

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for advanced melting or innovative casting processes that have the potential to significantly improve energy efficiency in the areas of metal melting and the casting process. DOE is very interested in funding innovative, cost effective ideas that will reduce energy consumption. Crosscutting ideas from other industries or ideas that have crosscutting applications are also strongly encouraged. Advanced aluminum remelting furnace concepts are also of interest in this solicitation. Proposals dealing with product development R&D will not be funded. Proposals must address energy efficiencies in metal casting manufacturing not in the end-use applications.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-03ID14488 will be on or about March 31, 2003. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on May 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) provides the medium for disseminating solicitations, receiving financial assistance applications and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. Completed applications are required to be submitted via IIPS. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained on the IIPS Homepage and then clicking on the "Help" button. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinasm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE anticipates making 1 to 4 cooperative agreement(s) with duration of 3 years or less for these efforts. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects over the life of the project. First year cost share can be as low as 30% if subsequent years have sufficient cost share so that non-federal share totals at least 50%. However, it is important to note that in the event a multi-year project is not continued, then the awardee will be required to increase the cost share to meet the 50% requirement. The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal

Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

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Acting Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed Form EIA-902, "Annual Geothermal Heat Pump Manufacturers Survey."

DATES: Comments must be filed by June 2, 2003. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to James Holihan. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX to (202) 287-1946 or e-mail to JHolihan@eia.doe.gov is recommended. The mailing address is Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric, and Alternate Fuels, EI-52, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0650. Alternatively, Mr. Holihan may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1735.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Mr. Holihan at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
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I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related

economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer-term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Form EIA-902 collects information on shipments of geothermal heat pumps. The survey tracks shipments of the following three main types of geothermal heat pumps, as classified by the Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Institute (ARI), and the much smaller shipped volume of non-ARI rated systems. A brief description of the ARI-classified system is as follows:

ARI 320—Water-Source Heat Pumps (WSHP)—These systems are installed in commercial buildings, where a central chiller or boiler supplies chilled or heated water, respectively, to heat pumps installed in series. The heat pumps reject building heat to chilled water during the cooling season and, during the heating season, take heat from boiler water.

ARI 325—Ground Water-Source Heat Pumps (GWHP)—The GWHP is an open-Loop system in which ground water is drawn from an aquifer or other natural body of water into piping. At the heat pump, heat is drawn from or dumped to the water through a heat exchanger to the refrigerant in the heat pump. The heated or cooled water returns to its source.

ARI 330—Ground Source Closed-Loop Heat Pumps (GSHP)—A water or water/glycol (antifreeze) solution flows continuously through a closed loop of pipe buried underground. Ground heat is absorbed into or rejected from the solution flowing in the closed loop. At the heat pump, heat is drawn from or dumped to the closed loop solution via heat transfer through a heat exchanger, which passes heat to or removes heat from the refrigerant in the heat pump. Depending on the type of ground and land area, systems can either be installed horizontally or vertically.

Data are collected by model type, heat pump capacity, region of destination,

customer type, and economic sector. Respondents are all U.S. geothermal heat pump manufacturers.

II. Current Actions

EIA will be requesting a three-year extension of Office of Management and Budget approval to continue using Form EIA-902 through 2003.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

B. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

C. Can the information be submitted by the due date?

D. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

E. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

F. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

G. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data

element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

B. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

C. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

D. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

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Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-069]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

March 26, 2003.

Take notice that on March 20, 2003, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing and approval an amendment to Rate Schedule ETS service agreement number 107887 between ANR and a subsidiary of We Energies, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO).

ANR states that this amendment effectuates a change to the Primary Receipt and Delivery Points for the initial summer period (April 1, 2003—October 31, 2003) and a change to the Primary Delivery Point for the initial winter period (November 1, 2003—March 31, 2003) to accommodate the fact that the Guardian interconnect point is not yet in service. ANR requests that the Commission approve the amendment to go into effect on April 1, 2003.

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 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: April 1, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-417-001]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 26, 2003.

Take notice that on March 21, 2003, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) tendered for filing as part its FERC Gas Tariff, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of March 1, 2003:

First Revised Volume No. 1
Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 10
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 12
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 225
Third Revised Sheet No. 378
Third Revised Sheet No. 379
Original Volume No. 2
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 68

CIG states these tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's December 26, 2002 Order to implement the pro forma tariff provisions contained in CIG's July 1,