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*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Idaho Operations Office; University Research for the Geothermal Program

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for research projects in earth science at universities to expand the geothermal knowledge base. The knowledge gained from this work will result in new and improved technology that will help meet geothermal program goals. University earth science research and development is sought to enhance exploration tools, increase reservoir productivity, and improve reservoir management. The Program's overarching goal is to reduce the levelized cost of generating geothermal power to 3 to 5 cents/kWh by 2010, as compared to 5 to 8 cents/kWh in 2000.

**DATES:** The Standard Form 424, and the technical application (20 page maximum), must have an IIPS transmission time stamp of not later than 5 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 28, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed applications are required to be submitted via the U.S. Department of Energy Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Dahl, Contract Specialist at [dahlee@id.doe.gov](mailto:dahlee@id.doe.gov), facsimile at (208) 526-5548, or by telephone at (208) 526-7214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Approximately \$2,000,000 dollars in Federal funds is expected to be available over the next three fiscal years. A maximum of \$500,000 dollars is expected to be available in fiscal year 2002 to totally fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates awarding three to five grants, each with a duration of three years or less. U.S. institutions of higher education may submit applications in response to this solicitation. National laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation. Multi-partner collaborations between U.S.

universities and U.S. industry are encouraged. Cost share is not required but encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14263 is on or about November 29, 2001. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://e-center.doe.gov>. The statutory authority for this program is the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977, Public Law 95-238, Section 207, and Public Law 101-218. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.087, Renewable Energy Research and Development.

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**R.J. Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-22-000]

#### Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Application

December 3, 2001.

Take notice that on November 9, 2001, Michigan Gas Storage Company (Michigan Gas), 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, 49201, filed an application pursuant to section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and section 152.1 of the Commission's regulations, for a declaration of exemption from the provisions of NGA. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 24, 2001, file with the 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 Procedures (19 CFR sections 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR section 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 proceedings.

Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Take notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 on this application if no protest or motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein. At that time, the Commission, on its own review of the matter, will determine whether granting the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 advise, it will be unnecessary for Michigan to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL02-26-000]

#### Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company, Complainants, v. Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc., Respondent; Notice of Complaint

December 3, 2001.

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Nevada Power Company (NPC) and Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) (collectively, the Nevada companies) filed a complaint requesting that the Commission mitigate unjust and unreasonable prices in sales contracts between NPC and Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc. (Duke) and between SPPC and Duke entered into in late 2000 and the first half of 2001 for delivery after January 1, 2001.

The Nevada companies request that the Commission set a refund effective