

Commander, U.S. Army Signal Command, ATTN: AFSC-OPT-BC, Fort Huachuca, AZ 95613-5000.

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RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

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CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From the individual and the Federal Communications Commission.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.132A-3]

Centers for Independent Living; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997.

Purpose of Program

This program provides support for planning, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living (centers) that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), consistent with the State plan for establishing a statewide network of centers. Centers are consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and provide an array of independent living (IL) services.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must be a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability,

nonresidential, private nonprofit agency as defined in 34 CFR 364.4; have the power and authority to meet the requirements in 34 CFR 366.2(a)(1); be able to plan, conduct, administer, and evaluate a center for independent living consistent with the requirements of section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act and Subparts F and G of 34 CFR Part 366; and either—(1) not currently be receiving funds under Part C of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act; or (2) propose the expansion of an existing center through the establishment of a separate and complete center (except that the governing board of the existing center may serve as the governing board of the new center) in a different geographical location. Eligibility under this competition is limited to entities that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 366.24 and propose to serve areas that are unserved or underserved in the States and territories listed under *Available Funds*.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 30, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 29, 1997.

Applications Available: March 7, 1997.

Available Funds: \$101,587 as distributed in the following manner: Washington, \$101,587.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$101,587.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1 per eligible State.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 364 and 366.

For Applications or Further Information Contact: John Nelson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3326 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone (202) 205-9362. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be downloaded from the Rehabilitation Services Administration's electronic bulletin board, telephone (202) 205-5574 (2400 bps) and (202) 205-9950 (9600 bps) or from the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/RSA/rsakits.html>); and can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for this competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 721 (c) and (e) and 796(f)

Dated: February 25, 1997.
Judith E. Heumann,
Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 96-99-LNG]

Phillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company; Application to Amend Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application filed on December 31, 1996, by Phillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation (PANGC) and Marathon Oil Company (Marathon) requesting that DOE approve a five-year extension of their long-standing authorization to export Alaskan liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Alaska to Japan. The gas would be liquefied at the applicants' Kenai LNG plant in the Cook Inlet area of Alaska and would be transported by tanker to Japan for sale to Tokyo Electric Power Company, Inc. (Tokyo Electric) and Tokyo Gas Company, Ltd. (Tokyo Gas).

The application is filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DATES: Protests, Motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures and written comments are to be filed at the address listed below no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, April 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3F-

056, FE-50, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Fleming, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3F-056, FE-50, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9387

Diane Stubbs, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6E-042, GC-40, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

PANGC, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Phillips Petroleum Company, a Delaware corporation. Marathon, an Ohio corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, is a wholly owned subsidiary of USX Corporation, also a Delaware corporation. PANGC and Marathon are not affiliated with each other.

The LNG export authorization held by PANGC and Marathon was granted originally by the Federal Power Commission (FPC) on April 19, 1967. It was subsequently amended by DOE's Economic Regulatory Administration in 1982, 1986, 1987, and 1988, and by FE in 1991, 1992, and 1995. PANGC and Marathon are currently authorized to export up to 64.4 trillion Btu (approximately 64.4 billion cubic feet (Bcf)) of LNG per year through March 31, 2004. See FPC Order No. 1227 (37 FPC 777, April 19, 1967); DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 49 (1 ERA ¶ 70,116, December 14, 1982); DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 49A¹ (1 ERA ¶ 70,127, April 3, 1986); DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 206 (1 ERA ¶ 70,128, November 16, 1987); DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 261 (1 ERA ¶ 70,130, July 28, 1988); DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 261-A (1 FE ¶ 70,454, June 18, 1991); DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 261-B² (1 FE ¶ 70,506, December 19, 1991); DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 261-C (1 FE ¶ 70,607, July 15, 1992); and DOE/FE

¹ In ERA Opinion and Order No. 49A the authorization previously granted to Phillips Petroleum Company to export LNG was transferred to Phillips 66 Natural Gas Company effective January 1, 1986.

² In DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 261-B the authorization previously granted to Phillips 66 Natural Gas Company to export LNG was transferred to PANGC effective December 19, 1991.

Opinion and Order No. 261-D (1 FE ¶ 71,087, March 2, 1995) (herein collectively referred to as Order 261).

PANGC and Marathon request that FE amend the export authorization granted by Order 261 to approve the continued exportation of LNG for an additional five years commencing April 1, 2004, and extending through March 31, 2009, using existing facilities. During the five-year extension, the natural gas to be exported would be produced from gas fields owned or controlled by PANGC and Marathon in the Cook Inlet area of Alaska. The natural gas would be manufactured into LNG at the existing liquefaction plant near Kenai, Alaska.³

The pricing and other provisions in the applicants' current LNG sales contracts with Tokyo Electric and Tokyo Gas would remain the same during the extension period. Order 261 authorizes a market-sensitive pricing formula under which the monthly selling price per MMBtu of LNG exported to Japan by PANGC and Marathon is adjusted each month according to changes over a period of three months in the selling price of all crude oils imported into Japan as reported in Japan Exports & Imports Monthly which is edited by the Customs Bureau, Ministry of Finance, and published by the Japan Tariff Association.

PANGC and Marathon and the Japanese buyers of the LNG have held discussions concerning the LNG purchase and sale to facilitate planning their respective operations. Pursuant to such discussions, the Parties negotiated and executed a Letter Agreement dated May 17, 1993, attached as Appendix A to the application, in which the Parties agreed to the contract extension. The extension is subject to PANGC and Marathon providing written acceptance of such extension to Tokyo Electric and Tokyo Gas on or before March 31, 2001.

Public Interest Considerations

In support of their application, PANGC and Marathon state there is no evidence of domestic need, either regional or national, for the natural gas they would export during the proposed extension. According to the applicants, the Cook Inlet area of Alaska continues to have an oversupply of natural gas and, based on two studies submitted with their application, PANGC and Marathon conclude estimates of remaining gas reserves in Alaska, and the Cook Inlet area in particular, are adequate to supply local and regional need beyond the 2004-2009 extension

³ The Kenai LNG plant is owned by Kenai LNG Corporation, 70 percent of which is owned by PANGC and 30 percent by Marathon.

period.⁴ Applicants project that under the more pessimistic of the two scenarios examined, the low supply/high demand scenario, remaining reserves would exceed 1.2 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) at the end of 2009, a figure that climbs to 2.0 Tcf under the expected and less conservative supply/demand scenario.

With respect to national need, PANGC and Marathon state that gas supplies in the lower 48 states are sufficient to meet demand and under existing economic conditions LNG could not be shipped to the lower 48 at market clearing prices. The applicants emphasize there are no existing or anticipated West Coast LNG receiving terminals and the cost of shipping Kenai LNG to terminals on the East Coast of the lower 48 makes that alternative improbable. Furthermore, PANGC and Marathon state there are extensive Canadian gas reserves available for export to the lower 48 states at prices lower than those necessary to support Alaskan LNG.

PANGC and Marathon assert the five-year extension of their authority to export Cook Inlet LNG from Kenai to Japan would extend the current benefits now enjoyed by the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the State of Alaska, and the United States in general, and is therefore consistent with the public interest. According to the applicants, cessation of exports of LNG to Japan would end these benefits, forcing the closure of the Kenai liquefaction plant with the resultant estimated loss of over 800 jobs generating over \$40 million⁵ in personal income per year. The applicants also state the cessation of exports would reduce local, state, and federal revenue from taxes and royalties, revenues which totaled nearly \$44 million in 1995. Finally, PANGC and Marathon note the potential detrimental effects on the U.S./Japan balance of payments.

DOE/FE Evaluation

This export application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486) and the authority contained in DOE Delegation Order Nos. 0204-111 and 0204-127. In reviewing LNG exports, DOE considers domestic

⁴ See Resource Decisions, Economic Analysis of Regional and Local Interest Relating to Kenai LNG Export to Japan (December 11, 1996) included as Appendix C to the application of PANGC and Marathon filed December 31, 1996; Schlumberger GeoQuest Reservoir Technologies, Proven Reserves Assessment Cook Inlet Alaska Effective January 1, 1996 (March 1996) included as Appendix D to the application of PANGC and Marathon filed December 31, 1996.

⁵ In 1995 dollars.

need for the gas and any other issue determined to be appropriate, including whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE's policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Parties that may oppose this application should comment in their responses on these issues.

PANGC and Marathon assert that the gas will not be needed domestically during the extension period and the export is otherwise consistent with the public interest. Parties that oppose extending the PANGC/Marathon export should comment on the specific statements of the applicants, including conclusions in the two studies submitted as part of the application. Opponents will bear the burden of demonstrating the proposed export extension is not consistent with the public interest.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*) requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed action. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its NEPA responsibilities.

Public Comment Procedures

In response to this notice, any person may file a protest, motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable, and written comments. Anyone who wants to become a party to this proceeding and to have their written comments considered as the basis for the decision on the application must, however, file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. The filing of a protest with respect to this application will not serve to make the protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the application. All protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, requests for additional procedures, and written comments should be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities at the address listed above.

It is intended that a decisional record on the application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as

necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. A party seeking intervention may request that additional procedures be provided, such as additional written comments, an oral presentation, a conference, or trial-type hearing. Any request to file additional written comments should explain why they are necessary. Any request for an oral presentation should identify the substantial question of fact, law, or policy at issue, show that it is material and relevant to a decision in the proceeding, and demonstrate why an oral presentation is needed. Any request for a conference should demonstrate why the conference would materially advance the proceeding. Any request for a trial-type hearing must show that there are factual issues genuinely in dispute that are relevant and material to a decision and that a trial-type hearing is necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final opinion and order may be issued based on the official record, including the application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

A copy of PANGC's and Marathon's application is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities docket room, 3F-056, at the above address. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 25, 1997.

Wayne E. Peters,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

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Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for Upper Snake River Fish Culture Facility

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's proposal to purchase an existing fish hatchery suitable for remodeling and operation as a fish hatchery for domestic rainbow trout and testing facility for

potential rearing of native Yellowstone cutthroat and redband trout.

Three alternative hatcheries are being evaluated for purchase and remodeling; two are located in Bingham County, Idaho and one in Power County, Idaho. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the environmental assessment being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any finding of no significant impact that may be issued following the completion of the environmental assessment.

DATE: Comments are due to the address below no later than March 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Public Involvement Office, Bonneville Power Administration—ACS, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Spiering, Environmental Project Lead—ECN, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-5756, fax number 503-230-5699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Houghland Farm (sec. 25, T. 4 S., R. 32 E. and sec. 30, T. 4 S., R. 33 E.) is located in Bingham County, Idaho between Springfield and the McTucker Springs Recreational Area. Papoose Springs (sec. 1, T. 6 S., R. 33 E. and sec. 6, T. 6 S., R. 34 E.) site is located in Power County, Idaho on Tank Farm Rd. near Siphon Rd. Jackson Ranch (sec. 31, T. 3 S., R. 34 E. and sec. 6, T. 4 S., R. 34 E.) is located in Bingham County, Idaho on Jackson Troutfarm Rd. near Ferry Butte Rd. There is a possibility that Floodplains and Wetlands could be impacted as a result of this project.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on February 24, 1997.

Thomas C. McKinney,

NEPA Compliance Officer.

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