is planned over a 3-year period for this solicitation. The proposed projects will contain a field demonstration and as such under the Energy Policy Act of 1992 a minimum of 50% cost share of the total estimated project cost is required. The maximum DOE share of an award will be \$1500K.

This competitive solicitation will be restricted to domestic independent operators. Moreover, for the purposes of this solicitation, an Independent operator shall be a non-integrated company which receives most of its revenue from crude oil or natural gas production at the wellhead. Independents are exclusively in the exploration and production segment of the industry with no retail outlets, marketing or refining operations. Applications submitted by or on behalf of (1) another Federal agency; (2) a Federally Funded Research and Development Center sponsored by another Federal agency; or (3) a Department of Energy (DOE) Management Operating (M&O) contractor will not be eligible for award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a DOE M&O contractor will be evaluated and may be considered for award subject to the provisions to be set forth in Program Solicitation DE-PS26-02NT15376. (**Note:** The limit on participation by an M&O contractor for an individual project under this solicitation cannot exceed 25% of the total project cost).

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will

only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA on April 19, 2002.

**Dale A. Siciliano,**

*Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 02-15-NG]

### Office of Fossil Energy; Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of order.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that on April 9, 2002, it issued DOE/FE Order No. 1765 granting Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership (MCV) authority to import up to 10,000 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada beginning on November 1, 2002, and extending through October 31, 2010. The gas will be imported from Anadarko Canada Corporation at Noyes, Minnesota. It will be used to generate electricity and process steam at a 1,370-megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined-cycle, cogeneration facility which MCV operates in Midland, Michigan.

This Order may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities Docket Room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0334, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room

is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, April 18, 2002.

**Yvonne Caudillo,**

*Acting Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG02-119-000, et al.]

#### Celerity Energy of Colorado, LLC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 19, 2002.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### 1. Celerity Energy of Colorado, LLC

[Docket No. EG02-119-000]

Take notice that on April 17, 2002, Celerity Energy of Colorado, LLC (Applicant), having its principal place of business at 8455 SW Halter Terrace, Beaverton, Oregon 97008, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

The Applicant, a Colorado limited liability company, seeks exempt wholesale generator status for its Networked Distributed Resource (ANDR) facilities. NDR facilities aggregate commercial and industrial standby generators to provide electric energy for sale at wholesale.

*Comment Date:* May 10, 2002.

##### 2. Big Cajun I Peaking Power LLC

[Docket No. EG02-120-000]

Take notice that on April 17, 2002, Big Cajun I Peaking Power LLC (Big Cajun I Peaking) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to section 32 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA) and Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

As more fully explained in the application, Big Cajun I Peaking is a limited liability company that states it will be engaged either directly or indirectly and exclusively in the business of owning and operating an electric generation facility located in Louisiana.

*Comment Date:* May 10, 2002.

#### 3. Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-3454-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2002, Duke Power (Duke), a division of Duke Energy Corporation, tendered for filing its quarterly transaction summaries of power marketing activity for transactions conducted pursuant to its market-based rate tariffs, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 3 and FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 5, for the quarter ending March 31, 2002.

*Comment Date:* May 7, 2002.

#### 4. Southern Company Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-352-002]

Take notice that on April 2, 2002, Southern Company Services, Inc., as agent for Georgia Power Company (Applicant), filed in Docket No. ER02-352-002, a Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer of Southern Company Services, Inc. in Opposition to the Motion to Intervene and Protest of Calpine Construction Finance Company, L.P., Competitive Power Ventures, Inc., Duke Energy North America, LLC, and GenPower, LLC. Please note that because this pleading contains significant new information pertinent to the Applicant's earlier filings in this proceeding, it is being treated as an amendment to the filing and is assigned a new sub-docket. Issues raised by interested parties in answer to Applicant's April 2nd filing should be raised again with the Commission in order to be considered in this proceeding.

*Comment Date:* May 6, 2002.

#### 5. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1553-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2002, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., as Transmission Provider, tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with Epcor Merchant and Capital (US) Inc. (Epcor), as Transmission Customer. A copy of the filing was served upon Epcor.

*Comment Date:* May 7, 2002.

#### 6. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1554-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2002, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy) and Entergy Power Marketing Corporation are requesting a cancellation of Service Agreement No. 206, under Cinergy Operating Companies, FERC Electric Cost-Based Power Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 6.

Cinergy requests an effective date of April 17, 2002.