

enter their company into a legally binding contract/agreement and intend to submit proposals/applications via the IIPS system must register and receive confirmation that they are registered prior to being able to submit an application on the IIPS system. An IIPS "User Guide for Contractors" can be obtained by going to the Golden Field Office Homepage at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov) or call the help desk at (800) 683-0751.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Margo Gorin, Contract Specialist, at [go\\_I&I@nrel.gov](mailto:go_I&I@nrel.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Solicitation Specifications:** To be eligible to apply for this financial assistance program, applicants must be a state agency in partnership with an industry partner(s) or an industry partner(s) who has coordinated state agency endorsement. Endorsement, here, refers to the act of a state(s): (1) Recommending the proposed technology demonstration, (2) waiving its role as the primary applicant, and (3) assigning that role to industry via signature on the "State Endorsement Form." The "State Endorsement Form" must be reprinted on official state agency letterhead for signature by a state official, in cases where state agencies decline to be the primary applicant. State agencies include state energy, state environmental, state business development, or any state agency as defined by 10 CFR 600.202. In addition to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., and all federally-recognized Indian tribes are eligible as described in 10 CFR 600.202. Applicants are not limited in the number of applications they can submit, provided that multiple applications are not submitted for the same project. Also more than one organization may be involved in an application, as long as the lead organization and lead financial assistance management responsibilities are defined. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the NICE<sup>3</sup> Program is 81.105. Non-federal cost share from a combination of state and industrial partner sources for

a single award must be at least 50% of the total cost of the project (if \$500,000 in federal funding is requested, cost-share must equal at least \$500,000). Cash, equipment, labor, and in-kind contributions are all allowable as cost share as defined in 10 CFR 600.123 and 600.224).

The Golden Field Office has been assigned the responsibility of issuing the solicitation, and the awards will be administered by DOE's Regional Offices. The Program's intent is to encourage highly leveraged funding to get an innovative project commercially demonstrated in industry by the end of the award period. The NICE<sup>3</sup> Program will provide financial assistance for the first production-scale, commercial demonstration of an industrial process. To be ready for commercial demonstration, all research and development activities must already be completed with successful test results. By the end of the financial assistance project period, an industrial scale, commercial demonstration must be completed in the U.S. At the end of the project, the technology/process must be ready for commercialization. Grants range up to \$525,000. A 50% cost share is required. DOE anticipates awarding up to 4 awards, and each award may cover a project period of up to 3 years. No additional funding of applications for continuation of work beyond the award period is envisioned or planned by DOE.

A selection of former projects funded by the NICE<sup>3</sup> Program include the following:

- AAP St. Mary's in Ohio is improving cost of sales and reducing waste and pollution by recycling aluminum on-site.
- Beta Control Systems in Oregon has developed a closed loop hydrochloric acid recovery system for small to mid-size steel companies by integrating innovative materials with automatic controls.
- Brittany Dyeing & Printing in Massachusetts has developed a new process that increases productivity and energy efficiency in fabric finishing.
- Caterpillar in Illinois is recycling paint overspray in heavy construction equipment.
- ChemStone Inc. of South Carolina is demonstrating a newly developed patented chemistry for the pulp and paper industry that results in better fiber

breakdown, higher pulp yields, and cleaner pulp when added to the pulping process.

**Availability of Funds for FY 2003:** DOE is announcing the availability of up to \$2 million dollars in grant agreement funds for Fiscal Year 2003. The awards will be made through a competitive solicitation process. DOE reserves the right to fund in whole or in part any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice.

Issued in Golden, Colorado on May 1, 2002.

**Matthew A. Barron,**

*Acting Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance, Golden Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 02-14-NG, 02-16-NG, 02-17-NG, 02-21-NG, 02-22-NG, 00-80-NG, 95-27-NG, 02-24-NG, 02-18-NG]

**Office of Fossil Energy; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, et. al.; Orders Granting and Vacating Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during April 2002, it issued Orders granting and vacating authority to import and export natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 9, 2002.

**Yvonne Caudillo,**

*Acting Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum, Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

## Appendix—Orders Granting and Vacating Import/Export Authorizations

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter Fe docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
1764 .....	4-1-02	New York State Electric & Gas Corporation—02-14-NG.	50 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on July 1, 2002, and extending through June 30, 2004.

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter Fe docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
1766 .....	4-18-02	NJR Energy Services Company—02-16-NG.	200 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on May 1, 2002, and extending through April 30, 2004.
1767 .....	4-18-02	Entergy-Koch Trading, LP—02-17-NG.	800 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on May 1, 2002, and extending through April 30, 2004.
1768 .....	4-18-02	Alcoa Inc.—02-21-NG ...	15 Bcf		Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on May 1, 2002, and extending through April 30, 2004.
1769 .....	4-18-02	WGR Canada, Inc.—02-22-NG.	73 Bcf	73 Bcf	Import and export natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on July 14, 2002, and extending through July 13, 2004.
1639-A .....	4-22-02	Entergy-Koch Trading, LP (the successor to Koch Energy Trading, Inc.)—00-80-NG.			Order vacating blanket import authority.
1047-B .....	4-22-02	Entergy-Koch Trading, LP (The successor to Koch Energy Trading, Inc.)—95-27-NG.			Order vacating blanket import authority.
1770 .....	4-22-02	Newport Northwest, L.L.C.—02-24-NG.	127.75 Bcf	127.75 Bcf	Import and export natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on November 1, 2002, and extending through October 30, 2004.
1771 .....	4-29-02	UBS AG, London Branch—02-18-NG.	700 Bcf	700 Bcf	Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, and import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Mexico, beginning on April 29, 2002, and extending through April 28, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-967-001, et al.]

### Wisvest-Connecticut, L.L.C., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

May 9, 2002.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

#### 1. Wisvest-Connecticut, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER99-967-001]

Take notice that on May 3, 2002, Wisvest-Connecticut, L.L.C. (Wisvest) filed a triennial update to its market rate tariff of general applicability under which it sells capacity, energy and ancillary services at market-based rates.

*Comment Date: May 24, 2002.*

#### 2. Otter Tail Power Company

[Docket Nos. ER02-912-003]

Take notice that on May 3, 2002, Otter Tail Power Company tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) the compliance filing required by the Commission's April 5, 2002 order in

Docket No. ER02-912-000. Copies of this filing were served on all parties included on the Commission's official service list established in this proceeding.

*Comment Date: May 24, 2002.*

#### 3. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER02-1681-000]

Take notice that on May 3, 2002, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an amendment to its April 30, 2002 filing in the above-captioned proceeding.

*Comment Date: May 24, 2002.*

#### 4. Pacific Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER02-1704-000]

Take notice that on May 3, 2002, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) tendered for filing Amendment No. 7 to PG&E Rate Schedule FERC No. 136, PG&E-Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Interconnection Agreement. SMUD requests that the agreement be made effective before June 1, 2002.

Copies of this filing were served upon SMUD, the California Independent System Operator Corporation and the California Public Utilities Commission.

*Comment Date: May 24, 2002.*

#### 5. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1705-000]

Take notice that on May 3, 2002, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) submitted for filing an unexecuted

interconnection agreement with Duke Energy Leavenworth (Duke) under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff. SPP requests an effective date of April 3, 2002 for this interconnection agreement.

A copy of the filing was served on representatives of Duke and other affected parties.

*Comment Date: May 24, 2002.*

#### 6. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER02-1706-000]

Take notice that on May 3, 2002, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), filed amendments to the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff and the Amended and Restated PJM Operating Agreement to amend the rules under which PJM accepts for monitoring and dispatch control local lower voltage transmission facilities not currently under PJM's monitoring responsibility and dispatch control and to provide a transition process for local lower voltage transmission facilities already under PJM monitoring and dispatch control that do not meet PJM reliability planning criteria set forth in the PJM manuals to become compliant with such criteria. Copies of this filing were served upon all PJM members and each state electric utility regulatory commission in the PJM region. PJM requests an effective date of June 1, 2002 for the amendments.

*Comment Date: May 24, 2002.*