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Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-100-000]

**Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application**

December 13, 1995.

Take notice that on December 8, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, and Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), 9900 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124, filed in Docket No. CP96-100-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and Section 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder, a joint application requesting permission and approval for abandonment, effective January 1, 1996, a sale/purchase/exchange service performed under Natural's Rate Schedule X-57 and MRT's Rate Schedule X-13 authorized in Natural's Docket No. CP75-224, as amended, and MRT's Docket No. CP75-226, as amended, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission.

Natural and MRT state that they are parties to a gas exchange agreement and sales agreement dated December 23, 1974, as amended (Agreement), which became Natural's Rate Schedule X-57 and MRT's Rate Schedule X-13. It is also stated that pursuant to the agreement, as amended, Natural: 1) received in Wheeler County, Texas MRT's reserves on a firm basis up to 15,000 Mcf of natural gas per day which MRT purchases in the Mills Ranch Field in Wheeler County, Texas and 2) redeliver to MRT in Clinton County, Illinois, Randolph County, Arkansas and Harrison County, Texas, eighty nine percent (89%) of the volumes delivered by MRT to Natural commencing April 1 each year and forty three percent (43%) of the volumes delivered by MRT to Natural during the six (6) months commencing October 1 each year. Natural and MRT further state that MRT sold and Natural purchased the remainder of the volumes received from MRT.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage of gas purchased and transported by Natural varies according to the time

Natural and MRT state that by a letter agreement dated October 27, 1995, they agreed to terminate the Agreement, as amended, effective January 1, 1996.

Therefore, by the present joint application, Natural and MRT request authority to abandon, effective January 1, 1996, the sale/purchase/exchange service performed under the Agreement, as amended, and Natural's Rate Schedule X-57 and MRT's Rate Schedule X-13 authorized in Natural's Docket No. CP75-224, as amended, and MRT's Docket No. 75-226, as amended.

Natural and MRT state that no facilities are proposed to be abandoned.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 3, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 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 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion 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 advised, it will be

of the year and the year in question. Natural's purchase obligation is subject to a cap of the applicable percentage applied to 15,000 Mcf of gas per day.

unnecessary for Natural or MRT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. ER96-501-000]

**Ohio Power Company; Notice of Filing**

December 13, 1995.

Take notice that on December 1, 1995, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (ARPS), on behalf of Ohio Power Company (OPCO), tendered for filing as an initial rate schedule, a Power Supply Agreement between OPCO and Cleveland Public Power (CPP).

The Power Supply Agreement provides CP up to 50 MW of limited term power for 5 years.

Copies of the filing were served upon CPP, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before December 28, 1995. 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. 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 96-03: Computational Structural Biology**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Health and Environmental Research (OHER) of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), supports a comprehensive research program in the

area of environmental sciences, health effects and life sciences, and medical applications. Major program research emphasis is placed on characterization of human and microbial genomes, structural biology, cellular and molecular biology, global climate change, improved technology for cleanup of DOE contaminated sites, advanced imaging technologies, and molecular nuclear medicine. With the explosion of nucleic acid and amino acid sequence data that stems from genome projects, there is an immediate need for greatly improved experimental and computational approaches for protein structure determination. To help meet this need, and in support of diverse missions of DOE, OHER is initiating a new program in computational structural biology. The purpose of this program is to support research that will enhance understanding of structure-function relationships in biological macromolecules. These relationships are very important for diverse applications in biotechnology, including development of drugs for diseases, new and improved biomaterials, design of enzymes for effective and efficient removal of environmental contaminants, and the development and conversion of bio-mass for fuels. In particular, research applications that integrate existing software tools in novel ways and/or develop new computational strategies to exploit databases of macromolecular structural information towards furthering our understanding of the relationships between sequence and structure are of particular interest to the program at this time. This includes the goals of predicting the structure and function of newly discovered gene sequences and the prediction or design of the chemical properties and architectural arrangement of proteins or nucleic acids needed for a particular functional application. Examples of existing approaches that fall into this category are knowledge-based or molecular extension methods (e.g., homology model building or multiple sequence alignment), *ab initio* folding (finding structures that fit sequences) and the development of tools to assign existing or new sequences to specific structures (e.g., finding sequences that fit structures through threading or inverse folding algorithms). Attention should be also focussed on the problem of negative design, the identification of aspects of a sequence that precludes its fitting a known structure. More generally, the integration and joint utilization of the growing body of sequence, structural and physical

information is an area that offers new opportunities that are of interest to the program. Studies that rigorously compare existing tools and/or exploit the latest advances in multiple approaches (in algorithms, simulation, modeling and graphical representation/visualization) or that include the development of new computational and visualization techniques for application to the prediction of protein and nucleic acid structure and the exploitation of structure to predict function, will also be considered particularly responsive. Collaborative projects with two to five principal investigators, of complementary expertise and each with independent funding, aimed at achieving a synergistic effect in improving structure prediction accuracy through such activities as evaluation of different potential functions, the development of shared code, or an integrated attack on a set of problems in an area of prediction or in testing current modeling techniques are also encouraged. Funds for such projects would be comparable to individual awards, but could be used to nucleate a larger group effort.

**DATES:** Formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received by 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., April 25, 1996, to be accepted for a June merit review and to permit timely consideration of award in Fiscal Year 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Formal applications referencing Program Notice 96-03 should be forwarded 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 96-03. The same address as above must be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or hand carried by the applicant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Matesh N. Varma, Office of Health and Environmental Research, ER-73, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-3209, Fax: (301) 903-0567, (E-mail: matesh.varma@mailgw.er.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Before preparing a formal application, potential applicants must submit a brief preapplication in accordance with 10 CFR 600.10(d)(2), which consists of two to three pages of narrative describing research objectives and methods of accomplishment. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs for the computational structural biology program.

Preapplications referencing Program Notice 96-03 should be received by January 23, 1996, and sent to Dr. Matesh N. Varma, Office of Health and Environmental Research, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, (301) 903-3209. Telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses are required to be part of the preapplication. A response to the preapplication discussing potential relevance of a formal application will be communicated by February 20, 1996. It is anticipated that approximately \$2.0 million will be available for grant awards during Fiscal Year 1996 contingent upon availability of funds. We expect to award several grants in this area of research up to a few hundred thousand dollars per year. Information about 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, Office of Health and Environmental, ER-73, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone requests may be made by calling (301) 903-5349. 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, D.C. on December 11, 1995.

D. D. Mayhew,

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5398-3]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The