

microorganisms for in situ bioremediation of radionuclides and metals. Such issues might include intellectual property rights, community consent for the use of bioremediation strategies, and adjudication scenarios involving controversies over the use of bioremediation. Potential legal issues involving the need for long term stewardship of sites where contaminants have been stabilized are of special interest. Also, while risk assessments are not a subject of this solicitation, legal perspectives on the implications of potential bioremediation strategies compared to other strategies could be explored.

Education of stakeholders and the general public on bioremediation— Educational activities that promote interactions and communications between NABIR scientists and involved stakeholders, as well as enhance the knowledge base of scientists, regulators and community members are strongly encouraged. Of particular interest are communities adjacent to DOE sites. Relevant activities could include (1) the development, deployment and implementation of educational curriculum units on bioremediation and its implications; (2) the development of educational materials using diverse media; or (3) the sponsoring of educational forums bringing together bioremediation scientists, stakeholders, and members of other interested communities (e.g., judges, regulators, etc.). Applications in response to this element of this solicitation should include discussion of dissemination plans as well as ways to assess the impact of the proposed educational activities on the targeted group following completion of the grant period.

Program Funding

It is anticipated that up to \$500,000 per year will be available for multiple awards to be made in late FY 2001 and early FY 2002 in the categories described above, contingent on availability of appropriated funds. Applications may request project support up to three years, with out-year support contingent on availability of funds, progress of the research and programmatic needs. Annual budgets for projects in the BASIC Program are expected to range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 total costs. DOE may encourage collaboration among prospective investigators to promote joint applications or joint research projects by using information obtained through the preliminary applications or through other forms of communication.

Merit Review

Applications will be subjected to formal merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project;
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach;
3. Competency of Applicant's personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources;
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

Also, as part of the evaluation, program policy factors become a selection priority. External peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Submission Information

Information about the development, submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, the selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR Part 605, and in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program.

Electronic access to SC's Financial Assistance Application Guide is possible via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made. In addition, for this notice, the research description must be 20 pages or less, exclusive of attachments, and must contain an abstract or summary of the proposed research (to include the work to be undertaken or the hypotheses being tested, the proposed approach(s) and method(s), and the names of all investigators and their affiliations). Attachments should include short curriculum vitae for all key personnel, a QA/QC plan, a listing of all current and pending federal support and letters of intent when collaborations are part of the proposed research. Curriculum vitae should be submitted in a form similar to that of NIH or NSF (two to three pages), see for example: <http://www.nsf.gov:80/bfa/cpo/gpg/fkit.htm#forms-9>.

Additional information on the NABIR Program is available on the World Wide

Web at: <http://www.lbl.gov/NABIR/>. For researchers who do not have access to the world wide web, please contact Karen Carlson, Environmental Sciences Division, SC-74, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, phone: (301) 903-3338, fax: (301) 903-8519, E-mail: karen.carlson@science.doe.gov, for hard copies of background material mentioned in this solicitation.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-548-000]

Gulf States Transmission Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 21, 2000.

Take notice that on September 15, 2000, Gulf States Transmission Corporation (Gulf States), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 the revised tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, with an effective date of October 1, 2000.

Gulf States states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's mandate under Order No. 637 that pipelines file to remove any tariff provisions that are inconsistent with the temporary removal of the maximum rate ceiling for short term capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web 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. RP00-547-000]

High Island Offshore System, L.L.C.; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 21, 2000.

Take notice that on September 15, 2000, High Island Offshore System, L.L.C. (HIOS), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, with an effective date of October 1, 2000.

HIOS states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's mandate under Order No. 637 that pipelines file to remove any tariff provisions that are inconsistent with the temporary removal of the maximum rate ceiling for short term capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web 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. RP00-550-000]

Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 21, 2000.

Take notice that on September 15, 2000, Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Stingray), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, to become effective on October 1, 2000.

Stingray states that this filing is made in compliance with the Commission's mandate under Order No. 637 that pipelines file to remove any tariff provisions that are inconsistent with the temporary removal of the maximum rate ceiling for short term capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT00-37-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 21, 2000.

Take notice that on September 15, 2000, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised

Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 413A. Tennessee requests that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to be effective November 1, 2000.

Tennessee states that Sheet No. 413A reflects a non-conforming agreement between Piedmont Natural Gas Company and Tennessee for transportation and storage services under Rate Schedules FT-A and FS, respectively, beginning November 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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TransColorado Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 21, 2000.

Take notice that on September 15, 2000, TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TransColorado) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of September 13, 2000:

Tenth Revised Sheet No. 21
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 22

TransColorado states that the filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's letter order issued March 20, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-255-000. TransColorado states that the tendered tariff sheets revised TransColorado's Tariff to implement new negotiated-rate