

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-26; Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty investigators who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical plasma physics research and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of the individual research programs of exceptionally talented scientists and engineers early in their careers.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in FY 2000, formal applications in response to this notice should be received on or before January 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 99-26 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99-26. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express, any other commercial mail delivery service or when hand carried by the applicant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ronald McKnight, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, Science Division, SC-55 (GTN), 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-4597. E-mail: ronald.mcknight@science.doe.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program was started in FY 1997. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented plasma physics faculty members early in their careers and assist and facilitate the development of their research programs. Eligibility for awards under this notice is, therefore, restricted to tenure-track regular academic faculty investigators who are conducting experimental or theoretical plasma physics research. Applications from Junior Faculty involved in any areas of plasma physics

research, not only magnetic fusion, are welcomed and encouraged. Emphasis is to be placed on basic plasma science research. For applications to be considered for funding, certification of the status of the applicant as a tenure-track regular academic faculty member by the head of the applicant's academic department or other university/college certifying official will be required before the grant is awarded. Awards made under this program will help to maintain the vitality of university plasma physics research and assure continued excellence in the teaching of plasma physics and related disciplines.

It is anticipated that annual funding levels up to \$150,000 per award may be made available for grants under this notice during FY 2000, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding for equipment above this level will be considered on a case-by-case basis. DOE may make up to three awards during FY 2000, depending on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds. Multiple year funding of grant awards is expected, with funding provided on an annual basis subject to availability of funds. The usual duration of these grants is three years and they will not normally be renewed after the project period is completed. It is anticipated that at the end of the grant period, grantees will submit new grant applications to continue their research to the Department of Energy or other Federal funding agencies. For the Office of Science, these applications should follow the usual application process. Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 605:

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

An additional review criteria will address educational aspects of the proposed work including the involvement of graduate and undergraduate students. These aspects should be discussed in the application.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605

which is available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 31, 1999.

**John Rodney Clark,**

*Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-611-000]

**Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

September 10, 1999.

Take notice that on September 1, 1999, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP99-611-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.208) and CIG's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-21-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, for authorization to increase the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) at the Weld County KN and Carpenter-Burns Meter Stations, in Colorado and all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

CIG states that the Carpenter-Burns and Weld County KN Meter Stations are both on CIG's 15A Lateral that extends east from the Cheyenne Compressor Station approximately 39 miles. CIG further states the MAOP of the lateral is 847 psig, the MAOP of the Carpenter-Burns Meter Station downstream of regulators is 400 psig and the MAOP of the Weld County KN Meter Station downstream of regulators is 718 psig. Since the delivery obligation at the Carpenter-Burns Meter Station is 400 psig, CIG proposes to increase the MAOP of the meter station to 520 psig so CIG can meet this delivery obligation without violation of the MAOP

limitation. To accomplish this, CIG proposes to change the regulators and gas test the facilities downstream of these regulators. The Carpenter-Burns Meter Station delivers gas to Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power Co.

CIG states that the Weld County KN Meter Station is at the end of the 15A Lateral and delivers gas to KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KN). CIG further states that there are regulators between the lateral and the meter station that protects the meter station from the higher MAOP. However, when KN shuts off deliveries from this meter, a situation occurs where it is possible to exceed the MAOP of the metering facilities. To fix this situation, CIG is proposing to replace valving, meter tubes, and some piping, all within the Weld County KN Meter Station Yard to increase the MAOP of the metering facility to 891 psig. This will eliminate operational problems associated with the MAOP limitation at this metering station.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If not protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1927-008]

#### PacifiCorp; Notice of Site Visit

September 10, 1999.

Staff from the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) will visit the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project on October 13 and 14, 1999. ORNL has been contracted by the Commission to prepare and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the North Umpqua

relicense application that was filed on January 30, 1995.

The purpose of this visit is to familiarize ORNL staff with the project setting, it's operation, environmental issues, and to meet the U.S. Forest Service staff who will be cooperating in the preparation of the EIS. Those participating in the site visit will meet at the Umpqua National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 2900 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon at 8:00 am on October 13, 1999. Prior to leaving for the project, there will be a brief description of the project and the day's itinerary. Participants should bring a bag lunch. The itinerary for the second day, October 14, will be set on the 13th depending on the progress made. Any person wishing to attend should contact Vince Yearick at (202) 219-3073, fax at (202) 219-2152, or e-mail at [vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us](mailto:vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us). Please notify Mr. Yearick by October 8, 1999, if you plan to attend.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10822-000 and 10823-000; Connecticut]

#### Summit Hydropower Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

September 10, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for original minor licenses for the Upper Collinsville Hydroelectric Project and the Lower Collinsville Hydroelectric Project, located on the Farmington River in New Hartford County, Connecticut, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project.

Copies of the FEA are available in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. For further information, contact James T. Griffin at (202) 219-2799. The FEA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>

(please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11243-016; Alaska]

#### Whitewater Engineering Corporation; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

September 10, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for license amendment for the Power Creek Project, No. 11243-016. The Power Creek Project is located on Power Creek in Cordova, Alaska. The licensee is proposing to reroute the transmission line from the licensed subterranean route to an underwater route beneath Eyak Lake. The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) finds that approving the amendment application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. For further information, please contact Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038. The DEA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Please submit any comments within 45 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 11243-016 to all comments.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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