

will evaluate the applications based on the following factors: (1) Overall merit; for example: (a) The concept's applicability and commercial potential to the U.S. diesel engine and material and component supplier industries, (b) the interest of industry as evidenced by letters of support, (c) the proposed cost share; (2) the proposed project objectives and the probability of achieving the stated objectives; (3) the applicants research capabilities and qualifications; and (4) the applicant's facilities. DOE will select only proposals which are meritorious based upon the above evaluation and which represent a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach. If separate areas of research are called for by this solicitation, then a physically separate application for each area of research proposed is required. However, two or more areas of research may be combined if strong interfaces or interrelationships can be clearly shown.

This notice infers no commitment by DOE to make an award. A decision to award will be determined after thorough evaluation of applications received and the availability of funds. DOE reserves the right to support or not support any applications. DOE assumes no responsibility for any cost associated with the preparation of applications. Award will be subject to the Energy Policy Act Section 2306, which contains the following limitation: "Section 2306. Limits on Participation by Companies—A company shall be eligible to receive financial assistance under sections XX through XXIII of this Act only if—(1) The Secretary finds that the company's participation in any program under such titles would be in the economic interest of the United States, as evidenced by investments in the United States in research, development, and manufacturing (including, for example, the manufacture of major components or subassemblies in the United States); significant contributions to employment in the United States; an agreement with respect to any technology arising from assistance provided under this section to promote the manufacture within the United States of products resulting from that technology (taking into account the goals of promoting the competitiveness of United States industry), and to procure parts and materials from competitive suppliers; and (2) either— (a) The company is a United States-owned company; or (b) the Secretary finds that the company is incorporated in the United States and has a parent company which is incorporated in a country which affords to United States-owned companies opportunities,

comparable to those afforded to any other company, to participate in any joint venture similar to those authorized under this Act; affords to United States-owned companies local investment opportunities comparable to those afforded to any other company; and affords adequate and effective protection for the intellectual property rights of United States-owned companies."

Issued in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on September 27, 1996.

Sylvia G. Galde,

*Acting Division Director, Procurement and Contracts Division, Oak Ridge Operations.*

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### **Environmental Management Advisory Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting:

*Name:* Environmental Management Advisory Board.

*Date and Times:* Wednesday, October 23, 1996, 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

*Place:* U.S. Department of Energy/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Room 1E-245, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James T. Melillo, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management; Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB), EM-22, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Board.* The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management program and the Programmatic Environmental Management Impact Statement, from the perspectives of affected groups and state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will help to improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program.

### **Tentative Agenda**

*Wednesday, October 23, 1996*

8:30 a.m.—Co-Chairmen Open Public Meeting.

8:35 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

10:15 a.m.—Ten Year Plan Committee Presentation and Discussion.

11:45 a.m.—Privatization Committee Presentation and Discussion.

12:30 p.m.—Lunch.

1:30 p.m.—Science Committee Interim Report and Discussion.

2:30 p.m.—Strategic Integration Committee Interim Report and Discussion.

3:30 p.m.—Technology Development & Transfer Committee Report and Discussion.

4:00 p.m.—Board Business.

4:15 p.m.—Update on EM Charge Back Issues.

4:45 p.m.—Public Comment Session.

5:30 p.m.—Meeting Adjourns.

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should either contact James T. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call 1-(800) 736-3282, the Center for Environmental Management Information and register to speak during the public comment session of the meeting. Individuals may also register on October 23, 1996 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing to speak to the Board, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those who call in and reserve time will be given the opportunity to speak first. The Board Co-Chairs are empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Transcripts and Minutes:* A meeting transcript and minutes will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 30, 1996.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP96-811-000]

#### **Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

September 30, 1996.

Take notice that on September 23, 1996, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar), 79 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 filed in the above

docket, a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.212(a) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to acquire and operate certain metering and regulating (M&R) facilities, in accordance with a Bill of Sale dated May 20, 1996, between Questar and Mountain Fuel Supply Company (MFS), Questar's local distribution company affiliate, that serve the FMC Corporation (FMC) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Questar explains that the recent acquisition of the M&R facilities allows it to have direct operational control of the facilities. Since the acquisition, Questar further explains that it has continued the delivery of natural gas directly to FMC. Questar states that MFS no longer own or operates any facilities associated with natural-gas deliveries to FMC.

Questar states that the M&R facilities comprise a 6-inch meter run and meter building, a Barton Dryflow meter, a 3-inch Fisher flow controller with associated valves and piping, primary and secondary one-inch and two-inch Fisher regulator bank assemblies, a 500 gallon odorant storage tank and other appurtenant facilities specifically listed in a Bill of Sale. In accordance with this Bill of Sale, Questar also explains that MFS sold the M&R facilities to Questar for \$16,945 and that the acquisition and continued operation of the subject M&R facilities has not required any construction activities, but, rather has involved only the contractual transfer of facility ownership, thus resulting in no effect on the existing environment.

Questar further states that it provides service to FMC in accordance with an existing interruptible Rate Schedule T-2 transportation service agreement dated May 6, 1987. It is asserted that the service agreement provides for the interruptible transportation of up to 7,000 Mcf per day of natural gas on behalf of FMC from all receipt points on Questar's transmission system to the existing FMC delivery point and that natural-gas volumes may also be transported to FMC delivery point through use of capacity-release arrangements on Questar's transmission system.

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 Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 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 is deemed to be authorized effective on 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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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER96-2591-000]

#### Strategic Energy Management, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

September 30, 1996.

Strategic Energy Management, Inc. (SEMI) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which SEMI will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. SEMI also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, SEMI requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by SEMI.

On September 13, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by SEMI should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, SEMI is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither

public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of SEMI's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 15, 1996. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### Thicksten Grimm Burgum, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

September 30, 1996.

Thicksten Grimm Burgum, Inc. (Thicksten) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Thicksten will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Thicksten also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Thicksten requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Thicksten.

On September 16, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Thicksten should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Thicksten is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be