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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SECA supports the objectives of the Comprehensive National Energy Strategy; in addition, it addresses Presidential Initiatives including Hydrogen Fuel, FutureGen, Climate Change and Clear Skies. Specific benefits of solid-oxide fuel cell technology include:

(1) High efficiency. Even without cogeneration a solid-oxide fuel cell system can be twice as efficient as competing technologies due to the direct conversion of fuel to electrical power. With thermal recovery, system efficiency could reach 85%.

(2) Fuel cell systems promise to be one of the most reliable power generation technologies. Hospitals, hotels, and telephone companies are now using them as part of critical uninterruptible power supply systems. SECA will result in distributed generation products that will further increase grid reliability and safety.

(3) Solid-oxide fuel cell systems are clean. They generate no solid wastes, and due to the higher efficiency and the replacement of fossil fuel combustion with a lower temperature electrochemical conversion, fuel cells significantly lower emissions of nitrogen compounds and greenhouse gases.

(4) Fuel cells expand energy choices. They can be used in virtually any application for the production of useful energy from fossil fuels in a very efficient manner. As environmental requirements become more stringent, fuel cells are an important option in producing useful energy in an environmentally friendly way.

(5) Fuel cells manufactured as small scalable modules and produced cheaply by taking advantage of economies of production, are well suited for developing countries without an existing energy infrastructure, and will

help meet a growing worldwide demand for energy. Solid-oxide fuel cell power systems developed in the SECA Program will not require large one-time investments of capital that characterize large central generation plants. The modules produced will be scalable allowing application of capital in smaller incremental amounts. This is a tenable economic scenario for developing countries.

The main objective of the Core Technology Program is to develop science and technologies that will be adopted by the SECA Industrial Teams to increase their success in developing commercially-viable solid-oxide fuel cell power systems. The SECA Core Technology Program provides a direct link for Core Technology participants to market new technology developments to an established customer base via the SECA Industrial Teams. It is expected that this program structure should significantly shorten the time period between Core Technology development and commercialization of same technologies. The following website provides additional information on the SECA Program including the program structure and information on the Core Technology component: [www.seca.doe.gov](http://www.seca.doe.gov).

This SECA Core Technology announcement focuses on specific sub-areas of interest under two Core Technology areas of interest: (1) Materials; and (2) Fuel Processing. Applications can only be submitted to one of the sub-areas of interest that follow:

Area of Interest 1, Materials, is comprised of four separate sub-areas of interest to which an application may be submitted.

- (1) Materials—Sulfur-Tolerant Anodes
- (2) Materials—Interconnects
- (3) Materials—Cathode/Interconnect Contact
- (4) Materials—Innovative Sealing Concepts

Area of Interest 2, Fuel Processing, is comprised of three separate sub-areas of interest to which an application may be submitted.

- (1) Fuel Processing—Diesel Fuel Reforming Catalysts
- (2) Fuel Processing—Integrated Diesel Fuel Injection and Mixing
- (3) Fuel Processing—Carbon and Sulfur Deposition/Reaction Mechanisms for Diesel Reforming Catalysts

DOE anticipates awarding approximately thirteen (13) cooperative agreements under this Program Announcement. This particular program is covered by Section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), 42 U.S.C.

13542 for financial assistance awards and requires a cost share commitment of at least 20 percent from non-federal sources for research and development projects. Approximately \$7,000,000 in total funding is expected to be available under this announcement.

Once released, the funding opportunity announcement 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 funding opportunity announcement will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the funding opportunity announcement and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the funding opportunity announcement will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the announcement. The actual funding opportunity announcement document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-49-000]

### Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

January 8, 2004.

On December 24, 2003, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, filed an application in the above referenced docket, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations to construct, own, and operate certain facilities at its Fink Storage Field in Lewis County, West Virginia. The purpose of this project is to protect storage operations from both gas migration and third party

encroachment by expanding the active storage boundary by 3,163 acres; adding a 22,375 acre protective boundary; converting 15 oil wells in the Fink Oil Field to active storage use; replacing or retesting approximately 27,360 feet of main pipeline and approximately 18,200 feet of well lines in the Fink Oil Field to connect the wells to the Sweeney Compressor Station; and installing associated appurtenant facilities. It is estimated the proposed project will cost approximately \$9.2 million. 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 "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Anne E. Bomar, Managing Director, Transmission Rates and Regulation, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, telephone (804) 819-2134.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone

will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

*Comment Date:* January 29, 2004.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket Nos. ER04-187-000 and ER04-187-001]**

#### North Jersey Energy Associates, a Limited Partnership; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 8, 2004.

North Jersey Energy Associates, a Limited Partnership (North Jersey Energy) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying tariff. The proposed tariff provides for wholesale sales of electric capacity, energy and ancillary services at market-based rates. North Jersey Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, North Jersey Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval

under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by North Jersey Energy.

On December 29, 2003, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—South, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by North Jersey Energy 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).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 29, 2004.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, North Jersey Energy 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 North Jersey Energy, 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 North Jersey Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the e-Library (FERRIS) link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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