

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 may be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

To provide a consistent format for the submission, review and solicitation of grant applications submitted under this notice, the preparation and submission of grant applications must follow the guidelines given in the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program 10 CFR Part 605.

Information about the development, submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, the selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR Part 605, and in the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to the Guide and required forms is made available via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. On the ER grant face page, form DOE F 4650.2, in block 15, also provide the PI's phone number, fax number and E-mail address. The research description must be 20 pages or less, exclusive of attachments, and must contain an abstract or summary of the proposed research (to include the hypotheses being tested, the proposed experimental design, and the names of all investigators and their affiliations). Attachments include curriculum vitae, QA/QC plan, a listing of all current and pending federal support, and letters of intent when collaborations are part of the proposed research.

Although the required original and seven copies of the application must be submitted, researchers are asked to submit an electronic version of the abstract of the proposed research in ASCII format along with a valid e-mail address to Ms. Karen Carlson by e-mail at karen.carlson@oer.doe.gov. Curriculum vitae should be submitted in a form similar to that of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or the National Science Foundation (NSF) (two to three pages), for example see: <http://www.nsf.gov:80/bfa/cpo/gpg/fkit.htm#forms-9>.

The Office of Energy Research, as part of its grant regulations, requires at 10

CFR 605.11(b) that a recipient receiving a grant and performing research involving recombinant DNA molecules and/or organisms and viruses containing recombinant DNA molecules shall comply with NIH "Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules", which is available via the world wide web at: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/odhsb/biosafe/nih/nih97-1.html> (59 FR 34496, July 5, 1994), or such later revision of those guidelines as may be published in the **Federal Register**. Grantees must also comply with other federal and state laws and regulations as appropriate, for example, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) as it applies to genetically modified organisms. Although compliance with NEPA is the responsibility of DOE, grantees proposing to conduct field research are expected to provide information necessary for the DOE to complete the NEPA review and documentation.

Related Funding Opportunities: Investigators may wish to obtain information about the following related funding opportunities:

Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management: The Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP). Contact: Mr. Mark Gilbertson, Director, Office of Science and Risk Policy, Office of Science and Technology, EM-52, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, e-mail mark.gilbertson@em.doe.gov, phone (202) 586-7150. The EMSP home page is available at web site: <http://www.em.doe.gov/science/>.

DOE/EPA/NSF/ONR Joint Program on Bioremediation, Dr. Robert E. Menzer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov, phone (202) 260-5779.

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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John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director for Resource Management, Office of Energy Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-36-000]

George B. Angle, d/b/a Frontier Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, George B. Angle, d/b/a Frontier Oil Company (Angle) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ and an extension of time for dispute resolution, with respect to its Kansas ad valorem tax refund liability under the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. RP97-369-000, GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, and GP97-5-000.²

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals³ directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission issued a January 28, 1998 order in Docket No. RP98-39-001, *et al.* (January 28 Order),⁴ clarifying the refund procedures, stating that producers could request additional time to establish the uncollectability of royalty refunds, and that first seller may file requests for NGPA section 502(c) adjustment relief from the refund requirement and the timing and procedures for implementing the refunds, based on the individual circumstances applicable to each first seller.

Angle requests authorization, pursuant to the Commission's January 28 order, that the Commission: (1) Extend the time by 90 days from March 9, 1998, in which to obtain the necessary documents and information to determine if the amount of refund set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due (SRD) received from K N Interstate Transmission Company is correct and to reach an agreement on the amount before submitting the dispute to the Commission, and (2) grant an adjustment to its procedures to allow Angle to place into an escrow account the disputed amount of the refund, which at this time is the entire amount under the SRD, and, after resolution of

¹ 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).

⁴ 82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998).

the dispute, retain in the account (i) principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983, and (ii) interest on all reimbursed principal amounts determined to be in excess of maximum lawful prices (excluding interest retained under (i) above).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-43-017]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that, on March 16, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, proposed to be effective April 1, 1998:

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2
Second Revised Sheet No. 187.2
Third Revised Sheet No. 189

ANR states that the purpose of the filing is to implement two provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement ("Settlement") filed by ANR on October 17, 1997, and approved by Commission order issued February 13, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company, 82 FERC (CCH) ¶ 61,145 (1998).

ANR further states that, in compliance with the Settlement, the revised tariff sheets reflect the removal of the Interruptible Revenue Crediting

provision from its tariff, and changes to its Account No. 858 tracker mechanism. The changes reflected on the proposed tariff sheets are the same as the changes shown on the pro forma tariff sheets that were appended to the Settlement.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to parties on the restricted service list to this proceeding, intervenors, affected customers, and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-4-001]

AOG Gas Transmission Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition To Partially Withdraw Rate Application, Approve Existing Rate, and Close Docket

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 11, 1998, AOG Gas Transmission Company, L.P. (AOGGT) filed pursuant to Sections 284.123(e) of the Commission's regulations, a petition to the Commission for an order (1) allowing AOGGT to withdraw its pending proposal in this Docket to continue the existing system-wide rate applicable to service provided through its New Mexico system, and (2) approving AOGGT's existing system-wide rate applicable to transportation service rendered from its system in the state of Oklahoma, \$0.0019 per MMBtu. This rate will be applicable to the transportation of natural gas under section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

AOG states that it has or will discontinue the provision of Section 311 transportation services in the State of New Mexico, because of the sale and

transfer of its New Mexico facilities to Transwestern Pipeline Company, Conoco, Inc., and El Paso Natural Gas Company during December 1997 and April 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in this proceeding must 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 sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. All Such motions or protests must be filed on or before April 3, 1998. 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. Copies of this petition are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-35-000]

Lee Banks d/b/a Banks Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Banks, Lee d/b/a Banks Oil Company (Banks), Suite 550, 500 West Douglas, Wichita, Kansas 67202, filed in Docket No. SA98-35-000 a petition for adjustment pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) 15 U.S.C. 3412(c) and Rules 1101-1117 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.1101-385.1117) requesting to be relieved of all refund requests or obligations covering all wells with the exception of the Loewen C well (Panhandle), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Banks states that it has adjustment disputes with Northern Natural Gas Company, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company and Colorado Interstate Gas Company.

Banks states further that the request, to be relieved of all refund requests or obligations, is based on the special hardship privileges.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said