

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides capability for measurements in a magnetic field up to 6.0 tesla at temperatures down to 0.015° K with field uniformity to 0.15% in a 1.0 cm³ central region. A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advised March 14, 2001 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's interest in the inventions is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

NIST Docket Number: 98-029US.

Title: Method And Apparatus For Bias And Readout Of Bolometers Operated

On A Hysteretic Metal-Insulator Transition.

Abstract: This invention consists of a bias and readout scheme for resistive bolometers. It is chiefly intended for use with bolometer materials which exhibit a phase transition that is hysteretic. The most obvious example of such a bolometer material is vanadium dioxide, which has a metal-semiconductor phase transition at 68 degrees Celsius and a hysteresis of typically 5 degrees Celsius depending on material preparation. The existence of hysteresis precludes the use of a conventional DC bias or a conventional pulsed bias in a bolometer operated on the phase transition. In the technique we are disclosing, the bias consists of an AC current. (This is for phase transitions in which the resistance decreases with increasing temperature. For phase transitions in which the resistance increases with temperature, an AC voltage bias would be used.) The waveform of the AC bias consists of a short "reset" segment, in which the peak current is high enough to bring the bolometer completely into its metallic state, followed by a longer "data" segment, in which the bias current and bias power monotonically decrease, so as to sweep the bolometer's physical temperature downward across the phase transition. The frequency of the AC bias is determined by the condition that the slew rate in bias power during the data segment must always exceed the slew rate in signal power, for all signals of interest. The signal is read out by averaging the bolometer voltage over a time window lying entirely within the data segment. With this bias and readout scheme, the full slope of the bolometer R(T) characteristic is reflected in the output from small signals, which would not be the case for a conventional DC or pulsed bias scheme. Since the full slope of the R(T) characteristic is accessible, the bolometer can operate in the extreme electrothermal feedback regime, which provides major improvements in speed 1/f-noise, and sensitivity.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040301B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) and Skate Oversight Committee in April 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on April 26 and 27, 2001. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Comfort Inn Airport, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-0470.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, April 26, 2001, 9:30 a.m.— Skate Oversight Committee Meeting

The committee will finalize Skate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Goals and Objectives. The agenda will include continued development of draft Skate FMP alternatives for public hearings; alternatives may include specifications for a skate permit and catch reporting system, prohibitions on the possession of certain skate species, management measures for the bait and/or wing fishery, limited access provisions, possession limits, minimum size restrictions, and/or any other appropriate measures. The committee will possibly consider a control date for skate fishing.

Thursday, April 26, 2001, 10:00 a.m. and Friday, April 27, 2001, 8:30 a.m.— Joint Scallop Advisory Panel and PDT Meeting

The Scallop Industry Advisory Panel will meet jointly with the Scallop PDT to develop management alternatives for

Amendment 10. These alternatives will include strategies for area rotation; new or revised gear restrictions; changes to the fishing year and the framework adjustment process; changes in permits and restrictions for limited access, history, and/or general permit categories; measures to reduce habitat impacts and/or bycatch; transferability of effort units; industry-funded research and observer programs; experimental fishing permit procedures; and other options as needed. The Council's goals for Amendment 10 are to substantially revise the FMP to improve the management of the resource and increase optimum yield, to update the analysis of cumulative impacts of the FMP on the human environment, and to re-evaluate the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) components of the FMP and minimize adverse effects on EFH. These alternatives will be submitted to the Council in July for approval to hold public hearings and gather comments on the draft amendment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: April 5, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040301C]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold advisory group meetings in the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Advisory Panel, Plan Team, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Council Members from each respective island area will meet to discuss local fishery issues and comment on current issues being addressed by the Council.

DATES: The American Samoa meeting will be held on April 26, 2001, from 3 to 6 p.m.. The Guam meeting will be held on May 3, 2001, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The CNMI meeting will be held on May 4, 2001, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The American Samoa meeting will be held at the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources conference room, Pago Pago, American Samoa; telephone: (684) 633-4456. The Guam meeting will be held at the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative, Barrigada, Guam; telephone: (671) 472-6323. The CNMI meeting will be held at the Multipurpose Center, Susupe, Saipan; telephone: (670) 664-6080.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: 808-522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At each island area meeting, respective Advisory Panel, Plan Team, Scientific and Statistical Committee and Council members will meet to discuss local fishery issues, brief new Advisory Panel members on key Council issues and identify agenda items for a full Advisory Panel meeting to be held in June, 2001.

The agenda for each meeting will include the items listed below:

1. Introduction
2. Orientation including overview of the Magnuson Stevens Act, Council decision making process and fishery management plans.
3. Summary of current fishery issues including, but not limited to, the Council's fishery management plans, draft environmental impact statements, biological opinions, indigenous initiatives, coral reef fishery management, and other issues affecting the management of fisheries in the Western Pacific Region.
4. Discussion of local fishery issues
5. Recommend agenda items for full Advisory Panel meeting to be held in June 2001.
6. Outreach efforts including supporting fishermen's forums in each

island area and Council participation in organized public events.

7. Other issues

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The groups will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 5, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-350-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 4, 2001.

Take notice that on March 30, 2001, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the notice attached to the filing, to become effective May 1, 2001.

The proposed rate changes would increase revenues from jurisdictional service by approximately \$9.4 million based on the 12-month period ending December 31, 2000, as adjusted. CIG states that \$9.4 million rate increase would be necessary to: (1) Compensate CIG for the inflation in operating costs that has occurred since its last general rate case in 1996, including the expansion filings in Docket No. CP00-452-000 (Raton Basin Expansion), Docket No. CP01-1-000 (Valley Line I