

equivalent individual) under whom this acquisition program falls, who is encouraged to include significant participation from individuals outside the acquisition program office. The review panel will—

(a) Where feasible, use the Insertion Plans developed in other, competitive acquisitions as a benchmark for assessing the sole-source offeror's Innovation Plan; and

(b) Provide specific recommendations to the acquisition program manager and the contracting officer on whether and how the offeror's Insertion Plan should be improved before it is included in the contract.

The reviewers' recommendations and the extent to which they are implemented in the contract, will be included in the Challenge program's report to the USD(AT&L).

(C) For the firm that is selected for contract award, include as requirements of the contract (i) the firm's Innovative Technology Insertion Plan, and (ii) the items listed in Section III of the solicitation provision above. The acquisition program office is particularly encouraged to work with the contractor to include in the contract significant positive incentives for successful implementation of the Insertion Plan, as discussed in Section III (C) of the solicitation provision.

(D) If, after contract award, the contractor proposes, through written notification (per Section III (D) of the solicitation provision), to undertake actions that may be incompatible with its Insertion Plan, such actions are subject to government review and approval through the following process.

(a) The acquisition program office, after consultation with the Office of the USD(AT&L) (POC: Jon Baron, OUSD(AT&L)/SADBU, tel. 703/588-8636, fax 703/588-7561, email baronj@acq.osd.mil), will make an initial determination of whether the proposed action potentially represents a non-trivial deviation from the letter or intent of the Insertion Plan contract.

(b) If such a determination is made, the proposed action will be subject to an independent review by a panel (i) appointed by the Program Executive Officer (or equivalent individual) under whom this acquisition program falls, and (ii) consisting of individuals outside the acquisition program office. The contractor will be asked to show that conditions have significantly changed since the contract was awarded, such that there are substantial and compelling reasons why the potential supplier base cannot now adequately meet the requirement. The contractor's proposed action and rationale will be

publicly released for comment by potential suppliers and others. Based on such inputs and the criterion described above, the reviewers will make a formal recommendation to the acquisition program manager and the contracting officer on whether to approve or disapprove the proposed action. The reviewers' recommendation, and the contracting officer's resulting action, will be included in the Challenge program's report to the USD(AT&L).

Dated: April 4, 2000.

**Patricia L. Toppings.**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 00-9061 Filed 4-11-00; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 5001-10-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing; Government-Owned Inventions

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/296,802 entitled "An Interactive Communication System Permitting Increased Collaboration Between Users", filing date: April 23, 1999, Navy Case No. 78947.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/296,746 entitled "Computer Software for Converting A General Purpose Computer Network Into An Interactive Communications System", filing date: April 23, 1999, Navy Case No. 79258.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/296,757 entitled "A Method for Facilitating Collaborative Development Efforts Between Widely Dispersed Users", filing date: April 23, 1999, Navy Case No. 79259.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent applications cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James B. Bechtel, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room

015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, telephone (540)-653-8061.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404).

Dated: March 28, 2000.

**J.L. Roth,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

[FR Doc. 00-9016 Filed 4-11-00; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-176-015]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

April 6, 2000.

Take notice that on April 3, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to be a part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 261, to be effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to implement a negotiated rate transaction with Duke Energy Trading and Marketing Services, L.L.C. (Duke) under Rate Schedules FTS pursuant to Section 49 of the General Terms and Conditions of Natural's Tariff. Natural states that it has filed by a separate filing the executed negotiated rate agreement between Natural and Duke.

Natural requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit Original Sheet No. 261 to become effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its customers, interested state commissions and all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP99-176.

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 in accordance with 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the