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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree for Payment of Civil Penalty and Surrender of Sulfur Dioxide Allowances Under the Clean Air Act

Under 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that on July 31, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Interstate Power Company*, Civil Action No. C00-1022MJM, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

In this action, the United States seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for Interstate Power Company's ("IPC") violations of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7413(b)(2), and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Act at 40 CFR 72, 75, and 76. The allegations concern IPC's failure to outfit specified boilers at its power plants in Lansing and Dubuque, Iowa, with continuous emission monitoring systems and to apply for Acid Rain permits. IPC has come into compliance with the Clean Air Act by installing the monitoring systems and obtaining the Acid Rain permits.

Under the Consent Decree, IPC will pay a civil penalty of \$200,000 and surrender to the EPA Enforcement Surrender Account 1474 sulfur dioxide ("SO₂") allowances as defined under the Acid Deposition Control provisions of Title IV of the Clean Air Act. Under the provisions of Title IV, each allowance permits a unit to emit, during or after a specified calendar year, one ton of "SO₂". The United States and IPC agree that the cost of the surrender of allowances to IPC is \$135.00 per SO₂ allowance, based on recent market value combined with a historical five year average. Therefore, the total cost to IPC for its surrender of 1474 SO₂ allowances is \$198,990. United States and IPC agree that the surrender of the SO₂ allowances will secure significant environmental and public health benefits by preventing the emission of 1474 tons of sulfur dioxide.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should

refer to *United States v Interstate Power Company*, DOJ #90-5-2-1-06716.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 401 1st St. SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401; at EPA Region VII, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101; or can be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check of \$4.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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United States Attorney, Northern District Iowa.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—AAF Association, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on June 29, 2000, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), AAF Association, Inc. has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, AIST, Amphing, *Germany*; EMC Corporation, Boston, MA; Enterprise Systems Group, Boulder, CO; Omneon Video Networks, San Francisco, CA; Fox News Corporation, Los Angeles, CA; Leitch Incorporated, Burbank, CA; NOB, Hilversum, *Netherlands*; Panasonic Corporation, Los Angeles, CA; Philips Corporation, Andover, *Netherlands*; Post Impressions, Newbury, *United Kingdom*; Sonic Solutions, Novato, CA; Tecmath AG, Keiserslautern, *Germany*; and Warner Brothers, Los Angeles, CA have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and AAF Association, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 28, 2000, AAF Association, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 29, 2000 (65 FR 40127).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation ("BRDC")

Notice is hereby given that, on February 11, 2000, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation ("BRDC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO; and PIC International Group plc, San Francisco, CA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Dalgety plc, Franklin, KY; and McDonald's Corporation, Oakbrook, IL have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation ("BRDC") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 13, 1988, Biotechnology Research and Development Corporation ("BRDC") filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 12, 1988 (53 FR 16919).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 2, 1999. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the