

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, and invites people to participate. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, March 4, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton, Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, near the Crystal City metro stop.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Libby Doggett or Kim Lawrence, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-5507. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-9754.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is established to: (1) Minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and that their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) Identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical

assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

This FICC meeting coincides with the early intervention and preschool directors (Part C and 619 of IDEA) meetings held in the same location with overlapping times. At this meeting the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in conjunction with the FICC is sponsoring a policy forum on Thursday morning with Dr. Jack Shonkoff. The FICC members will be the policy forum respondents. During the afternoon session the FICC will attend to ongoing work including reports from a technical assistance survey, a Department of Defense Task Force, and Medicaid Benefits Task Force. To request a packet of materials or accommodations such as interpreters for persons who are hearing impaired, materials in Braille, large print, or cassette please call Kim Lawrence at (202) 205-5507 (voice) or (202) 205-9754 (TDD) by February.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Oakland Operations Office; Financial Assistance Award (Grant)**

**AGENCY:** U. S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of applications for grant awards for high-energy-density and laser-matter interaction studies.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 10 CFR 600.8, the U.S. DOE announces that it plans to conduct a technically competitive solicitation for basic research experiments in high-energy-density and laser-matter interaction studies at the National Laser Users' Facility (NLUF) located at the University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics (UR/LLE). Grant Solicitation No. DE-PS03-99SF21812 Universities or other higher education institutions, private sector not-for-profit organizations, or other entities are invited to submit grant applications. The total amount of funding expected to be available for the

Fiscal Year 2000 (FY00) program cycle is \$700,000. Multiple awards are anticipated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James Solomon, Contracting Officer, Financial Assistance Center—FAC, DOE Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, Room 700N, Oakland, CA 94612-5208, Telephone No.: (510) 637-1865, Facsimile No.: (510) 637-2074, e mail: james.solomon@oak.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The solicitation document contains all the information relative to this action for prospective applicants. The solicitation is targeted for release on or about March 1, 1999. The actual work to be accomplished will be determined by the experiments and diagnostic techniques that are selected for award. Proposed experiments and diagnostic techniques will be evaluated through scientific peer review against predetermined, published and available criteria. Final selection will be made by the DOE. It is anticipated that multiple grants will be awarded within the available funding. The unique resources of the NLUF are available, on a no-fee basis, to scientists for state-of-the art experiments primarily in the area of inertial confinement fusion (ICF) and related plasma physics. Other areas such as spectroscopy of high ionized atoms, laboratory astrophysics, fundamental physics, materials science and biology and chemistry will be considered on a secondary basis.

The LLE was established in 1970 to investigate the interaction of high-power lasers with matter. Available at the LLE for NLUF researchers is the upgraded Omega Laser, a 30-40 kJ UV, 60-beam laser system (at 0.35 um) suitable for direct-drive ICF implosions and other experimental configurations. This system is suitable for a variety of experiments including laser-plasma interactions and atomic spectroscopy. The NLUF program for FY00 will support experiments that can be done with the Omega Laser at the University of Rochester and development of diagnostic techniques suitable for the Omega Laser system. Measurements of the laser coupling, laser-plasma interactions, core temperature, and core density are needed to determine the characteristics of target implosions. Diagnostic techniques could include either new instrumentation, development of analysis tools, or development of targets that are applicable for 30-40 kJ implosions. Additional technical information about the available facilities and potential collaboration at the NLUF can be

obtained from: Dr. John M. Soures, Manager, National Laser Users' Facility, University of Rochester/LLE 250 East River Road, Rochester, NY 14623-1299.

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**Edward Knuckles,**

*Acting Director, Financial Assistance Center, Oakland Operations Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER98-3760-000, EC96-19-000, and ER96-1663-000 (Not Consolidated)]

#### California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Conference

January 29, 1999.

Take notice that a conference will be convened in the subject proceedings commencing Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. PST and will continue on Thursday, February 11, 1999. The conference will be held at the offices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the list of unresolved issues in preparation for the report to the Commission. See California Independent System Operator Corp., 84 FERC ¶ 61,217 (1998). Additionally, the parties will attempt to resolve some of those issues.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c) may attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to Section 385.214 of the Commission's Regulations.

For additional information, please contact David Cain at (202) 208-0917 or david.cain@ferc.fed.us, or Bill Collins at (202) 208-0248 or william.collins@ferc.fed.us.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-159-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 29, 1999.

Take notice that on January 19, 1999, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77001, filed in Docket No. CP99-159-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208 and 157.211) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate pipeline and delivery point facilities for deliveries to New Albany Power I, L.L.C. (New Albany) near New Albany, Mississippi, under Columbia Gulf's blanket certificate authorization issued in Docket No. CP83-496-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia Gulf proposes to construct, own and operate facilities consisting of 1,000 feet of 12-inch pipeline and appurtenances, extending from Columbia Gulf's mainline system to a new interconnection with the facilities of New Albany. Columbia Gulf proposes to use the facilities to provide backhaul transportation service for New Albany, delivering 75,032 dt equivalent of natural gas to New Albany on a firm basis under its FTS-1 rate schedule. Columbia Gulf estimates the cost of the facilities \$857,000. It is stated that the deliveries will be within existing entitlements. It is asserted that the proposal will not impact Columbia Gulf's existing peak day obligations to its existing customers.

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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-410-004]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 29, 1999.

Take notice that on January 26, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, to become effective October 19, 1998.

3rd Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1805

Koch states that the purpose of this filing is to respond to the Director of Office of Pipeline Regulation Letter Order Pursuant to 375.307 (b)(1) and (b)(3) issued on January 11, 1999, in Docket No. RP98-410-003.

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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-1206-000]

#### Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal

January 29, 1999.

Take notice that on January 20, 1999, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing a Notice of Withdrawal of Filing