

- *Federal Energy Management Program:* Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal and State buildings (\$950,000).

- *Industrial Technologies:* Improving energy efficiency, environmental performance, and productivity of materials and process industries by developing and delivering advanced science and technology options to: (1) lower raw material and depletable energy use per unit of output; (2) improve labor and capital productivity; and (3) reduce the generation of wastes and pollutants (\$2,800,000).

- *Rebuild America:* Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1,250,000).

- *Codes and Standards:* Supporting States' actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$4,200,000).

- *Home Energy Ratings Systems:* Providing incentive funding to support State actions to overcome barriers to improving the energy efficiency of residences through the use of Home Energy Ratings Systems and related activities (\$250,000).

- *Remote Applications of Solar and Renewable Energy:* Supporting State actions to design, purchase, and install solar and renewable energy technologies in remote areas where they would displace or avoid the use of diesel fuel or gasoline (\$1,000,000).

- *Solar Thermal Projects:* Identifying potential partners for the field validation and operation of a concentrating solar power system and the investigation of the benefits and design of a residential size concentrating solar power system (\$50,000).

- *Biomass Power Program:* Identifying low-cost project opportunities for the introduction and utilization of biomass power technologies and biomass energy feedstocks (\$200,000).

- *Small Wind Turbine Field Verification:* Supporting State actions to design, purchase, and install small wind energy systems to verify the viability of such systems to produce electricity to augment or replace electricity available from grids or direct generation (\$200,000).

- *Million Solar Roofs:* Providing incentive funding to support State and community partnerships under the Million Solar Roofs Initiative whose goal is to install solar energy systems on one million U. S. buildings by 2010 (\$100,000).

- *Geothermal Heat Pumps for Energy Smart Schools:* Supporting programs to apply geothermal heat pump technology in schools. (\$200,000).

#### **Restricted Eligibility**

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

#### **Evaluation Review and Criteria**

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the participating end-use sector program in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The end-use sector offices select projects for funding.

The Office of State and Community Programs then recommends project allocations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for final determination. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586-2319.

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**Dan W. Reicher,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER99-830-000]

### **Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing**

December 21, 1998.

Take notice that on December 9, 1999, Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. (MLCS), tendered for filing Attachment No. 1, to its December 4, 1998, application in the above-referenced docket.

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, DC 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 and protests should be filed on or before December 31, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-115-000]

### **National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application To Abandon**

December 21, 1998.

Take notice that on December 15, 1998, National Fuel Gas Transmission Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed under Section 7(b) of the natural Gas Act, for authority to abandon in place, 4.8 miles of 8-inch pipeline known as Line Z-54(S) located in Steuben County, New York all as more fully described in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel wants to retire Line Z-54(S) because of its age and condition. National Fuel states that the pipeline was constructed and placed in service