

Corporation (Texas Gas), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, filed in Docket No. CP96-79-000, a request pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point for Gibbs Die Casting Corporation (Gibbs) in Henderson County, Kentucky. Texas Gas makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas indicates that Gibbs' natural gas requirements for its plant in Henderson County, Kentucky, are presently supplied on an interruptible sales basis by the Henderson Municipal Gas Department (City of Henderson, Kentucky), a municipal customer of Texas Gas. It is stated that Gibbs has requested that Texas Gas construct a new delivery point in Henderson County to enable Gibbs to receive natural gas transportation service directly from Texas Gas. The proposed new delivery point for Gibbs will be known as the Gibbs-Henderson Meter Station. The estimated cost to construct said facilities is \$66,850, and it is stated that Gibbs will reimburse Texas Gas in full for the cost of the facilities to be installed by Texas Gas.

It is stated that Gibbs is requesting up to 2,300 MMBtu of natural gas per day to be supplied by a combination of firm transportation, interruptible transportation and released capacity for plant usage at its Henderson plants. It is further stated that this service will be provided by Texas Gas pursuant to the authority of its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP88-686-000 and Sections 248.223 of the Commission's Regulations. The rate schedules applicable to the proposed service will be Texas Gas' FT and IT Rate Schedules, as contained in First Revised Volume No. 1 of Texas Gas' FERC Gas Tariff.

It is indicated that because of the relatively small amount of firm natural gas service involved, that this proposal will have no significant impact on Texas Gas' peak day and annual deliveries.

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 no 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket Nos. RP95-197-000 and RP95-197-001]

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference**

November 29, 1995.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Monday, December 11, 1995, at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced proceeding. The conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's Regulations. See 18 CFR 385.214.

For additional information, please contact Warren C. Wood at (202) 208-2091 or Donald A. Heydt at (202) 208-0740.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**West Allegheny Biomass Energy Corp.; Notice of Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status**

November 29, 1995.

On November 16, 1995, West Allegheny Biomass Energy Corp. (Applicant), of 327 Winding Way, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for a determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to 18 CFR Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Applicant, a Pennsylvania corporation, states that it intends to own and operate a generating facility (Facility), to be located in Butler County, Pennsylvania, that will consist of a 12 mw biomass-fueled combustion turbine and related interconnection facilities. The facility will be located in a new industrial park being developed in Allegheny Township, Pennsylvania.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning this application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application. All such motions and comments should be filed on or before December 11, 1995 and must be served on the Applicant. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**Office of Energy Research**

**Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 96-02; Enhanced Research Capabilities at DOE User Facilities**

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

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES) of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for new capabilities or for upgrading existing research capabilities for innovative *fundamental* research at DOE-supported synchrotron light sources and neutron sources, and the Combustion Research Facility. Such instrumentation should employ state-of-the-art technology so that the photon and neutron beams are utilized more effectively. Applications for the development of new capabilities, as well as upgrading of existing capabilities are encouraged.

**DATES:** Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 96-02, should be received by DOE by 4:30 p.m.

E.S.T., December 29, 1995. A response discussing the potential program relevance of a formal application generally will be communicated to the applicant within 30 days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., February 8, 1996, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in fiscal year 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 96-02, should be sent to Dr. William T. Oosterhuis, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, Division of Materials Sciences, ER-13, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

After receiving notification from DOE concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 96-02. The above address for formal applications also must be used when submitting formal applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or when handcarried by the applicant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William T. Oosterhuis, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, Division of Materials Sciences, ER-13, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-3426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of the President's Science Facilities Utilization Enhancement to make more efficient use of the National User Facilities listed below, the instrumentation (such as optics, detectors, and data collection electronics) needed to increase the experimental throughput at these powerful sources has to be at the state-of-the-art. At some user facilities, there is a distinct need to upgrade the instrumentation to increase the resolution, to detect more photons or neutrons per unit time, and increase the quality of the data so that more and better experiments can be carried out. At other user facilities, there is a need to put more beamlines on the experimental floor to make more experiments possible while the facility is operating. The National User Facilities supported by the Office of Basic Energy Sciences are the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS), High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR), Combustion Research Facility (CRF), High Flux

Isotope Reactor (HFIR), Intense Pulsed Neutron Source (IPNS), Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory (SSRL), Advanced Light Source (ALS), Advanced Photon Source (APS), and Los Alamos Neutron Scattering Center (LANSCE). These facilities have the capabilities of extreme flux, or brightness, to make certain experiments possible which would otherwise be impossible. The interest is in exploiting these capabilities to the maximum extent possible.

The Department's intention for this program is to support fundamental research which will include the upgrade and/or development of new instrumentation to optimize the use of these National User Facilities operated by the Department. The ability to conduct innovative fundamental research should be emphasized in each application. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with industry and to incorporate cost sharing and consortia wherever feasible. The extent of the collaboration and cost sharing will be factors, along with the principal criterion of the scientific merit of the application, in the selection process by the Department.

Grant applications are encouraged from all disciplines (including solid state physics, materials chemistry, metals and ceramics, chemical sciences, structural biology, geosciences, and environmental sciences) for energy-relevant research which make use of the DOE-supported user facilities. Instrumentation appropriate for consideration would include, but not be limited to, the following: beamline optics and transport guides, monochromators of much greater resolution, more efficient detectors to reduce the background noise, electronics and data processing equipment to enable investigators to carry out new or more difficult experiments and/or more experiments in the same amount of time.

The brief preapplication, in accordance with 10 CFR 600.10(d)(2), should consist of two to three pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment. The preapplications will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the DOE's fundamental research programs at these facilities. Telephone and FAX numbers are required parts of the preapplication, and electronic mail addresses are desirable.

It is anticipated that approximately \$5,000,000 will be available for grant awards during FY 1996 which will enable innovative fundamental research through major enhancements in

instrumentation or capabilities at these user facilities, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. The number of awards and the range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Information about the development, submission, and 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. The Application Guide is available from the U.S. Department of Energy, Materials Sciences Division, Office of Energy Research, ER-13, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone requests may be made by calling (301) 903-3426. Electronic access to ER's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet using the following E-mail address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/>.

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 November 16, 1995.

D.D. Mayhew,

*Associate Director, Office of Resource Management, Office of Energy Research.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5338-4]

### Technical Forum on the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John T. Leary, Project Manager for the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission, Western Governor's Association, 600 17th Street, Suite 1705, South Tower, Denver, Colorado 80202; telephone number (303) 623-9378; facsimile machine number (303) 534-7309.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is announcing a public forum to address technical issues relating to the assessment of emissions management scenarios being performed by the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission (Commission).

The Forum will convene at Desert Research Institute, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada Las Vegas on