

analyzed potential fatalities from the force of a collision. Results of the accident analysis indicated that no driver or public fatalities would be expected.

**Air Quality:** Air emission from the fabrication of MOX fuel pellets and rods for the Parallax Project would be a very small percentage of the overall LANL annual air emissions. The MOX fuel pellets and rods would be made inside sealed gloveboxes that have negative air pressure and a primary air system fitted with HEPA filtration. PF-4 laboratories also have negative air pressure and a separate HEPA filtered air system. The filters would prevent any measurable release of particles into the atmosphere. Therefore, no MOX fuel powder particles would be expected to be released from PF-4 into the environment.

No change to the air quality along the route(s) to Canada would be expected since the MOX fuel would be sealed in rods and package container(s) during transportation. A commercial truck carrying MOX fuel would be one out of thousands of trucks on the road at any one time. The overall contribution of nonradiological air pollutants from a single vehicle to the air quality within a given airshed would be immeasurable.

**Waste Management:** The small quantities of low-level radioactive waste (LLW) and transuranic (TRU) waste produced from MOX fuel fabrication would not appreciably increase waste generation rates at LANL. No mixed waste, hazardous waste, or additional nonhazardous solid waste would be generated from MOX fuel fabrication. MOX fuel fabrication would not measurably increase the volume of sanitary wastewater generated. No radioactive or hazardous waste would be generated during the shipment of MOX fuel to the Canadian border.

**Environmental Justice:** Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, requires that Federal agencies identify and address, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs and activities on minority and low-income populations. Because no adverse effects are anticipated as a result of the proposed actions during both normal operations and accident conditions, there would be no opportunity for disproportionately high and adverse consequences on minority, or low-income populations.

**Other Environmental Impacts:** The consequences of the proposed action are expected to be negligible for other types

of impacts, including those on land use, socioeconomic, cultural resources, aesthetic or scenic resources, geologic resources, water resources, ecological resources, noise, or site services.

**Cumulative Impacts:** Because the contributions from the Proposed Action would be extremely small, the proposed action is not expected to contribute substantially to the overall cumulative impacts from past or anticipated operations at LANL and along the transportation corridors.

#### Determination

Based on the analysis in this EA, and after considering the preapproval review comments, I have concluded that the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of NEPA. Therefore, an EIS for the proposed action is not required.

Issued at Washington, DC, this 13th day of August 1999.

**Laura Holgate,**

*Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 99-48-NG]

#### Office of Fossil Energy; Milford Power Company, LLC; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of order.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Milford Power Company, LLC (Milford) long-term authorization to import up to 75,000 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada, in accordance with the "Fuel Purchase Agreement" between Milford and El Paso Gas Marketing Company. The authorization is for a 20-year term beginning on the date of first delivery pursuant to this Order. This gas may be imported from Canada at Niagara Falls or Waddington, New York.

This Order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities Docket Room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is

open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., September 1, 1999.

**John W. Glynn,**

*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-607-000]

#### Central New York Oil and Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Petition

September 1, 1999.

Take notice that on August 26, 1999, Central New York Oil and Gas Company, LLC (CNYOG), One Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, filed in Docket No. CP99-607-000, a petition, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 387.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act, seeking approval of a temporary exemption from certificate requirements, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, CNYOG seeks authorization to drill up to eight stratigraphic test wells in a producing natural gas field (Stagecoach Field) located in Tioga County, New York. CNYOG states that the test wells and related experimental well tail placement and data collection efforts are necessary to enable CNYOG to conduct additional research and development to verify the suitability of the Stagecoach Field reservoirs to storage development using Salternatives™ Technology being developed by eCORP, LLC, an affiliate of CNYOG.

Any questions regarding this petition should be directed to Jay C. Jimerson, eCORP, LLC, c/o Central New York Oil and Gas Company, LLC, One Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 at (405) 235-0993 (Voice) or (405) 235-0992 (FAX).

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said petition should on or before September 13, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,