

awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Cost sharing is strongly encouraged, but is not required. All DOE/EPSCoR award funds will be provided to the recipient organization within the EPSCoR state for the purpose of supporting activities in the EPSCoR state and may include travel and lodging, faculty or student stipends, materials, services and equipment.

Applications

To minimize undue effort on the part of applicants and reviewers, interested parties are invited and encouraged to submit preapplications. The preapplications will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the Department of Energy. The brief preapplication must consist of (1) one to two pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment, (2) a letter from the appropriate state EPSCoR coordinator endorsing the preapplication, and (3) a letter of intent from the DOE National Laboratory confirming collaboration on the project. The preapplications will be grouped according to programmatic areas of interest to DOE and will be reviewed by DOE laboratory scientists to determine the priority of the proposed research. Based on this review, DOE/EPSCoR management will recommend formal submission of applications to the Department. Telephone, facsimile numbers, and e-mail address are required parts of the preapplication. Instructions regarding the contents of a preapplication and other preapplication guidelines can be found on the SC Grants and Contracts web site at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>

In addition to the project description all preapplications and formal applications must include the following information:

1. Applications should explain the relevance of the proposed research to the agency's programmatic needs. On the cover page, applicants should specify the relevant DOE technical program office, and if known, the name of the program manager, and telephone number. DOE program descriptions and the contact person information may be accessed via the web at: <http://www.doe.gov>

2. Applications must demonstrate clear evidence of collaborative intent, including a delineation of each partner's role and contribution to the research effort as well as a "Letter-of-Intent" from the participating DOE National Laboratory, facility, or center.

3. Applications must explain the individual value to both the EPSCoR and the National Laboratory partners. There should be clear objectives, not necessarily the same, for each partner.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria, listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR Part 605.10(d).

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project,
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach,
3. Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources,
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Applications received by SC under its current competitive application mechanisms that meet the criteria outlined in this Notice may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program.

General information about the development and submission of preapplications, applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605. Electronic access to the latest version of SC's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet at the following web site address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

Additional information regarding format, preparation and specific requirements may be found at web site address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/bes/EPSCoR/appL1.HTM>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3127-000]

Bishop Power Company, Inc.; Filing

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 16, 1999, Bishop Power Company, Inc., tendered for filing a request to withdraw its Petition for Acceptance of Initial Rate Schedule, Waivers and Blanket Authority and Request for Expedition filed with the Commission on June 2, 1999, in the above referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before August 6, 1999. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boegers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT99-63-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Refund Report

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 23, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing a refund report on the refunding to its firm

customers on July 10, 1999, of refunds it received from the Gas Research Institute (GRI) on May 28, 1999.

Columbia states that it made the refunds by crediting its customers' invoices on July 10, 1999.

Columbia states that a copy of this report is being provided to all recipients of a share of the refund and all state commissions whose jurisdiction includes the location of any recipient of a refund.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 4, 1999. 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-586-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Application

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 21, 1999, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637, filed in Docket No. CP99-586-000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, for authorization to construct and operate a connection of its Line 300 under the Tennessee River in Hardin County, Tennessee, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Specifically, Columbia Gulf seeks authorization to construct, operate and

maintains to install approximately 2,085 feet of new 36-inch diameter pipeline to complete the connection of its Line 300 under the Tennessee River, which will enhance overall system reliability by providing an additional crossing with its Lines 100 and 200. It is stated that Columbia Gulf estimates the cost of construction at \$4,000,000.00. Columbia Gulf requests Commission approval of the application by April 1, 2000 so that construction can begin on May 1, 2000.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Stephen R. Melton at (713) 267-4745, Lee M. Beckett at (713) 267-4741, James W. Hart, Jr., at (713) 267-4159, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637 or Larry L. Willeke at (202) 216-9764, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 10 G Street, NE, Suite 580, Washington, DC 20002.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 18, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, 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 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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be

unnecessary for Columbia Gulf to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER99-2402-000 and ER99-2403-000]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Filing

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 2, 1999, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing a request to withdraw its proposed amendments to Rate Schedule Nos. 164 and 165, filed with the Commission on April 6, 1999, in the above-referenced dockets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing 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). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before August 6, 1999. 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 persons 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR99-18-000]

Northern Illinois Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 15, 1999, Northern Illinois Gas Company, as Nicor Gas Company (Nicor) filed a petition for