

**ACTION:** Issue of a research opportunity announcement.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy is soliciting proposals for supporting the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Science and Technology's applied research efforts for the development of technologies having potential applications in the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (EM) program. Technologies which do not duplicate existing work; complement or enhance existing or planned work; and best serve the needs of the EM program are desired. A proposed technology may be a device, process, material, or method that improves DOE's capabilities in the following areas: subsurface containment; mixed waste characterization, treatment, and disposal; tank waste remediation; decontamination and decommissioning; characterization, monitoring, and sensor technology; efficient separations and processing; and robotics technology development program.

For the purpose of this program, "applied research" is the systematic application of knowledge toward the production of useful devices, materials, or methods, including design, development, and improvement of prototypes and processes to meet specific requirements. Proposals for basic research are not desired under this ROA. Proposals will not be accepted for which the purpose is demonstration.

It is not the purpose of this solicitation to support, and no proposal will be selected to conduct, support service activities, conference or training activities, or projects which do not conduct research (e.g., paper studies). Proposals submitted in response to this ROA must address one, and only one, of the need areas. If an Offeror has the desire to propose to more than one need area, multiple proposals must be submitted.

**DATES:** Proposals may be submitted at any time after the issuance date of this ROA up to and including one year after the issue date. Proposals must state an acceptance period of at least 180 days.

**ADDRESSES/FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The ROA and an Information Package are available on the Internet at <http://www.metc.doe.gov/business/solicita.html>. Requests for information concerning the ROA should be submitted in writing to the following address: U.S. Department of Energy, ATTN: Crystal A. Sharp, M.S. I07, Morgantown Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV, 26507-0880, Phone Number (304) 285-4634, FAX (304)

285-4683, or Internet Address: CSHARP@METC.DOE.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Identification Number and Authority for Issuance

A. DE-RO21-96MC33204.

B. The use of broad agency announcements is authorized by the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 (CICA) (41 U.S.C. 259(b)(2)) and the Federal Acquisition Regulation at part 6.102(d)(2) as supplemented by the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation.

C. The internet information package includes a summary, more complete description of the research areas identified in the areas of research section, above, and the following documents: A proposal cover sheet; DOE Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders/Offerors; a Certificate of Environmental Safety and Health Program; a Statement of Work format; Standard Form 1411; a cost proposal preparation format; sample reporting requirements; information regarding patent and data clauses and rights; set of standard contract clauses; and a list of references. James J. Grabulis,

*Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*  
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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP96-338-000]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application**

April 29, 1996.

Take notice that, on April 19, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed an abbreviated application in Docket No. CP96-338-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate new storage facilities in the Goodwell Storage Field, in Newaygo County, Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR states that data recently obtained from the Goodwell Storage Field's observation wells indicate that the southeastern portion of the storage reservoir cannot be efficiently drained using the storage field's existing injection/withdrawal wells. ANR plans to drill the new horizontal injection/

withdrawal well at the southeastern edge of the storage reservoir in the Goodwell Storage Field, and construct approximately 920 feet of 6-inch diameter pipeline to connect the new well to the storage field's gathering system. The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$568,000.

ANR states that the new well will improve the injection/withdrawal capability in the southeastern portion of the storage reservoir, and may increase withdrawals slightly toward the end of the storage withdrawal season. ANR adds, however, that the new well will not increase the maximum peak-day deliverability or the maximum working storage capacity of the storage field.

ANR plans to drill the new well in the SE 1/4 of Section 9, Goodwell Township, Newaygo County, Michigan, from a surface location 127 feet southeast of ANR's Goodwell #57 injection/withdrawal well, encountering the storage reservoir approximately 400 feet southeast of the surface location. ANR plans to complete the new well by drilling approximately 1,500 feet of open drain hole to the southeast, ending in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, in Goodwell Township.

Any person desiring to be heard, or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before May 20, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20426, a motion to intervene or protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding, or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application, if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or the Commission on its own motion

believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for ANR to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. PR96-3-000]**

**Equitable Storage Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference**

April 29, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in the above-captioned proceeding will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 1996, at 10 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Attendance will be limited to the parties and staff. For additional information, please contact Esref Bilgihan at (202) 208-0128.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP96-336-000]**

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application**

April 29, 1996.

Take notice that on April 18, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP96-336-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to increase the horsepower capacity of its Galena compressor station,<sup>1</sup> located on the East Leg of its mainline system in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to operate unit #1 at its Galena compressor station at its design 3,800 NEMA horsepower (HP)

<sup>1</sup> A temporary certificate was issued in Docket No. CP75-21 on March 13, 1975, authorizing, among other things, the construction and operation of the 7,000 HP compressor station. The station was placed in service on July 15, 1975. By order issued July 7, 1977, Northern received permanent certificate authorization in Docket No. CP75-21 to operate the compressor station (order designated Opinion No. 810 (59 FPC 533 at 559 (1977))).

rated level;<sup>2</sup> and to replace unit #2 with a 3,800 HP unit, in order to maintain system reliability. Northern explains that the presently operational unit #1 was recently installed to respond to an emergency situation that occurred on or about February 7, 1996, when the original unit #1 failed.

Northern states that operating unit #1 at its rated horsepower and replacing unit #2 at the Galena compressor station at this time would provide the following benefits to Northern's shippers: (1) Reliable service would be maintained on the East Leg through the replacement of antiquated units which are critical to the heating season market area demands of Northern's shippers; and (2) increased efficiency is associated with the proposed simple cycle units as opposed to the existing 3,500 HP recuperating units. Northern estimates that the cost of replacing unit #2 is approximately \$368,062 which would be financed with internally generated funds.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 20, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 285.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application, if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is

<sup>2</sup> NEMA represents a rating method where HP is calculated at 1000 feet above sea level at an ambient temperature of 80° Fahrenheit.

required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Project No. 137-002-CA]**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice Granting Extension of Time**

April 29, 1996.

On March 1, 1996, the Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis (NREA) for the Mokelumne River Project No. 137 was issued in the Federal Register (Vol. 61 No. 42 FR 8055). The NREA solicited all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning this project be filed with the Commission by April 23, 1996. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission by June 7, 1996.

In a letter filed on April 22, 1996, the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) requests a 30 day extension of time to comment on the NREA. Interior said that it needs more time to evaluate the adequacy of instream flows and the proposed fish protection facilities. Because there is an extensive amount of information to evaluate associated with the Mokelumne Project, the Commission is extending the date to file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions until May 23, 1996. The date to file reply comments with the Commission is extended until July 8, 1996.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP85-203-022]**

**Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Refund Report**

April 29, 1996.

Take notice that on April 16, 1996 Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) and Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing a Refund Report made pursuant to the Commission's Orders dated January 12, 1994 and October 18, 1994 in the above dockets.