

Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Mary Grace Lucier at (202) 219-2253 no later than March 15. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

*Date:* March 29, 2002.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Location:* Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Grace Lucier, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2253; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: [Mary.Grace.Lucier@ed.gov](mailto:Mary.Grace.Lucier@ed.gov). Main telephone for Board office: (202) 208-0692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The agenda for March 29 will cover a report from the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences on the dissemination of a report of a study sponsored by the Board on Scientific Research in Education. The Board will also receive a briefing on legislation that will provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination. A final agenda will be available from the Board's office on March 22, and will be posted on the Board's web site, <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/NERPPB/>.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St. NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

**Rafael Valdivieso,**

*Executive Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT15377 entitled "Technology Development with Independents." The Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of its National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO), seeks cost-shared applications for Research and Development advocating solutions for production problems experienced by small U.S. independent oil producing operators. Small independent oil producing operators are defined as (1) companies employing less than 50 full-time employees; and (2) having no affiliation with a major oil or gas producer (domestic or foreign) unless the combined number of employees of all affiliates is less than 50 full-time employees and total gross revenues of all affiliates is less than \$100 million.

Proposed efforts must incorporate innovative field technologies for use by small U.S. independent oil producing operators to increase production, reduce operating costs, increase environmental compliance, or combinations thereof. The types of technologies to be considered are not limited to buy may include reservoir characterization, well drilling, completion or stimulation, environmental compliance, artificial lift, well remediation, secondary or tertiary oil recovery, and production management.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about 11 February 2002. Applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the address above or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Beth Pearse MS 921-107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy

Technology Laboratory, 626 Cochran's Mill Rd., P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940. E-mail Address: [pearse@netl.doe.gov](mailto:pearse@netl.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Petroleum Technology Office of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (FE) National Energy Technology Lab (NETL) is soliciting cost-shared applications for solutions for production problems and is restricted to small U.S. independent oil producing operators.

DOE anticipates issuing Financial Assistance (Grant) awards. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards will be made. Multiple awards are anticipated. Approximately \$900,000 of DOE funding is planned over a one-year period for this solicitation. The program seeks to sponsor projects for a single budget/project period of 24 months or less. All applicants are required to cost share at a minimum of 50% of the project total, the estimated funding or cost sharing by the DOE being \$75,000 per award, or less. Details of the cost sharing requirement, and the specific funding levels are contained in the solicitation.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751, or e-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPSHelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPSHelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by e-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, e-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA, on 20 February 2002.

**Dale A. Siciliano,**

*Deputy Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-66-001]

#### Egan Hub Partners, L.P.; Notice of Petition To Amend

March 1, 2002.

Take notice that on February 20, 2002, Egan Hub Partners, L.P. (Egan Hub), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP01-66-001 a petition to amend the order issued June 14, 2001, in Docket No. CP01-66-000, pursuant to section 7 (c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate a third cavern at its existing storage facility in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, to provide the same level of storage capacity certificated in the June 14 order, all as more fully set forth in the petition which 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 (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

It is stated that by order issued June 14, 2001, Egan Hub was authorized to increase the combined maximum operating capacity of Cavern Nos. I and II in the Egan Storage Facility from 15.5 Bcf to 21.0 Bcf, thereby expanding the maximum operating capacities of each cavern individually from 7.75 Bcf to 10.5 Bcf; install an additional 19,130 HP of compression to increase the aggregate maximum average injection rate from 600 MMcfd to 800 MMcfd; and continue charging market-based rates for its storage and hub services.

Egan Hub maintains that due to changes in the nationwide storage market, net storage withdrawals have steadily declined, while storage inventories have either remained steady or have increased. Egan Hub states that this has resulted in increased inventories of parked gas in storage facilities. Consequently, use of conventional solution mining or the Solution Mining Under Gas technique to expand the cavern space of Cavern Nos. I and II in the Egan Storage Facility can no longer occur at a pace necessary for

Egan Hub's market requirements. Therefore, Egan Hub states that it has had to examine alternative means in order to continue the expansion authorized by the June 14 order, while accommodating the increased storage inventories in the Egan Storage Facility. Accordingly, Egan Hub requests authorization to amend the June 14, 2001 order to provide for the construction and operation of a third storage cavern at the Egan Storage Facility (Cavern No. III).

Egan Hub states that the proposed Cavern No. III will be developed for the increment of capacity approved in the June 14 order but not yet constructed in the existing Cavern Nos. I and II. Egan Hub states that the total combined capacity of the three caverns will not exceed the certificated 21 Bcf, nor will the maximum capacity of any single cavern exceed 10.5 Bcf consistent with the June 14 order. Egan Hub maintains that since it does not propose to increase the certificated storage capacity nor the injection or withdrawal capability of the Egan Storage Facility, the proposal does not alter the Commission's determination that Egan Hub lacks significant market power and may charge market-based rates for storage and hub services.

Egan Hub requests waiver as to Exhibit K (cost of facilities), Exhibit L (financing), Exhibit N (revenues, expenses and income), and Exhibit O (depreciation and depletion) as required by Section 157.14 of the Commission's Regulations. In addition, Egan Hub requests waiver of Section 284.7(e) of the Commission's Regulations, which requires that natural gas companies providing Part 284 storage services charge reservation fees that recover all fixed costs based on the SFV rate design methodology, and the accounting and reporting requirements of Part 201 and Section 260.2 (Form No. 2A) which are also based on the presumption that cost-based rates are being charged and collected.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed project should be directed to Steven E. Tillman, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Egan Hub Partners, L.P., P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642 at (713) 627-5113.

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 March 22, 2002, 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 Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may