

January 2000 when attempts to correct the lift rate were unsuccessful. Sample results from solids previously found in the evaporator pot revealed that the material consisted of sodium aluminosilicate and sodium diuranate. Initial analysis indicated that these solids form in the presence of high silica and high aluminum feed. The Savannah River Technology Center (SRTC) continues to analyze methods of preventing the aluminosilicate formation in the evaporator pot. Until this work is completed, appropriate controls have been put in place to limit the amount of silica content in the feed to the 3H and 2F Evaporators.

Operations are now underway to the 2H Evaporator to remove the solids. The 2H Evaporator cleaning and recovery efforts are behind schedule but this system is expected back into operations in FY 2001.

The 3H Evaporator system is operating in a limited mode due to cooling coil problems in Tank 30 (the 3H Evaporator drop tank). A project to convert Tank 37 to drop tank service, by installing a drop line from the evaporator to the tank, has been initiated and the Baseline Change Proposal (BCP) authorizing funding was approved on April 23, 2001. The schedule to have the 3H system functioning at full capacity is late 2002.

The revised HLW System Plan accounts for these difficulties and the resolutions described above are underway.

The Department implementation milestone for this subrecommendation is:

Commitment 3.1: Issue Revision 12 of the HLW System Plan.

Lead Responsibility: Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Project Completion.
Due Date: May 2001.

4. Reassess contractor incentives to ensure that near-term production at DWPF is not overemphasized at the expense of safety margin in the Tank Farms

The DOE accepts this subrecommendation. The Department has re-assessed the contractor incentive package to identify whether additional incentives are needed to promote near term improvements in Tank Farm operations.

The current incentive package is based upon significant amounts of fee at risk if the safety and long-term reliability of the system is allowed to deteriorate in order to meet short term DWPF production. In trying to minimize the potential that the contractor would pursue short-term gain at the expense of longer-term system reliability, several

features were incorporated into the final set of incentives currently being used:

1. The number of canisters produced in the later years of the contract period earn larger fees than those produced earlier. This feature was incorporated to ensure that work on the preparation of sludge batch 3 was maintained and that this batch of feed would be ready to support the overall canister production goals.

2. Specific evaporation and tank farm space goals were allotted separate incentives to ensure that the tank farm health at the end of the period was sufficient to support continued operations after the contract period.

3. Separate incentives were identified for specific safety documentation goals.

4. Minimum levels of performance were established. Failure to attain these levels could result in application of the Conditional Payment of Fee clause. Under this clause significant reductions in previously earned fees could result from a failure to meet the minimum levels of performance specified.

5. Unallocated fee was set aside for emergent activities/situations that may warrant incentivization. This is a continually ongoing process and will be the basis for the Department's current re-assessment.

The Department plans to assess the appropriateness of these incentives annually throughout the term of the existing contract.

Commitment 4.1: The Department will provide a briefing to the Board on specific elements of the current incentive package at Savannah River Site.

Lead Responsibility: Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Project Completion.

Due Date: July 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-018]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

June 12, 2001.

Take notice that on June 4, 2001, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing and approval a Service Agreement between ANR and Reliant Energy Services, Inc. (Reliant) pursuant to ANR's Rate Schedule FSS (the "Agreement").

ANR states that the Agreement contains a negotiated rate arrangement between ANR and Reliant to be effective

June 1, 2001 through March 31, 2004 and contains a right to extend the term for one additional year upon specified circumstances. ANR is also tendering for filing Third Revised Sheet No. 140 which is being provided for future use. ANR requests that the Commission accept and approve the Agreement and tariff sheet, effective June 1, 2001.

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). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR01-16-000]

Brideline Holdings, L.P.; Notice of Application for Rate Approval

June 12, 2001.

Take notice that on June 1, 2001, Brideline Holdings, L.P. (Brideline) filed an application for rate approval, pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, proposing a system-wide maximum rate for interruptible transportation of \$0.3700 per MMBtu, and a maximum usage rate for firm transportation of \$0.0849 per MMBtu with a monthly reservation charge of \$8.67 per MMBtu, for service under Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA). Brideline also