

FY 1997, depending on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in FY 1997, formal applications in response to this notice should be received on or before January 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 96-15 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 96-15. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U. S. Postal Service Express, and 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, ER-55, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-3421.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program is being started in FY 1997. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented plasma 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. Emphasis is to be placed on basic plasma science research. For applications 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.

It is anticipated that annual funding levels up to \$150,000 per award may be made available for grants under this notice during FY 1997, contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding for equipment above this level will be considered on a case-to-case basis. The number of awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. Multiple year funding of grant awards is expected, with funding provided on an annual basis subject to availability of funds. These grants will not normally be renewed after the project period is completed; grantees may, however, submit new grant

applications to continue their research using the usual departmental grant application process. Applications will be subjected to formal 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.

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 Energy Research Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605. The Application Guide is available from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, Office of Energy Research, ER-55, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone requests may be made by calling (301) 903-3421. Electronic access to ER's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web site address:

<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 September 10, 1996.

John Rodney Clark,

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Office of Energy Research.*

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### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER96-2350-000]

#### **CMS Electric Marketing Company; Notice of Issuance of Order**

September 18, 1996.

CMS Electric Marketing Company (CMS Marketing) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, CMS Marketing requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions

of liabilities by CMS Marketing. On September 6, 1996, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's September 6, 1996 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protect the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by CMS Marketing 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 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, CMS Marketing is hereby authorized, pursuant to section 204 of the FPA, to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object, within the corporate purposes of CMS Marketing, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of CMS Marketing's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities \* \* \*.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 7, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### **EMC Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Issuance of Order**

September 18, 1996.

EMC Gas Transmission Company (EMC) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which EMC will engage in wholesale electric power and energy