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Dated: March 25, 2002.

**Susan B. Neuman,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-168-C]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; PG&E Energy Trading-Power, L.P.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** PG&E Energy Trading-Power, L.P. ("PGET-Power") has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 29, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-6807 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On February 25, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized PGET-Power to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada using the international transmission facilities of Detroit Edison, Minnesota Power, Niagara Mohawk and New York Power Authority. On August 25, 1998, in Order EA-168-A, DOE amended PGET-Power's electricity export authorization to add the remaining major transmission interconnections with Canada. That two-year authorization expired on August 25, 2000. On July 6, 2000, PGET-Power filed an application with FE for renewal of its export authority. That authorization was issued on September 7, 2000 and will expire on September 7, 2002. On March 7, 2002, PGET-Power again filed an application for a two-year renewal of its export authority.

PGET-Power is a power marketer that does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities nor does it have a franchised electric service territory in the United States. PGET-Power will purchase the electric energy to be exported at wholesale from electric utilities and Federal Power Marketing Administrations in the United States.

PGET-Power proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by PGET-Power has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's

Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the PGET-Power application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-168-C. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Sanford L. Hartman, Assistant General Counsel, PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P., 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 1300, Bethesda, MD 20814-6161 and Ms. Sarah Barpoulis, Senior Vice President, PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P., 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 1300, Bethesda, MD 20814-6161.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Orders EA-168. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-168 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 25, 2002.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Intent to Solicit Competitive Applications/Proposals for Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** Rocky Flats Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to solicit competitive applications/proposals for financial assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The Rocky Flats Field Office (RFFO) of the Department of Energy is entrusted to contribute to the welfare of the nation by providing the scientific foundation, technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to

achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality, and a secure national defense. RFFO intends to fund a series of grants in special emphasis programs to encourage programs to train Native American, African American, Hispanic American, Asian-Pacific American, Women and Disabled Students to pursue training in the fields of sciences and engineering; and to fund local community projects contributing to diversity-related programs.

**DATES:** Applications may be submitted by April 29, 2002. Applications received by April 29, 2002 will be considered; applications received after that date may or may not be considered depending on the status of proposal review and selection.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Contracts Management Division, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Nix, Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200, (303) 966-2054, for application forms and additional information. Completed applications or proposals must be sent to the addresses heading.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE RFFO is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications/proposals if an award is not made. If an award is made, such costs may be allowable as provided in the applicable cost principles.

*Availability Of Fiscal Year 2001 Funds:* With this publication; DOE RFFO is announcing the availability of up to \$300,000 in grant funds for fiscal year 2001. RFFO anticipates that four or less grants will be made for a total not-to-exceed \$300,000. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Projects may cover a period of up to 5 years. Funding for out-years is dependent on appropriation from Congress. Length of awards may vary by applicant.

*Restricted Eligibility:* Eligible applicants for the purposes of funding under this notice include organizations and institutions residing in Colorado proposing to implement minority science and engineering projects in Colorado as described in the summary section of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to propose project cost-sharing or sharing of in-kind services or resources. The awards

will be made through a competitive process to organizations and institutions located in the State of Colorado. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.116.

*Evaluation Criteria:* All responsive Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Department of Energy RFFO representatives. Successful proposal(s) will be selected on the opinion of panel members of proposals most able to meet the objectives best able to meet the needs of this office.

Proposals must demonstrate and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Implementation plan demonstrates experience, qualifications, capabilities, and resources necessary to successfully accomplish the proposed activities. (25%)

2. Exhibits sound administrative and financial management practices. (25%)

- Ability and willingness to perform all administrative requirements of the grant.
- The relationship between direct and indirect costs, and other financial aspects of the proposed grant, demonstrates sound financial practices.

- Cost effectiveness of projects.

3. Relationship of the proposed project to the objectives of the solicitation. (25%)

4. Qualifications of key personnel. (10%)

- Adequacy of availability and level of expertise of proposed personnel resources.

- Level of expertise of key personnel as demonstrated in resumes containing relevant education, training, and experience (resumes should include relevant project work previously conducted by individuals of the team).

5. Successful past performance of similar projects. (15%)

- Proposals lacking records of relevant past performance will receive a neutral score.

DOE RFFO hereby reserves the right to fund, in part or whole, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this request. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications. Applicants should allow approximately 90 days for DOE evaluation. The status of any application during the evaluation and selection process will not be discussed with applicants. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 21, 2002.

**D. Elaine Nix,**

*Contracting Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Albuquerque Operations Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation—Geothermal Resource Exploration and Definition II (GRED II).

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), Albuquerque Operations Office (AL), anticipates issuing Solicitation No. DE-SC04-02AL67912 for a second program on Geothermal Resource Exploration and Definition. This program is in support of the Geothermal Energy Program and has the primary objective of developing collaborative efforts to support the exploration and definition of new geothermal resources in geographically diverse regions with the objective of providing additional geothermal power. Projects may consist of up to three phases: (1) Phase I is Resource Evaluation and may include new exploration work to discover a probable geothermal resource and select a site for drilling a geothermal exploration well; (2) Phase II is Drilling and Characterization and consists of the drilling of a test well, logging and coring as appropriate, and initial testing of the well; (3) Phase III is Testing and Assessment and consists of long term flow and temperature tests in the well and final assessment of the site. Proposed projects are for up to three years and may begin at any phase, but documentation will be required for all three phases. One or more projects will be funded under the Fiscal Year 2002 funding level of up to \$600,000 with a maximum DOE cost share of 80%. Funding for subsequent years is dependent on Congressional appropriations and Departmental priorities.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on April 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erwin E. Fragua, Contract Specialist, DOE/AL, at (505) 845-6442 or by e-mail at [efragua@doeal.gov](mailto:efragua@doeal.gov). Fax number is (505) 845-5181/4210.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The solicitation will be