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General information about the development and submission of preapplications, applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, 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.

Electronic access to the latest version of ER's Financial Assistance Guide is possible via the Internet at the following Web Site: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To continue to enhance the competitiveness of states and territories identified for participation in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), DOE encourages the formation of partnerships between academic and industrial researchers in EPSCoR states and the researchers at DOE's National Laboratories, facilities and centers in scientific areas supported by DOE. These collaborations should address areas of research of current interest to the Department. Undergraduate and graduate students should be active members of the research team, and it is highly desirable that a student spend a summer or academic-year at the National Laboratory, facility or center. Subcontracting arrangements with DOE National Laboratories will not be permitted. DOE continues to restrict EPSCoR eligibility to the following states and territory: Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

To minimize undue effort on the part of applicants and reviewers, interested parties are invited and encouraged to submit preapplications. The preapplications will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the Department of Energy. The brief preapplication should consist of three to five pages of narrative describing the research objectives and methods of accomplishment.

Telephone and FAX numbers are required parts of the preapplication, and electronic mail addresses are desirable. Instructions regarding the contents of a preapplication and other preapplication guidelines can be found on the ER Grants and Contracts Web Site at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/preapp.html>

In addition to the project description all preapplications and formal applications must include the following information:

1. Applications should explain the relevance of the proposed research to the agency's programmatic needs. On the cover page, applicants should specify the relevant DOE technical program office, and if known, the name of the program manager, and telephone number. DOE program descriptions may be accessed via the web at <http://www.doe.gov/>.

2. Applications must demonstrate clear evidence of collaborative intent, including a delineation of each partner's role and contribution to the research effort as well as a "Letter-of-Intent" from the participating DOE National Laboratory, facility, or center.

3. Applications must explain the individual value to both the EPSCoR and the National Laboratory partners. There should be clear objectives, not necessarily the same, for each partner.

It is anticipated that approximately \$750,000 will be available in FY 1998 for research that encourages and facilitates collaborative efforts between researchers EPSCoR states and researchers at DOE's National Laboratories, facilities, and centers. Multiple-year funding of grant awards is expected subject to satisfactory progress of the research, the availability of funds, and evidence of substantial interactions between the EPSCoR researchers and the National Laboratory partner. Awards are expected to range up to a maximum of \$50,000 annually with terms from one to three years. The number of awards and range of funding will depend on the number of applications received and selected for award. All funds will be provided to the recipient organization within the EPSCoR state for the purpose of supporting activities in the EPSCoR state and may include travel and lodging, faculty or student stipends, materials, services and equipment.

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.
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of

the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

The principal investigator should publish the results of the supported research in the peer-reviewed, archival scientific literature.

Applications received by ER under its normal competitive application mechanisms that meet the criteria outlined in this Notice may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program.

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 October 3, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4745-000]

Alpena Power Marketing, L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

October 8, 1997.

On September 25, 1997, Alpena Power Marketing, L.L.C. (APM) petitioned the Commission for acceptance of APM's Rate Schedule FERC Tariff No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market based rates; and waiver of certain Commission regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before October 21, 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-1-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 8, 1997.

Take notice that on October 1, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed in Docket No. CP98-1-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a new point of delivery, located in Knox County, Ohio, to Columbia Gas of Ohio (COH), under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate an additional point of delivery of COH, in Knox County, Ohio and to reassign a portion of the Maximum Daily Delivery Obligation (MMDO) from an existing point of delivery to COH and institute a corresponding reduction at an existing point of delivery. Columbia states that as part of the firm transportation service to be provided, COH has requested that its existing Storage Service Transportation Agreement be amended by increasing the MMDO by 350 Dth/day at the proposed new point of delivery and reducing the MMDOs at the existing point of delivery by 350 Dth/day. Columbia estimates annual quantities of natural gas to be delivered at the new point of delivery to be 30,600 Dth annually.

Columbia asserts the end use of the new point of delivery will be industrial and utilized to serve a grain dryer operation. Columbia states the interconnecting and appurtenant facilities required to establish the new

delivery point are estimated to cost \$14,000, with COH reimbursing Columbia 100% of the total cost of the proposed construction.

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 Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 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 shall be deemed to be authorized effective 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-542-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 8, 1997.

Take notice that on October 2, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to become effective October 1, 1997:

[Substitute Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 25]

On September 30, 1997, Columbia filed revised tariff sheets, in Docket No. RP97-542-000, to remove the SFC charge from its rates effective October 1, 1997. However, subsequent to that filing, Columbia has determined that it made an inadvertent error in Footnote 5 on Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 25. The incremental surcharge applicable to the former X-70 Rate Schedule did not reflect the adjustment for the removal of the SFC rate component, but should have. Therefore, as shown on Substitute Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 25, the instant filing incorporates a revision to Footnote 5 to reflect the removal of the SFC rate component.

Columbia states further that copies of this filing have been mailed to all of its customers, affected state regulatory commissions, and all parties in Docket No. RP95-408, et al proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-2-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 8, 1997.

Take notice that on October 2, 1997 East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) submitted Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 4 for inclusion in East Tennessee's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. East Tennessee Tendered this revised tariff sheet as its Annual Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA) filing to revise the TCRA commodity surcharge under Rate Schedules FT-A and FT-GS. East Tennessee requests an effective date of November 1, 1997.

East Tennessee states that Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 4 reflects changes to its TCRA pursuant to Section 25 of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff.

East Tennessee states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest with reference to said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the