

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation**

*Date and Time:* Wednesday, September 18, 1996, 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 19, 1996, 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Friday, September 20, 1996, 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

*Place:* The Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

*Status:* Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. Parts of this meeting will be closed to the public.

*Matters to be Considered:* The standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by a number of foreign countries and the comparability of those standards to standards of accreditation applied to the United States medical schools. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions that focus on specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the decision.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1992 (20 U.S.C. § 1088), the Secretary established within the Department of Education the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. The Committee's responsibilities are to (1) evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to applicant foreign medical schools; and (2) determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol F. Sperry, Executive Director, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3905, ROB #3, Washington, D.C. 20202-7563. Telephone: (202) 260-3636. Beginning Tuesday, September 10, 1996, you may call to obtain the identity of the countries whose standards are to be evaluated during this meeting.

August 28, 1996.

David A. Longanecker,

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Deviation for the Research for Improving Vehicular Transportation, and Reducing Energy Consumption, and Pollution from Manufacturing Processes Program**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Class Deviation.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, announces a deviation from its Financial Assistance Rules for the Research for Improving Vehicular Transportation, and Reducing Energy Consumption, and Pollution from Manufacturing Processes program. This program is a joint effort between DOE and the National Science Foundation (NSF) to further basic research involving vehicles of the future and environmental technologies. The approval of this deviation from the requirement of 10 CFR 600.26(b) permits coextensive budget and project periods for multi-year awards.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 19, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl D. Seckinger, Business and Financial Policy Division, [HR-51], U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In this notice, the DOE announces that, pursuant to 10 CFR 600, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management has made a determination of the need for a deviation to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules. The determination document, dated August 26, 1996 provides for a deviation for 18 grants under the Improving Vehicular Transportation, and Reducing Energy Consumption and Pollution from Manufacturing Processes program.

The deviation has been approved to achieve program objectives of uniformity of treatment among proposed awardees and between DOE and NSF in the administration of the resulting grants. By agreement with NSF, DOE released a Program Notice (96-05) under 10 CFR 605 for the subject program which has resulted in 35 applicants being selected for award. Awards will be of three types: totally DOE funded, totally NSF funded, and jointly funded. DOE will award all the grants. The proposed detailed research projects range in term from 12 to 39 months. Standard NSF grants are made for durations of 6 months to three years and are fully funded at the time of award. DOE multi-year grants are typically funded incrementally on an annual

basis. Without the deviation, recipients funded totally by NSF funds could have budget periods longer than those which will be jointly funded by DOE and NSF or solely by DOE. Since DOE will award the grants and will oversee their administration, a consistent approach for handling award requirements for reporting, budgeting, and continuation/renewal purposes is needed to assure uniformity in administration of the program.

The deviation waives the limitation of 600.26(b) that coextensive budget and project periods only be used when the period of performance for a DOE award will be twelve months or less. Multi-year awards are generally funded on an annual basis. In such awards, funding for each budget period within a project period is contingent on DOE approval of a continuation application submitted in accordance with a schedule specified by DOE. This deviation will allow both DOE and NSF funded awards under the program to have coextensive budget and project periods. This action is necessary to achieve program objectives [see 10 CFR 600.4(b)(1)] in order to ensure consistency in award administration.

Issued in Washington, DC, August 26, 1996.

Richard H. Hopf,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management.*

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**Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget**

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title of the collection of information; (2) summary of the collection of

information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response x proposed frequency of response per year x estimated number of likely respondents.)

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by October 4, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Statistical Standards at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Office of Statistical Standards, (EI-73), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. ERA-766R, "Recordkeeping Requirements of DOE's Allocation and Price Rules;
2. Economic Regulatory Administration, OMB No. 1903-0073, Extension, Mandatory;
3. ERA-766R requires firms in all segments of the oil industry to maintain only those records essential to the orderly and timely completion of the oil pricing enforcement program. Firms not having such records would be exempt from the recordkeeping requirements of 10 CFR 210.1;
4. Firms in the oil industry
5. 912 hours (40 hrs. x 1 response per year x 228 respondents)

Statutory Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(a)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., August 28, 1996.

Yvonne M. Bishop,

*Director, Office of Statistical Standards  
Energy Information Administration.*

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM97-1-24-000]

#### Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 28, 1996.

Take notice that on August 23, 1996, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective October 1, 1996.

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 5

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 6

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 8

Pursuant to Order No. 472, the Commission authorized pipeline companies to track and pass through to their customers their annual charges under an Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) clause. The 1996 ACA unit surcharge approved by the Commission is \$.0020 per Mcf. Equitrans has converted this Mcf rate to a dekatherm (Dth) rate of \$.0019 per Dth.

Equitrans states that a copy of its filing has been served upon its customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RP96-16-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Technical Conference

August 28, 1996.

In the Commission's order issued on November 22, 1995, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission held that the filing raises issues for which a technical conference is to be convened.

Take notice that the technical conference to address the issues will be held on Thursday, September 5, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and staff are permitted to attend.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RP96-347-000]

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

August 28, 1996.

Take notice that on August 23, 1996, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective November 1, 1996:

Third Revised Sheet No. 263

Second Revised Sheet No. 263A

Northern states that its filing contains Northern's proposal for a permanent Carlton Resolution in response to the Commission's August 6 Order Establishing Guidelines in Docket No. RP93-206-000. Northern further states that the proposal is consistent with the Commission Guidelines and believes its proposal is the most efficient method of resolving the Carlton sourcing issue on its system.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such petitions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of