

Geothermal Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-410), is seeking applications for research, development and demonstration (field testing) in the area of Geothermal Reservoir Technology. The research is to be directed toward the domestic use and development of new technologies for exploration, identification of fractures, location of fracture permeability, and reservoir engineering and chemistry. Proposals involving work in foreign countries will not be considered. This solicitation will remain open for two years. Federal funds available for this solicitation are expected to be from \$0-\$5,000,000 annually. DOE anticipates making several grant/cooperative agreement awards for projects with durations of five years or less.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.087, Renewable Energy Research & Development. The solicitation text is expected to be posted on the DOE-ID Procurement Services Division home page on or about October 1, 1997, and may be accessed using Universal Resource Locator address <http://www.inel.gov/doiid/solicit.html>. Application package forms will not be included on the home page and should be requested from the contract specialist. Requests for application packages must be in writing and shall include: company name, mailing address, point of contact, telephone number, and fax number.

Issued in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on September 24, 1997.

Dated: September 24, 1997.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-363-009]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Report of Rate Refunds

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 22, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing its Report of Rate Refunds at Docket No. RP95-363-000, *et al.*

El Paso states that the Report of Rate Refunds reflects refunds that were distributed to eligible shippers on August 22, 1997.

El Paso states that the refunds totaled \$194,003,358.09 inclusive of interest. El Paso states that it also sent invoices to 11 shippers totaling \$24,511.28 for additional amounts due under the Settlement.

El Paso states that copies of the document were served upon all interstate pipeline system customers who received a refund distribution and affected state regulatory commissions in accordance with the requirements of Section 385.2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. El Paso states that each customer received its pertinent detail (included in Volume No. 2) when refunds were distributed. El Paso states that it was not furnishing the complete Volume No. 2 to all customers, since it may contain information that is commercially sensitive to those customers.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before October 2, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. RP97-346-006 and RP93-187-014]

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 25, 1997.

Take notice that on September 19, 1997, Equitrans, L.P. ("Equitrans") tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff the following revised tariff sheets:

First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 6
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 7
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8
First Revised Eighth Revised Sheet No. 10

Equitrans proposes an effective date of August 1, 1997 for these tariff sheets.

Second Sub Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7
Second Sub Fifth Revised Sheet No. 7A
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 255
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 256

Equitrans proposes an effective date of September 1, 1997 for these tariff sheets.

Equitrans states that these revised tariff sheets are submitted in compliance with the Commission's September 10, 1997 Order Accepting Primary Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions and Rejecting Alternative Tariff Sheets for the purpose of: (1) filing revised tariff sheets that comply with the prior rate settlement in Docket No. RP93-187, *et al.* to be effective August 1, 1997 establishing rates for all services which reflect the elimination of gathering costs from transportation rates and establishment of separate gathering and transportation retainage levels; and (2) filing revised tariff sheets to be effective September 1, 1997 eliminating the stranded gathering surcharge from the rates charged for Equitrans open access and individually certificated storage services.

Copies of this rate filing were served on the parties to this proceeding, as well as Equitrans' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions, and a copy of the rate filing has been posted and is available for inspection at Equitrans' corporate headquarters during regular business hours.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20046, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed as