

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) Agenda Project**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of regional meetings and request for written submissions to obtain advice and comments from the public for use in developing a national postsecondary education agenda for the U.S. Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education will conduct four regional meetings in Boston, Atlanta, Dallas and San Francisco to solicit advice for use in setting priorities and refining the U.S. Department of Education role in postsecondary education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Douglas, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Room 7134, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 502-7750. E-mail: OPE_Agenda@ed.gov. Information about the project also is available at the Department of Education Web site at www.ed.gov/OPEAgenda. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education has long served postsecondary students and institutions through a wide range of programs aimed at promoting access to, and quality in, postsecondary education and at strengthening international education. More recently, we have taken on new challenges in promoting distance education, improving teacher education, and further expanding opportunity by better preparing K-12 students for postsecondary education opportunities at an earlier age and by promoting access to graduate education.

Today, America's postsecondary institutions must prepare students for success in a changing world. OPE's mission—"to mobilize national resources to promote opportunity and success for all Americans, in a global environment, through quality postsecondary education"—is even more important in this context. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education created the Agenda Project to

solicit advice from all those who have a stake in postsecondary education. As part of this project, the Assistant Secretary is conducting regional meetings and soliciting written advice from the public. This advice will be used to develop a national postsecondary education agenda—one that will enable our country to meet the needs of students, institutions, the business community and the entire nation in this changing environment.

For more information about the Agenda Project, please visit our Web site at www.ed.gov/OPEAgenda or contact Ms. Terri Douglas at 202-502-7654.

Regional Meetings

Interested parties are invited to attend four regional meetings in order to contribute ideas and advice on OPE's agenda. The regional meetings will begin with a brief description of OPE and the Assistant Secretary's Agenda Project. Participants then will have an opportunity to contribute their ideas and advice, framed around the following three questions:

1. What are the most significant opportunities and challenges facing American postsecondary education in the next five years?
2. What are the appropriate roles for the U.S. Department of Education in postsecondary education?
3. How can the U.S. Department of Education best maintain a continuing dialogue with all those who have a stake in postsecondary education?

The Department of Education has reserved a limited number of hotel rooms at each of the following hotels at a special government per diem room rate. To reserve these rates, be sure to inform the hotel that you are attending the regional meetings with the Department of Education.

Dates, Times and Locations of Regional Meetings

1. *Boston:* April 5, 2000, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., The Colonnade Boston, 120 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116. Call 617-424-7000 or fax 617-424-1717 for hotel reservations. Sleeping room rate: \$192 plus taxes. Last day to reserve at the federal rate: March 12

2. *Dallas:* April 26, 2000, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wyndham Dallas Market Center, 2015 Market Center Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207. Call 214-741-7481 or fax 214-747-6191 for hotel reservations. Sleeping room rate: \$89. Last day to reserve at the federal rate: March 27

3. *San Francisco:* May 2, 2000, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Hyatt

Fisherman's Wharf, 555 North Point Street, San Francisco, CA 94133. Call 415-563-1234 or fax 415-563-2218 for hotel reservations. Sleeping room rate: \$175. Last day to reserve at the federal rate: April 11

4. *Atlanta:* May 10, 2000, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Wyndham Atlanta Hotel, 160 Spring Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. Call 404-688-8600 or fax 404-524-5543 for room reservations. Sleeping room rate: \$93. Last day to reserve at the federal rate: April 9

The hearing sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities at the Regional Meetings

The Department will provide a sign language interpreter at each of the scheduled hearings. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service other than an interpreter to participate in the meeting (for example, assistive listening device or materials in an alternative format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Invitation To Comment

We invite you to submit written comments and suggestions addressing the questions outlined in the Regional Meetings section. Comments should be addressed to Dr. A. Lee Fritschler, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and mailed or e-mailed to the address given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Comments will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in room 7122, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal Holidays.

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Dated: March 2, 2000.

A. Lee Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-92-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

March 1, 2000.

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, tendered for filing in Docket No. CP00-92-000 an application, pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations seeking permission and approval to abandon Well 9081 and associated facilities and to drill up to five new replacement wells (13059, 13060, 13061, 13062, and 13063) all within the Bridgeport Storage Pool located in Harrison and Taylor Counties, West Virginia, all as 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.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

CNG states that this authorization is necessitated by the proposed construction of the Bridgeport Bypass Project by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. CNG also states that it will construct and abandon storage gathering lines pursuant to blanket certificate authority granted in Docket No. CP82-537-000 (21 FERC ¶ 62,172 (1982)).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Sean R. Sleight, Manager, Certificates, CNG Transmission Corporation, 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 (304) 623-8462 (voice) and (304) 623-8305 (fax).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 22, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this

application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CNG to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-64-001]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Amendment

March 1, 2000.

Take notice that on February 17, 2000 CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP00-64-001 an amendment to the pending application filed on December 29, 1999, in Docket No. CP00-64-000, pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate certain pipeline and compression facilities located in Pennsylvania and New York and approval to abandon a segment of a pipeline located in Pennsylvania, 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> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

By the pending application in Docket No. CP00-64-000, CNG proposes to construct and operate facilities in order to substitute its own transportation capacity for market area service entitlements that CNG currently holds on Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company pursuant to Contract No. 3919. Specifically, CNG proposes to: (1) Construct 13 miles of 30-inch pipeline, known as TL 474x2, to loop CNG's existing pipeline in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; (2) install 4,450 horsepower (hp) of additional