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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Wetlands Involvement for Atmospheric Radiation Measurement/ Cloud and Radiation Testbed at Sandia National Laboratories

AGENCY: Kirtland Area Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: DOE is proposing to establish an instrumented climate research site in the general vicinity of Barrow, Alaska, on the North Slope and adjacent Arctic Ocean. This site is being established to collect data on a long-term basis about the passage of sunlight and radiant heat through the earth's atmosphere. These data are needed to improve the predictive capability of computer models about changes in the concentration of atmospheric gases as a result of man's activities. Instrumentation and associated workspace would consist of a network of small facilities widely dispersed over an area extending up to 170 miles from Barrow, much of which is tundra. Approximately six acres would be required, of which only a small amount would be actually disturbed. To avoid adversely affecting the permafrost, all facilities and equipment would be supported on pilings installed in conformance with approved arctic/permafrost construction methods and transported only when the tundra is completely frozen.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Susan Lacy, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Kirtland Area Office, P. O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, (505) 845-5542.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT: Dan Dilley, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, (505) 845-6246.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Description

DOE proposes to establish an instrumented climatic research site on the North Slope of Alaska and adjacent Arctic Ocean, in the vicinity of the community of Barrow. Known as a Cloud and Radiation Testbed measurement site, it would be the third site established worldwide to gather data about the passage of sunlight and radiant heat through the earth's atmosphere. These data are needed to improve the predictive capability of computer models regarding climatic changes resulting from man's activities and any resulting climatic changes. Instrumentation and associated support facilities would consist of a network of small facilities widely dispersed over an area extending up to 170 miles from Barrow. The major concentration of facilities would be established at an existing facility near Barrow and would occupy approximately five acres. Seven to ten additional smaller facilities occupying a few square yards each would be distributed at varying distances from the Barrow facility. The total area required for all facilities would be about six acres. All facilities would be supported on pilings and installed in conformance with approved arctic/permafrost construction methods. Facilities would be transported only when the tundra is completely frozen.

2. Wetlands

A significant portion of the proposed action would be located on tundra, consisting of continuous permafrost. The permafrost extends from a few inches below the land surface to depths ranging from 600 to 1200 feet and has been in a similar condition for several thousand years. The soil column is frozen from November until May. An active layer thaws every summer and varies from 0.5 to five feet deep. After the thaw, about 30 percent of the land surface is water. Implementation of measures designed to prevent or minimize disturbance to the permafrost would preclude adverse impacts.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE will

prepare a wetlands assessment for this proposed action. The wetlands assessment will be included as an integral part of the EA that will be prepared for this proposal in complying with NEPA.

Issued in Albuquerque, NM on September 23, 1996.

Susan Lacy,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Kirtland Area Office, Department of Energy.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-309-001]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request for Change in Proposed Effective Date and Conforming Changes to Tariff Sheets

September 25, 1996.

Take notice that on September 20, 1996, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets to become effective November 1, 1996.

1st Rev. Sub. 17th Rev. Sheet No. 8A
1st Rev. Sub. 9th Rev. Sheet No. 8A.02
1st Rev. Sub. 15th Rev. Sheet No. 8B
1st Rev. Sub. 8th Rev. Sheet No. 8B.01

FGT states that on July 3, 1996 FGT filed tariff sheets in the above referenced docket (July 3 Filing) to implement rate and tariff changes to become effective upon the abandonment and transfer of certain facilities for which FGT had requested abandonment authorization in Docket No. CP92-12 ("South Texas Facilities"). In the July 3 Filing, FGT stated that, because of commercial and administrative considerations, the abandonment and transfer of the South Texas Facilities would occur on the first day of the first month following the date on which the Commission order in Docket No. CP96-12 became final and non-appealable. In anticipation of a final Commission order being issued during July, 1996, FGT requested a September 1, 1996 effective date for the tariff changes proposed in the July 3 Filing.

Because a Commission order in Docket No. CP96-12 was not issued in July, and the transfer of facilities could not take place on September 1, FGT filed on August 12, 1996 a Request to Delay Action ("August 12 Filing") on FGT's July 3 Filing until such time as a final order approving abandonment of the South Texas Facilities was issued. In the August 12 Filing, FGT stated that