• Stakeholder views regarding the benefits and drawbacks of various alternative technologies.

• Opportunities for stakeholder involvement in new technology development and evaluation.

• Federal and State regulatory processes, including permitting.

The Department invites interested stakeholders to participate early in the planning of this Stakeholder Forum. The Department requests suggestions and recommendations on the Forum's agenda, format and venue. The expected date and location will be announced later in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

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Gerald G. Boyd,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2416]

Aquenergy Systems, Inc.; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

October 29, 2001.

On October 5, 1999, Aquenergy Systems, Inc., licensee for the Ware Shoals Project No. 2416, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2416 is located on the Saluda River in Laurens, Greenwood, and Abbeville Counties, South Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2416 was issued for a period ending September 30, 2001. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2416 is issued to Aquenergy Systems, Inc. for a period effective October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before October 1, 2002, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Aquenergy Systems, Inc. is authorized to continue operation of the Ware Shoals Project No. 2416 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02–8–000]

Copper Eagle Gas Storage, L. L. C.; Notice of Petition

October 26, 2001.

Take notice that on October 17, 2001, Copper Eagle Gas Storage, L. L. C. (Copper Eagle), Phoenix, Arizona, filed a Petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 387.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717(c)(1)(B)), seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities related to drill site preparation and the drilling of a stratigraphic test well. The petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''RIMS'' link, select ''Docket #'' and follow the instructions (please call (202) 208–2222 for assistance).

Copper Eagle seeks authorization to engage in certain temporary activities for the sole purpose of drilling a 7,000 foot stratigraphic test well, through the Luke salt deposit and into the sub-salt strata. This well will be located in Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Maricopa County, Arizona. The temporary activities for which approval is requested is the drilling of a stratigraphic well, the identification of the characteristics of the strata, and the plugging and abandonment of the well according to the requirements of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Copper Eagle states the proposed stratigraphic test well is critical in determining the feasibility of utilizing deep injection as the method of brine disposal during the possible development of a natural gas salt cavern storage facility. Copper Eagle also requests the Commission include pre-granted abandonment authority under section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to the extent it is necessary or required.

Any questions regarding this petition are to be directed to J. Gordon Pennington, Senior Counsel, El Paso Corporation, 555 11th St. NW., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20004, Phone (202) 637–3544 or facsimile (202) 637–3501.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before November 7, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the