

<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or about April 24, 2000. The solicitation will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation. Solicitations will not be distributed in paper form or diskette. The exact date and time for the submission of proposals will be indicated in the solicitation. However, at least a forty-five (45)-day response time is currently planned.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The work performed under this action will consist of three phases. The first phase will entail identification and resolution of barrier issues of the proposed hybrid system. This will include concept identification, system definition, economic evaluation, and experimental work to resolve any barrier issues. This information will be used by the DOE for system validation. The second phase will consist of a detailed design and cost study of the proposed system. The third phase will include fabrication and proof-of-concept testing of the proposed system. If a potential offeror believes that there are no barrier issues in their proposed system, and has all of the information that would be required in the first phase, the offeror can petition to DOE to initially start the project in Phase II.

The proposed system must contain a high-temperature fuel cell combined with other power generation modules. Other power generation modules that may be proposed include: Another fuel cell; steam turbine; gas turbine; diesels; other heat engines; etc. This solicitation does not address photovoltaics, wind, or tidal energy systems. The system must be fueled by natural gas. The offeror must be a commercial producer of a major component of the proposed system or must partner with commercial producers of the major components (defined as power producing units such as fuel cells, turbines, etc.). While the goal of this procurement is to produce systems with energy efficiencies greater than 70 percent, it is anticipated that the initial market entry systems investigated under this solicitation, may have efficiencies less than this.

DOE anticipates multiple cooperative agreement awards resulting from this solicitation and no fee or profit will be paid to a recipient or subrecipient under the awards. For agreements spanning more than one maturation stage,

continuation decision points will be inserted at the completion of each stage. Additional decision points may be required depending upon the length of any one maturation stage. This particular program is covered by Section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPAAct 3002 requires a cost-share commitment of at least 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects and at least 50 percent for demonstration and commercial projects. Depending on the phase and maturation stage of the agreement, cost-share expectations will range from 20 to 50 percent. The particular program is also covered by Section 2306 of EPAAct, 42 U.S.C. 13525 for financial assistance awards. The solicitation will contain as part of the application package the applicable EPAAct representation form(s) for Foreign-owned companies. Funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made, however, it is anticipated that two to four awards will be made during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2001, with an average total estimated cost from \$5 to \$15 million.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should register at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Provide your E-mail address and click on the "Advanced Electric Power Generation" technology choice located under the heading "Fossil Energy." Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The solicitation will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL98-36-000 and ER91-569-009]

#### **Aquila Power Corporation v. Entergy Services, Inc., as Agent for Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., Entergy New Orleans, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

March 20, 2000.

On March 16, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Granting In Part, And Denying In Part, Complaint (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings. The Order found, *Inter alia*, that Entergy violated section 28.2 of the *pro forma* tariff but stated that the more appropriate forum for evaluating whether Entergy still lacks market power is in Docket No. ER91-569-009.

Ordering paragraph (C) of the Order states as follows: Aquila and other interested persons may raise or elaborate on the issue discussed in the body of this order in Docket No. ER91-569-009, by filing comments in that proceeding addressing this issue within thirty (30) days of the date of issuance of this order.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for complying with ordering paragraph (C) above, is April 17, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3886-002]

#### **Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana; Notice of Filing**

March 20, 2000.

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana (collectively ComEd), tendered for filing amendments to ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).