

9. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER00-1850-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (doing business and hereinafter referred to as "GPU Energy") submitted for filing revised Schedule 9.02 to the GPU Power Pooling Agreement. Schedule 9.02 has been revised to reflect the fact the GPU Energy has sold the Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 Nuclear Generating Station to AmerGen Energy Company, LLC.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Pleasant Hill Marketing, LLC

[Docket No. ER00-1851-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Pleasant Hill Marketing, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of UtiliCorp United Inc., tendered for filing a rate schedule to engage in sales at market-based rates. Pleasant Hill included in its filing a proposed code of conduct.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER00-1852-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO) tendered for filing the following agreement concerning the provision of electric service to British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation, as a umbrella service agreement under its market-based Wholesale Power Sales Tariff:

Wholesale Energy Service Agreement dated February 24, 2000, by and between Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company and British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Cleco Utility Group Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1854-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Cleco Utility Group Inc., tendered for filing an Interconnection and Operating Agreement between itself and Acadia Power Partners, LLC in connection with Acadia Power Partner LLC's proposed construction of a new generating facility in Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Metropolitan Edison Company

[Docket No. ER00-1855-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Metropolitan Edison Company (d/b/a GPU Energy) tendered for filing a Generation Facility Transmission Interconnection Agreement between GPU Energy and Calpine Construction Finance Company, L.P.

GPU Energy requests an effective date of March 11, 2000, for the agreement.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER00-1856-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, PECO Energy Company (PECO), tendered for filing under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. S 792 *et seq.*, an Agreement dated February 29, 2000 with Delmarva Power & Light Company (DELMARVA) under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff).

PECO requests an effective date of March 1, 2000, for the Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to Delaware Power & Light Company and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Split Rock Energy LLC and Minnesota Power, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1857-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Split Rock Energy LLC (Split Rock), filed an application for an order authorizing Split Rock to make wholesale sales of electric power at market-based rates. Concurrent with Split Rock's filing, Minnesota Power, Inc. (MP), tendered for filing proposed revisions to its Wholesale Coordination Service Tariff No. 2 (WCS-2 Tariff), designated as FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 5. MP's revisions revise the WCS-2 Tariff to provide that MP may make sales of power under the WCS-2 Tariff, to Split Rock at market-based rates.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1858-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative,

Inc. (NHEC), petitioned the Commission for acceptance of NHEC Rate Schedule; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates; and the waiver of certain Commission Regulations.

NHEC intends to engage in wholesale electric power and energy sales as a marketer. NHEC is a consumer-owned electric generation and distribution cooperative that provides electric service to 65,000 customers in New Hampshire.

Comment date: March 31, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. 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 or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 these filings 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00650; FRL-6499-6]

Notice of Availability of Regional Environmental Stewardship Program Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$498 thousand in fiscal year 2000 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended, (the Act), for grants to States and federally recognized Native

American Tribes for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations, and studies. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants.

DATES: In order to be considered for funding during the FY 00 award cycle, all applications must be received by the appropriate EPA regional office on or before May 22, 2000. EPA will make its award decisions by June 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Your EPA Regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Coordinator. Contact names for the coordinators are listed under Unit V of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program to include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all Federally recognized Native American tribes. For further information contact the Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit V.

II. Availability of FY'00 Funds

With this publication, EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$498 thousand in grant/cooperative agreement funds for FY'00. The Agency has delegated grant making authority to the EPA Regional Offices. Regional offices are responsible for the solicitation of interest, the screening of proposals, and the selection of projects. Grant guidance will be provided to all applicants along with any supplementary information the Regions may wish to provide. All applicants must address the criteria listed under Unit IV B. of this document. In addition, applicants may be required to meet any supplemental Regional criteria. Interested applicants should contact their Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit V of this document for more information.

III. Eligible Applicants

In accordance with the Act ". . . Federal agencies, universities, or others as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, . . ." are eligible to receive a grant; however, because of restrictions associated with the funds appropriated for this program, the eligible applicants are limited. Eligible

applicants for purposes of funding under this grant program include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all federally recognized Native American Tribes. For convenience, the term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants. Local governments, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible. The organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects. Contact your EPA Regional PESP coordinator for assistance in identifying and contacting eligible applicants. EPA strongly encourages this type of cooperative arrangement.

IV. Activities and Criteria

A. General

The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the United States. The purpose of the grant program is to support the establishment and expansion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a tool to be used to accomplish the goals of PESP. Projects that address the risk reduction goals of the PESP, pesticide pollution prevention, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), IPM in Schools, children's health issues related to pesticides, or those research methods for documenting the trends toward the adoption of IPM or the reduction of risks associated with pesticide use will receive priority consideration. Other projects will be considered as they complement these goals through public education, training monitoring, demonstrations and studies and other activities. EPA specifically seeks to build State and local IPM capacities or to evaluate the economic feasibility of new IPM approaches at the state level (i.e., innovative approaches and methodologies that use application or other strategies to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use). Funds awarded under the grant program should be used to support the goal of reducing the risk/use of pesticides. State projects might focus on, for example:

- Researching the effectiveness of multimedia communication activities for, including but not limited to: promoting local IPM activities, providing technical assistance to pesticide users; collecting and analyzing data to target outreach and technical

assistance opportunities; developing measures to determine and document progress in pollution prevention; and identifying regulatory and non-regulatory barriers or incentives to pollution prevention.

- Researching methods for establishing IPM as an environmental management priority, establishing prevention goals, developing strategies to meet those goals, and integrating the ethic within both governmental and non-governmental institutions of the State or region.

- Initiating research or other projects that test and support: innovative techniques for reducing pesticide risk or using pesticides in a way to reduce risk, innovative application techniques to reduce worker and environmental exposure, various approaches and methodologies to measure progress towards meeting the goal of 75% implementation of IPM by the year 2000.

A list of projects funded in FY'99 may be obtained from the internet at URL <http://www.epa.gov/opppbpd1/PESP/grants.htm> or from the Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit V. of this document.

B. Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience of the applicant relative to the proposed project.

- Does the applicant demonstrate experience in the field of the proposed activity?

- Does the applicant have the properly trained staff, facilities, or infrastructure in place to conduct the project?

2. Consistency of applicant's proposed project with the risk reduction goals of the PESP.

3. Provision for a quantitative or qualitative evaluation of the project's success at achieving the stated goals.

- Is the project designed in such a way that it is possible to measure and document the results quantitatively and qualitatively?

- Does the applicant identify the method that will be used to measure and document the project's results quantitatively and qualitatively?

- Will the project assess or suggest a means for measuring progress in reducing risk/use of pesticides in the United States?

4. Likelihood the project can be replicated to benefit other communities or the product may have broad utility to a widespread audience. Can this project, taking into account typical staff and financial restraints, be replicated by

similar organizations in different locations to address the same or similar problem?

C. Program Management

Awards of FY'00 funds will be managed through the EPA Regional Offices.

D. Contacts

A generic request for proposal may be available on EPA's PESP web site on or before March 22, 2000, at <http://www.epa.gov/opppdp1/PESP/grants.htm>. Interested applicants must also contact the appropriate EPA Regional PESP coordinator listed under Unit V of this document to obtain specific instructions, regional criteria, and guidance for submitting proposals.

V. Regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program Contacts

Region I: (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont), Robert Koethe, (CPT), 1 Congress St., Boston, MA 02203, Telephone: (617) 918-1535, koethe.robert@epa.gov.

Region II: (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands), Audrey Moore, (MS-500), 2890 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, NJ 08837, Telephone: (732) 906-6809, moore.audrey@epa.gov.

Region III: (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia), Racine Davis, (3WC32), 1650 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Telephone: (215) 814-5797, davis.racine@epa.gov.

Region IV: (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee), Lora Lee Schroeder, 12th Floor, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth St., SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104, Telephone: (404) 562-9015, schroeder.lora@epa.gov.

Region V: (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin), David Macarus, (DT-8J), 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, Telephone: (312) 353-5814, macarus.david@epa.gov.

Region VI: (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas), Jerry Collins, (6PD-P), 1445 Ross Ave., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202, Telephone: (214) 665-7562, collins.jerry@epa.gov.

Region VII: (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska), Jamie Green, 901 N. 5th St., Kansas City, KS 66101, Telephone: (913) 551-7139, green.jamie@epa.gov.

Region VIII: (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming), Debbie Kovacs, (8P2-TX), 999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2466, Telephone: (303) 312-6417, kovacs.debbie@epa.gov.

Region IX: (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam), Roccena Lawatch, (CMD4-3), 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1068, lawatch.roccena@epa.gov.

Region X: (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington), Karl Arne, Sandy Halstead (ECO-084), 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, Telephone: (206) 553-2576, arne.karl@epa.gov, halstead.sandra@epa.gov.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

Phillip Hutton,

Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6563-7]

Availability of "Award of Grants for the Special Projects and Programs Authorized by this Agency's FY 2000 Appropriations Act"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing availability of a memorandum entitled "Award of Grants for the Special Projects and Programs Authorized by this Agency's FY 2000 Appropriations Act." This memorandum, dated March 14, 2000, provides information and guidelines on how EPA will award and administer grants for the special projects and programs identified in the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account of the Agency's fiscal year (FY) 2000 Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-74). The STAG account provides budget authority for funding 200 identified water, wastewater and groundwater infrastructure projects, as well as budget authority for funding the United States-Mexico Border program and the Alaska Rural and Native Villages program. Each grant recipient will receive a copy of this document from EPA.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access of the guidance memorandum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie G. Martin, (202) 260-7259 or martin.valerie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject memorandum may be viewed

and downloaded from EPA's homepage, <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/owm0315.pdf>.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00593A; FRL-6484-5]

Pesticides; Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of the revised version of the pesticide science policy document entitled "Choosing a Percentile of Acute Dietary Exposure as a Threshold of Regulatory Concern." This notice is the fifteenth in a series concerning science policy documents related to Food Quality Protection Act and developed through the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Martin, Environmental Protection Agency (7509C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-2857; fax number: (703) 305-5147; e-mail address: martin.kathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

| Categories | NAICS | Examples of potentially affected entities |
|---------------------|-------|--|
| Pesticide producers | 32532 | Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators |

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes