Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56. Burden Hours: 2.240.

Abstract: This data collection will be conducted annually to obtain program and performance information from National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) state assistive technology grantees on their project activities. The information collected will assist federal NIDRR staff in responding to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Data will primarily be collected through an Internet form.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2412. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information

collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Enhanced (Engineered) Geothermal Systems (EGS) Research and Development (R&D)

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of funding announcement number DE-PS36-04GO94001.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

(EERE) is seeking applications for research projects to expand the Enhanced (Engineered) Geothermal Systems (EGS) knowledge base. Through financial assistance awards, DOE intends to provide financial support for research directed to improving the technology to recover heat from rock with low permeability and at greater depth than presently feasible. This program is authorized under provisions of the "Geothermal Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1976," Pub. L. 93–410.

**DATES:** Issuance of the announcement is planned for November 12, 2003. ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the announcement, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at http:// www.golden.doe.gov/ businessopportunities.html, click on "Solicitations," and then access the announcement number identified above. The Golden Home Page will provide a link to the announcement number in the **Industry Interactive Procurement** System (IIPS) Web site and provide instructions on using IIPS. The announcement can also be obtained directly through IIPS at http://ecenter.doe.gov by browsing opportunities by Contract Activity, for those announcements issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the announcement.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this announcement should be submitted electronically through IIPS by "submitting a question" on the IIPS "Finanicial Assistance Form" specific to this announcement. Response to questions will be posted on IIPS and available through "View Questions."

IIPS provides the medium for disseminating announcements, receiving financial assistance applications, and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. The application may be submitted by the applicant or a designated representative that receives authorization from the applicant; however, the application documentation must reflect the name and title of the representative authorized to enter the applicant into a legally binding agreement. The applicant or the designated representative must first register in IIPS, entering their first name and last name, then entering the company name/address of the applicant.

For questions regarding the operation of IIPS, contact the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or at (800) 683–0751.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on November 12, 2003.

## Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald**

**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), Fernald. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

**DATES:** Tuesday, December 2, 2003, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Fernald Closure Project Site, 7400 Willey Road, Trailer 214, Hamilton, OH 45013–9402.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Sarno, The Perspectives Group, Inc., 1055 North Fairfax Street, Suite 204, Alexandria, VA 22314, at (703) 837–1197, or e-mail; djsarno@theperspectivesgroup.com.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

7 p.m.—Call to Order

7–7:15 p.m.—Chair's Remarks, Ex Officio Announcements and Updates

7:15-8:15 p.m—Discuss Alternatives in Comprehensive Groundwater Strategy Report

8:15–8:30 p.m.—Follow-up Risk-Based End States Meeting

8:30–8:45 p.m.—Winter/Spring 2004 Meeting Schedule

8:45–9 p.m.—Public Comment 9 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed below. Requests 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, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Office, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. This **Federal Register** notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.

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–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, % Phoenix Environmental Corporation, MS–76, Post Office Box 538704, Cincinnati, OH 43253–8704, or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648–6478.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 19, 2003.

#### Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. 03–29253 Filed 11–21–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-305-011]

## CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

November 12, 2003.

Take notice that on October 31, 2003, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing and approval a negotiated rate agreement between MRT and Laclede Energy Resources, Inc. MRT requests that the Commission accept and approve the transaction to be effective November 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 § 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 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 "eLibrary" (FERRIS). 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 tollfree 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 "eFiling" link.

#### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-34-000]

# El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 17, 2003.

Take notice that on October 29, 2003, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1–A, Third Revised Sheet No. 113D, with a September 1, 2003 effective date.

EPNG states that this tariff sheet is filed to permit partial reservation charge crediting under Rate Schedule FT-1 for non-delivery of gas due to pipeline maintenance.

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 § 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 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://

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#### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-320-062]

# Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Compliance Filing

November 17, 2003.

Take notice that on November 10, 2003, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective September 29, 2003.

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 605 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1415 Third Revised Sheet No. 2901

On October 24, 2003 the Commission issued an Order addressing Gulf South's August 27, 2003 compliance filing in this docket. Gulf South states that this brings PAL service into compliance with the Order.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 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. 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 eLibrary 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