

explosives charge or small amounts of hazardous materials in which use of the vessel would not be practical, cost-effective, or environmentally significant. After the phased containment program is fully implemented, DOE expects to reduce by at least 75% the emissions from test assemblies made from beryllium, depleted uranium, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act characteristic metals. For any experiment that is contained, DOE expects that at least 99% by mass of these materials would be retained inside the vessel.

Mitigation Measures

Through the environmental impact analysis process, and in conjunction with consultations with affected American Indian tribes and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DOE developed several mitigation measures to protect soils, water, wildlife, biotic, and cultural resources. Some mitigation measures would apply during construction activities, and some for the duration of the project. DOE has agreed to an ongoing consultation process with affected American Indian tribes to ensure protection of cultural resources and sites of cultural, historic or religious importance to the tribes. DOE will take special precautions to protect the Mexican spotted owl, a federally-listed threatened species, and in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will prepare a laboratory-wide habitat management plan for all threatened and endangered species occurring throughout LANL in order to determine long-range mitigation actions to protect the habitats for these species. The habitat management plan will be completed within 3 years from the date of this decision, and will be updated as necessary. DOE will implement the mitigation measures discussed in section 5.11 of volume 1 of the DARHT EIS. In accordance with 10 CFR 1021.331, DOE is preparing a Mitigation Action Plan that will identify specific actions needed to implement these mitigation measures, and provide schedules for completion. These mitigation measures represent all practicable means to avoid or minimize harm from the alternative selected.

Conclusion

In accordance with the provisions of NEPA, its implementing regulations, and DOE's NEPA regulations, and consistent with the U.S. District Court Order of May 5, 1995, I have considered the information contained within the final DARHT EIS, including the classified supplement to that EIS, and the public comments received in

response to the draft DARHT EIS. Being fully apprised of the environmental consequences of the proposal and its several alternatives, as well as the cost considerations and other decision factors described above, I have concluded the following:

- Completing and operating the DARHT facility at LANL would meet the need of the Department and this nation to obtain as soon as possible an enhanced capability to perform high-resolution, multiple-image radiography to diagnose hydrodynamic tests and dynamic experiments.
- Conducting most tests and experiments inside modular steel containment vessels will reduce the potential for contamination from dispersal of materials from the explosive-driven tests.
- Phasing in the implementation of the modular vessel system over a ten-year period will allow DOE to gain the benefit of operating the DARHT facility as quickly as possible.
- The incrementally higher impacts during the phase-in period do not pose an unacceptable risk to public health and welfare, or to the environment.

I have therefore determined that DOE will implement the Phased Containment Option of the Enhanced Containment Alternative, identified as the preferred alternative in the DARHT EIS. As part of this action, DOE will take additional mitigation measures, specified herein, including those to protect the habitat of threatened or endangered species, and to protect cultural resource sites and other locations of interest to affected American Indian tribes. These actions will allow DOE to meet its responsibility to ensure the safety and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile, while meeting its additional responsibility for environmental stewardship of the lands and resources entrusted to its care.

Issued at Washington, D.C. October 10, 1995.

Victor H. Reis,

Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs.

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Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Advanced Coal Research at U.S. Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center (PETC).

ACTION: Notice of restricted eligibility.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive program solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) in support of advanced coal research to U. S. Colleges and Universities. These grants will be awarded to a limited number of proposals selected on the basis of scientific merit and subject to the availability of funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary S. Price, U. S. Department of Energy, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, P. O. Box 10940 (MS 921-143), Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, AC (412) 892-6179. The solicitation will be made available on DOE's PETC World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.petc.doe.gov/business>). If recipients are unable to access the Internet System, the solicitation will be available on a 3½" diskette, double-sided/high density, upon receipt of written request via facsimile (FAX) at (412) 892-6216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through Program Solicitation DE-PS22-96PC96200, the DOE is interested in applications from U. S. Colleges and Universities (and university-affiliated research centers submitting applications through their respective university) for research and advanced concepts related to coal science that have the potential to improve our fundamental scientific and technical understanding of the chemical and physical processes in coal conversion and utilization. The Department of Energy, pursuant to 10 CFR 600.7(b)(1), intends to award on a restricted eligibility basis.

Eligibility

Applications under this solicitation may be submitted in response to the requirements of the (1) University Coal Research (UCR) Core Program, (2) Joint University/Industry Coal Program, or (3) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)/Non-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Partnership Program.

Applications must address coal research in one of the seven technical topics: (1) Coal Science; (2) Coal Surface Science; (3) Reaction Chemistry; (4) Advanced Process Concepts; (5) Engineering Fundamentals and Thermodynamics; (6) Environmental Science; or (7) Minimization of Environmental Impact.

Details on the UCR Core Program, the Joint University/Industry Coal Research Program, and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Non-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Partnership Program eligibility requirements, budget

limitations, and technical topic descriptions are contained in the Program Solicitation.

The Government reserves the right to merge the program categories based upon the legal status of the program set-asides.

Awards

DOE anticipates awarding financial assistance (grants) for each project selected. Approximately \$3.8 million will be available for the Program Solicitation: \$2.625 million is for the UCR Core Program and should provide funding for about 15 financial assistance grants (max. DOE funding of \$200,000 per award); \$0.8 million is set-aside for the Joint University/Industry Coal Research Program, which should support 2 grants (max. DOE funding of \$400,000 per award); and \$0.375 million is set-aside for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Non-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Partnership Program which should support one award.

Solicitation Release Date

The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release by October 11, 1995. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms in the Program Solicitation and must be received by the Department of Energy by November 30, 1995.

William R. Mundorf,

Contracting Officer, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for Direct Service Industrial Customer Power Sales Contract

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: BPA has negotiated new power sales contracts with its Direct Service Industry (DSI) customers and has decided to execute 5-year block power sales with the DSIs. The contracts will maintain a reasonable level of load which would otherwise be lost to BPA and will produce a 5-year revenue stream for BPA that is sufficient, when combined with other revenues, to meet BPA's financial and statutory obligations. These power sales contracts are also designed to meet the needs of

the DSIs and are comparable to competing offers being made by other utilities, marketers, and brokers to the DSIs. In making this decision, BPA is continuing its Market-Driven approach for participation in the increasingly competitive electric power market.

This notice announces the availability of the ROD for executing 5-year power sales contracts with these DSI customers. This decision is consistent with BPA's Business Plan, Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (BP EIS)(DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995), and the Business Plan ROD (August 15, 1995).

ADDRESSES: Copies of this ROD, the BP EIS, and the Business Plan ROD may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: John M. Taves—ECN, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number (503) 230-4995, fax number (503) 230-4564.

Public Availability: This ROD will be distributed to all interested and affected persons and agencies.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on September 28, 1995.

Sue F. Hickey,

Acting Administrator.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG96-2-000, et al.]

Houston Industries Energy Peru, Inc., et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

October 6, 1995.

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

1. Houston Industries Energy Peru, Inc.

[Docket No. EG96-2-000]

On October 4, 1995, Houston Industries Energy—Peru, Inc. ("HIE Peru"), 611 Walker, 11th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

HIE Peru intends to participate in an international public bid to acquire sixty percent (60%) of the capital stock of Empresa de Generación Eléctrica de Lima S.A. ("Edegel"), a Peruvian company that is owned by the Republic of Peru. The remaining forty percent

(40%) of the capital stock of Edegel will be retained by the Republic of Peru. The Peruvian government has granted Edegel a concession to hold and operate five hydroelectric generating facilities, the dam, reservoir and tunnel system that supplies water to these plants, a thermal generating plant, interconnecting transmission lines and a repair and maintenance workshop with a total installed generation capacity of approximately 693 megawatts. The successful bidding group will also be required to add an additional 100 megawatts of generating capacity within twelve months of the transfer of shares to the successful bidding group.

Comment date: October 31, 1995 in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. Boston Edison Company

[Docket Nos. ER93-266-003, ER93-940-001 and ER94-1644-001]

Take notice that on September 26, 1995, Boston Edison Company tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced dockets.

Comment date: October 20, 1995 in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota)

[Docket No. ER95-1575-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1995, Northern States Power Company (NSP) tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

NSP requests the Commission to waive its notice requirements and accept the agreements for filing effective August 19, 1995.

Comment date: October 20, 1995 in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER95-1808-000]

Take notice that on September 21, 1995, Kentucky Utilities Company tendered for filing executed copies of Service Agreements for Power Services with LG&E Power Marketing, Inc., Stand Energy Corporation, and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.

Comment date: October 23, 1995 in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Allegheny Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER95-1813-000]

Take notice that on September 21, 1995, the Allegheny Power Service