

require a 1.5-minute time delay between the ignition of the burner and the starting of the circulating air blower. Inter-City requests the allowance to test using a 30-second blower time delay when testing its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces. Inter-City states that since the 30-second delay is indicative of how these models actually operate, and since such a delay results in an improvement in AFUE of an average 0.4 to 0.6 percent, the Petition should be granted.

Under specific circumstances, the DOE test procedure contains exceptions which allow testing with blower delay times of less than the prescribed 1.5-minute delay. Inter-City indicates that it is unable to take advantage of any of these exceptions for its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces.

Since the blower controls incorporated on the Inter-City furnaces are designed to impose a 30-second blower delay in every instance of start up, and since the current test procedure provisions do not specifically address this type of control, DOE agrees that a waiver should be granted to allow the 30-second blower time delay when testing the Inter-City NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces. Accordingly, with regard to testing the NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces, today's Decision and Order exempts Inter-City from the existing test procedure provisions regarding blower controls and allows testing with the 30-second delay.

It is, therefore, ordered That:

(1) The "Petition for Waiver" filed by Inter-City Products Corporation (Case No. F-085) is hereby granted as set forth in paragraph (2) below, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4), and (5).

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Appendix N of 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Inter-City Products Corporation, shall be permitted to test its NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces on the basis of the test procedure specified in 10 CFR Part 430, with modifications set forth below:

(i) Section 3.0 of Appendix N is deleted and replaced with the following paragraph:

3.0 Test Procedure. Testing and measurements shall be as specified in section 9 in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-82 with the exception of sections 9.2.2, 9.3.1, and 9.3.2, and the inclusion of the following additional procedures:

(ii) Add a new paragraph 3.10 to Appendix N as follows:

3.10 Gas- and Oil-Fueled Central Furnaces. The following paragraph is in

lieu of the requirement specified in section 9.3.1 of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-82. After equilibrium conditions are achieved following the cool-down test and the required measurements performed, turn on the furnace and measure the flue gas temperature, using the thermocouple grid described above, at 0.5 and 2.5 minutes after the main burner(s) comes on. After the burner start-up, delay the blower start-up by 1.5 minutes (t-), unless: (1) The furnace employs a single motor to drive the power burner and the indoor air circulating blower, in which case the burner and blower shall be started together; or (2) the furnace is designed to operate using an unvarying delay time that is other than 1.5 minutes, in which case the fan control shall be permitted to start the blower; or (3) the delay time results in the activation of a temperature safety device which shuts off the burner, in which case the fan control shall be permitted to start the blower. In the latter case, if the fan control is adjustable, set it to start the blower at the highest temperature. If the fan control is permitted to start the blower, measure time delay, (t-), using a stopwatch. Record the measured temperatures. During the heat-up test for oil-fueled furnaces, maintain the draft in the flue pipe within ± 0.01 inch of water column of the manufacturer's recommended on-period draft.

(iii) With the exception of the modifications set forth above, Inter-City Products Corporation shall comply in all respects with the test procedures specified in Appendix N of 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

(3) The Waiver shall remain in effect from the date of issuance of this Order until DOE prescribes final test procedures appropriate to the NUGM, NUG9, NCGM, GUK, GUM and GCK series furnaces manufactured by Inter-City Products Corporation.

(4) This Waiver is based upon the presumed validity of statements, allegations, and documentary materials submitted by the petitioner. This Waiver may be revoked or modified at any time upon a determination that the factual basis underlying the Petition is incorrect.

(5) Effective May 23, 1996, this Waiver supersedes the Interim Waiver granted Inter-City Products Corporation on March 7, 1996. 61 FR 11199, March 19, 1996 (Case No. F-085).

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 23, 1996.

Christine A. Ervin,
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of the new consolidated State Energy Program (SEP) being implemented for fiscal year 1996, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for a group of special project activities. Funding is being provided by a number of end-use sector programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, such as Climate Wise, Clean Cities, Rebuild America, Motor Challenge, Building Codes and Standards, and State Alternative Fuel Transportation efforts. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States will carry out their selected projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the programs providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special project activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

DATES: The program guidance/solicitation will be available June 3, 1996. Applications must be received by June 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest Chabot at the U. S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20585, (202) 586-8128, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fiscal year 1996 is the first year special project activities will be funded in conjunction with the new consolidated State Energy Program. Most of these special projects are related to or based on similar efforts that have been funded separately by the

various DOE end-use sector programs that are now providing funding for this new consolidated State-oriented approach.

Availability of Fiscal Year 1996 Funds

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of up to \$12 million in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 1996. The awards will be made through a competitive process. No State will be awarded financial assistance for special projects in excess of \$500,000 for fiscal year 1996. Projects may cover a period of up to 2 years.

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing or matching contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing or matching contributions beyond any required percentage is desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the respective participating end-use sector programs in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. A decision as to the applications selected for funding will then be made by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Building Technology, State and Community Programs, or designee, based on the findings of the technical merit review and any stated program policy factors. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U. S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586-8128.

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Christine A. Ervin,
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER96-841-000]

Blandin Paper Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

May 23, 1996.

On January 16, 1996, as amended March 14, 1996, Blandin Paper Company (Blandin) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Blandin will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Blandin also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Blandin requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Blandin.

On May 9, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Blandin should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Blandin 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 the applicant, and 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 Blandin's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is June 10, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

May 23, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Friday, May 31, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at 208-2058 or David R. Cain at 208-0917.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Eagle Gas Marketing Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

May 23, 1996.

On April 4, 1996, Eagle Gas Marketing Company (Eagle) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Eagle will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Eagle also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Eagle requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Eagle.

On May 8, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following: