

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 13, 1999, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday, January 15, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** Crowne Plaza Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton, California 94588.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Albert L. Opdenaker, III, Executive Assistant, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, MD 20874, Telephone: 301-903-4941.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose of the Meeting**

The major purposes of this meeting are to review the Panel report on the opportunities and requirements of a fusion energy sciences program, including the technical requirements of a fusion energy program; to discuss how to proceed with a program review; to review recommendations for maximizing effectiveness of international collaborations; to discuss the possibility of the U.S. hosting the 2004 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting; to hear presentations on the fusion programs at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL); and to visit the facilities at LLNL.

**Tentative Agenda**

*Wednesday, January 13, 1999*

1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks  
1:10 p.m. Discuss  
Panel Report  
Program Review  
International Collaborations  
2004 IAEA Meeting  
LLNL and LBNL Programs  
5:30 p.m. Public Comments  
6:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Thursday, January 14, 1999*

8:30 a.m. Visit LLNL  
1:30 p.m. Continue Discussions  
6:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Friday, January 15, 1999*

8:30 a.m. Continue Discussions

12:00 noon Adjourn

**Public Participation**

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301-903-8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (e-mail). Requests to make oral statements must be received 5 days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Minutes**

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, I-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, D.C. on December 22, 1998.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice for 1999 State Energy Program Special Projects.

**SUMMARY:** As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 1999, 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. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States will be awarded separate grants for special projects, to be carried out in conjunction with their efforts under SEP. The special projects

funding and activities are tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the program providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects 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 on December 28, 1998. Applications must be received by April 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Faith Lambert, U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Faith Lambert, U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fiscal year 1999 is the fourth year special project activities are funded in conjunction with the State Energy Program (10 CFR part 420). Most of these State-oriented 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 these optional SEP activities.

**Availability of Fiscal Year 1999 Funds**

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of \$13,800,000 in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 1999. The awards will be made through a competitive process. The end-use sector programs that are participating in the SEP special projects for fiscal year 1999, with the estimated amount of funding available for each, are as follows:

- *Clean Cities/Alternative Fuels/Advanced Vehicle Technologies/:* Accelerating the introduction and increasing the use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles through the development of infrastructure and clean corridors, and promoting the use of advanced transportation technologies (\$2,700,000).

- *Federal Energy Management Program*: Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal and State buildings (\$950,000).

- *Industrial Technologies*: Improving energy efficiency, environmental performance, and productivity of materials and process industries by developing and delivering advanced science and technology options to: (1) lower raw material and depletable energy use per unit of output; (2) improve labor and capital productivity; and (3) reduce the generation of wastes and pollutants (\$2,800,000).

- *Rebuild America*: Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1,250,000).

- *Codes and Standards*: Supporting States' actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$4,200,000).

- *Home Energy Ratings Systems*: Providing incentive funding to support State actions to overcome barriers to improving the energy efficiency of residences through the use of Home Energy Ratings Systems and related activities (\$250,000).

- *Remote Applications of Solar and Renewable Energy*: Supporting State actions to design, purchase, and install solar and renewable energy technologies in remote areas where they would displace or avoid the use of diesel fuel or gasoline (\$1,000,000).

- *Solar Thermal Projects*: Identifying potential partners for the field validation and operation of a concentrating solar power system and the investigation of the benefits and design of a residential size concentrating solar power system (\$50,000).

- *Biomass Power Program*: Identifying low-cost project opportunities for the introduction and utilization of biomass power technologies and biomass energy feedstocks (\$200,000).

- *Small Wind Turbine Field Verification*: Supporting State actions to design, purchase, and install small wind energy systems to verify the viability of such systems to produce electricity to augment or replace electricity available from grids or direct generation (\$200,000).

- *Million Solar Roofs*: Providing incentive funding to support State and community partnerships under the Million Solar Roofs Initiative whose goal is to install solar energy systems on one million U. S. buildings by 2010 (\$100,000).

- *Geothermal Heat Pumps for Energy Smart Schools*: Supporting programs to apply geothermal heat pump technology in schools. (\$200,000).

#### Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 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 contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing contributions beyond any required percentage are 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 participating end-use sector program in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The end-use sector offices select projects for funding.

The Office of State and Community Programs then recommends project allocations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for final determination. 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) 586-2319.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 21, 1998.

**Dan W. Reicher,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-830-000]

#### Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

December 21, 1998.

Take notice that on December 9, 1999, Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. (MLCS), tendered for filing Attachment No. 1, to its December 4, 1998, application in the above-referenced docket.

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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before December 31, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-115-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application To Abandon

December 21, 1998.

Take notice that on December 15, 1998, National Fuel Gas Transmission Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed under Section 7(b) of the natural Gas Act, for authority to abandon in place, 4.8 miles of 8-inch pipeline known as Line Z-54(S) located in Steuben County, New York all as more fully described in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel wants to retire Line Z-54(S) because of its age and condition. National Fuel states that the pipeline was constructed and placed in service