

the Department's Privacy Act regulations in 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations in 34 CFR 5b.7, including proof of identity.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system is obtained from surveys with students who were in middle school in 2000–01 and who participated in the GEAR UP program and from a comparison group of students. Students are to be surveyed in spring 2006 when normal progression would make them seniors in high school. Surveys are being conducted as a source of providing information.

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Notice of Renewal of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102–3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period beginning December 11, 2005.

The Committee will provide advice to the Director, Office of Science, on the Biological and Environmental Research Program managed by the Office of Biological and Environmental Research. The Secretary of Energy has determined that renewal of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law upon the Department of Energy. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the General Services

Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586–3279.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 11, 2005.

**Carol Matthews,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06–32–000]

#### Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Petition for a Preliminary Determination

December 9, 2005.

Take notice that on November 16, 2005, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) filed a petition for a preliminary determination pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Maritimes requests that the Commission approve the design for its Phase IV Project on a preliminary basis and, if necessary, find that Portland Natural Gas Transmission System's claim for indemnification is without merit.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the petition should file comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211 and 385.214 on or before December 23, 2005. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests and other comments, but only those who file a motion to intervene may become parties to the proceeding.

The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests,

and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER05–1468–000 and ER05–1468–001]

#### Ridge Generating Station, Limited Partnership; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 9, 2005.

Ridge Generating Station Limited Partnership (Ridge) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff. The proposed rate tariff provides for the sales of energy and capacity at market-based rates. Ridge also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Ridge requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Ridge.

On December 8, 2005, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—South, granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Ridge 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is January 9, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Ridge is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object