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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****[Solicitation Number DE-PS36-02GO92004]****Hydrogen Research and Development****AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, DOE.**ACTION:** Issuance of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing its intention to seek Financial Assistance Applications for research and development (R&D) projects involving technologies for the production, storage, and utilization of hydrogen.

**DATES:** Issuance of the Solicitation is planned for no later than early May, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the Solicitation once it is issued, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office home page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations", and then access the solicitation number identified above. The Golden home page will provide direct access to the Solicitation and provide instructions on using the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. The Solicitation can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing opportunities by Program Office for those solicitations issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the Solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth H. Dwyer, Contract Specialist, via facsimile to (303) 275-4788, or electronically to [Beth\\_Dwyer@nrel.gov](mailto:Beth_Dwyer@nrel.gov). Responses to questions will be made by amendment to the Solicitation and posted on the IIPS Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is soliciting Applications for R&D projects that will advance hydrogen production, storage, and utilization technologies. The DOE intends to provide financial support to assist in the development of such technologies under provisions of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996, Public Law 104-271.

Under this Solicitation, DOE is seeking Applications for R&D projects that will lead to the implementation of hydrogen technologies in the areas of production, storage, and utilization. Within these three hydrogen technology

areas, R&D activities related only to certain processes and equipment types will be eligible for an award, as specified in the Solicitation.

Awards under this Solicitation will be Cooperative Agreements, with a three-year Project Period consisting of three one-year Budget Periods. A go/no-go decision regarding the continuation and funding into Budget Periods subsequent to the first will be made as described in the Solicitation. Eligibility for an award is not restricted to any particular category of Applicant. However, a minimum Cost Share of 20% of Total Project Costs is required in order to be considered for an award.

Although this Solicitation is being issued in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002, potential awards will not be considered until early in FY 2003 (FY 2003 begins October 1, 2002). The possibility for initial awards to be made will depend on the availability of funds in the FY 2003 congressional appropriations. The anticipated level of available DOE funding is specified in the Solicitation for FY 2003, 2004, and 2005. DOE reserves the right to make no awards under this Solicitation or to reduce the requested DOE funding commitment on any potential award through negotiated reductions in work scope.

Issued in Golden, Colorado.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Bonneville Power Administration****Electrical Interconnection of the Satsop Combustion Turbine Project**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the ROD to offer contract terms to integrate power from the Satsop Combustion Turbine Project, a 650-megawatt gas-fired, combined-cycle, combustion turbine power generation project, into the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS). The project is located in Satsop, in the Satsop Development Park, in Grays Harbor County, Washington. This decision was reached after consideration of the site-specific potential environmental impacts analyzed in BPA's Resource

Contingency Program Environmental Impact Statement (RCP EIS, DOE/EIS-0230, November 1995), and is consistent with BPA's Business Plan EIS (BP EIS, DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995), and Business Plan ROD (August 1995).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD for the Electrical Interconnection of the Satsop Combustion Turbine Project may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. The RCP EIS, BP EIS, and BP ROD are also available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dawn R. Boorse, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, direct telephone 503-230-5678; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; e-mail [drboorse@bpa.gov](mailto:drboorse@bpa.gov).

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on April 30, 2002.

**Steven G. Hickok,**

*Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Alliance Companies et al.; Notice of Non-Decisional Status**

May 2, 2002.

In the matter of: Docket No. EL02-65-000, RT01-88-016; RT01-87-000, ER01-3142-000, ER02-106-000, ER02-107-000, ER02-108-000, ER02-111-000, ER02-290-000, ER01-123-000, ER02-484-000, ER02-485-000, ER02-488-000, ER02-652-000, ER02-947-000, ER02-1420-000, ER98-1438-00, ER02-871-000, and ER02-708-000; Alliance Companies; Ameren Services Company on behalf of: Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company; American Electric Power Service Corporation on behalf of: Appalachian Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Power Company, Ohio Power Company, Wheeling Power Company; Dayton Power and Light Company; Exelon Corporation on behalf of: Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc.; FirstEnergy Corporation on behalf of: American Transmission Systems, Inc., Cleveland Electric Illuminating Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, Toledo Edison Company; Illinois Power Company; Northern Indiana Public Service Company and National Grid USA; Alliance Companies; Ameren Services Company on behalf of: Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company; American Electric Power Service Corporation on behalf of: Appalachian Power Company, Columbus Southern Power

Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Power Company, Ohio Power Company, Wheeling Power Company; Consumers Energy Company and Michigan Electric Transmission Company; Dayton Power and Light Company; Exelon Corporation on behalf of: Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc.; FirstEnergy Corporation on behalf of: American Transmission Systems, Inc., Cleveland Electric Illuminating Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, Toledo Edison Company; Illinois Power Company; Northern Indiana Public Service Company; Virginia Electric and Power Company; Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

Take notice that, for purposes of the above-captioned dockets (and all subdockets in those dockets), Daniel L. Larcamp, Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, is a non-decisional authority and a non-decisional employee. *Cf.* 18 CFR 385.102(a) (2001) (definition of decisional authority); 18 CFR 385.2201 (2001) (definition of decisional employee).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

May 2, 2002.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

a. *Type of Application:* Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a new license application.

b. *Project No.:* 2545.

c. *Date filed:* April 24, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Avista Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Spokane River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Spokane River, in Spokane, Stevens, and Lincoln Counties, Washington and Kootenai and Benewah Counties, Idaho. The project occupies federal lands of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and tribal lands of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)—825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bruce Howard, Spokane River License Manager, Avista Corporation, 1411 East Mission, P.O.

Box 3727, MSC-1, Spokane, Washington 99220, (509) 495-2941, or e-mail: bruce.howard@avistacorp.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Nan Allen at (202) 219-2938, or e-mail: nan.allen@ferc.gov.  
j. *Deadline for Comments:* June 2, 2002.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comments 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. The project consists of five developments and appurtenant facilities. The Post Falls development consists of the 48,000-acre Coeur d'Alene Lake with a useable storage capacity of 223,100 acre-feet; a 431-foot-long and 31-foot-high spillway dam across the north channel, a 127-foot-long and 25-foot-high spillway dam across the south channel, and a 215-foot-long and 64-foot-high dam across the middle channel and forming the east wall of the powerhouse; six 56-foot-long penstocks; and a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 15 megawatts (MW).

The Upper Falls development consists of a 366-foot-long, 39-foot-high dam at 1,871 feet elevation; an 800-acre-foot reservoir; a channel leading to an intake structure; a 350-foot-long penstock, and a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 10 MW.

The Monroe Street development consists of a 240-foot-long, 24-foot-high dam with crest elevation of 1,806 feet; a 30-acre-foot reservoir; a 435-foot-long penstock; and an underground powerhouse with an installed capacity of 14.82 MW.

The Nine Mile development consists of a 464-foot-long, 58-foot-high dam with a crest elevation of 1596.6 feet without flashboards and 1606.6 feet with flashboards; a reservoir with 4,600 acre-feet of storage capacity; and a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 26 MW.

The Long Lake development consists of a 593-foot-long, 247-foot-high dam; a 108,080-acre-foot reservoir with a normal pool elevation of 1,536 feet; four 216-foot-long penstocks, and a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 71 MW.

l. A copy of the request to use alternative procedures is on file with the Commission and is available for 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). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in h above.

m. Avista Corporation has met with federal and state resources agencies, NGOs, elected officials, flood control and downstream interests, environmental groups, business and economic development organizations, recreation groups, and members of the public regarding the Spokane River Project and believes that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Avista Corporation intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the filing of a license application by July 31, 2005. Avista Corporation has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. Avista Corporation has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Avista Corporation's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. Avista Corporation will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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