

(c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solicitation for Financial Assistance for Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program Solicitation No. DE-PS02-99EE50493

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites applications for federal assistance for research on the Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program. The purpose of the (CARAT) Program is to provide small businesses and institutions of higher education with an exclusive means to research, develop, and validate advanced automotive technologies that will enable the production of cars and light trucks which are extremely fuel efficient, have low emissions, and/or are fuel flexible. CARAT is intended to channel the creativity and resourcefulness of the small business and academic communities to remove technology barriers blocking the viability of promising technologies.

DATES: Pre-Application information is to be received no later than April 9, 1999. Applications are to be received no later than June 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Rafa, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Telephone No. (630) 252-2192, FAX No. (630) 252-5045, Internet—Michael.Rafa@ch.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are 15 topics for which the DOE invites Financial Assistance Applications: Oxygen Reduction Catalysts for PEM Fuel Cell, Cooling Systems for PEM Fuel Cells, Direct-Methanol Proton-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells, Ultralight Sandwich Structures, Processing of Metal Matrix Composites, Low-Cost Carbon Fiber Precursors and Production Methods, High-Volume, High-Rate,

Low-Cost Manufacturing of Structural Thermoplastics Composites, Mass Flow Rate and Chemical Composition Sensor for Engine Intake System, Safe Electrolytes with Improved Operating Temperature Range, Low-Cost Packaging for Lithium-ion Cells, Stabilization of Manganese Spinel for Use as a Low-Cost Cathode Material in Lithium-ion Batteries, Traction Motors, Improved Coolant for Electrical/Electronic EV/HEV Systems and Waste Heat Recovery in Passenger Automobiles.

The solicitation will be available on the Internet to view and download at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> (It is critical that ACQ be in uppercase and all others are lower case). Printed copies will not be available from this office, therefore, copies must be downloaded from the Internet. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted on the Internet. Please note that prospective applicants will not be alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet or when amendments are posted on the Internet.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on March 17, 1999.

John D. Greenwood,

Acquisition and Assistance Group Manager Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-241-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 19, 1999.

Take notice that on March 8, 1999, as supplemented on March 19, 1999 ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Subpart A of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing ANR to construct, own, and operate an expansion of its mainline facilities located west of its Joliet Compressor Station near Joliet, Illinois, and to its mainline facilities located in eastern Wisconsin (the Wisconsin Expansion Phase II facilities), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

[online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/) (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

In order to meet increasing gas requirements in the State of Wisconsin by November 1, 2000, ANR proposes to install certain additional loop pipeline, compression, tie-line, and related facilities on parts of its existing mainline facilities located in Wisconsin and Illinois. ANR states that these facilities will increase its transmission capacity into Wisconsin by up to 194,000 dekatherms per day (194 Mdt/d), thereby enabling ANR to provide additional firm transportation service for shippers from the ANR Joliet Hub to the Wisconsin market area for ANR's system. In order to allow sufficient time for construction of the proposed facilities and to meet the proposed in-service date, ANR requests that the Commission issue a preliminary determination order by August 1, 1999 and a final order by no later than February 1, 2000.

Specifically, ANR seeks authority to construct: (1) approximately 3.0 miles of 42-inch diameter loop pipeline between milepost 801 and milepost 804 along ANR's existing Michigan Leg South in Kendall County, Illinois; (2) two 10,000 horsepower (hp) turbine compressor units to be located at ANR's existing Woodstock Compressor Station in McHenry County, Illinois; (3) one 1,500 hp turbine compressor unit to be located at ANR's existing Weyauwega Compressor Station in Waupaca County, Wisconsin; (4) 0.11 mile of 16-mile diameter pipeline traversing from the Weyauwega Compressor Station to the Marinette Junction tap site on ANR's existing 24-inch mainline; (5) one 1,500 hp reciprocating compressor unit to be located at ANR's existing Janesville Compressor Station in Rock County, Wisconsin; and (6) minor related facilities. ANR states that these facilities are estimated to cost \$37,516,622.

ANR states that the proposed 3.0 miles of 42-inch loopline along the Michigan Leg South comprise an extension of a 15.9 mile segment of certain Michigan Leg South loopline facilities that are currently pending approval in Docket No. CP97-319-000 (ANR's "SupplyLink" project). ANR contends that, although the design for the facilities proposed herein includes this pending 15.9 mile loopline segment, the facilities proposed here are required to serve different market needs in Wisconsin, and are not part of Docket No. CP97-319-000. ANR presumes that the SupplyLink facilities will be in service by the time ANR places the