

financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a third-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: Promoting program integrity, eliminating or avoiding program complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs, and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in several areas, such as, Performance-Based Organization (PBO); Title IV Modernization; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: Monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. The most important charge of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to maintain and improve access to postsecondary education. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The agenda will focus exclusively on conducting the election of officers for the Advisory Committee. Space is limited and you are encouraged to contact the Advisory Committee staff through the Internet at [ADV.COMSEA@ed.gov](mailto:ADV.COMSEA@ed.gov) no later than Tuesday, September 24, 2002, if you wish to participate. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 219-2099.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, DC via teleconference on Friday, September 27, 2002, from 11 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Room 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: September 5, 2002.

**Brian K. Fitzgerald,**

*Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 02-26: High Energy Physics Outstanding Junior Investigator Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Division of High Energy Physics of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Outstanding Junior Investigator (OJI) Program. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty investigators who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research, and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs by outstanding scientists early in their careers. Awards made under this program will help to maintain the vitality of university research and assure continued excellence in the teaching of physics.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2003, formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received before November 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** We encourage you to submit formal applications in response to this solicitation electronically through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/>. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. Applications must be submitted through IIPS in PDF format by an authorized institutional business

official. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at:

[HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov) or you may call the help desk at (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

If you are unable to submit the application through IIPS, formal applications may be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. ATTN: Program Notice 02-26.

When submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant, the following address must be used: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 02-26.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Jeffrey Mandula, Division of High Energy Physics, SC-221/Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-4829. E-Mail: [jeffrey.mandula@science.doe.gov](mailto:jeffrey.mandula@science.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Outstanding Junior Investigator program was started in 1978 by the Department of Energy's Office of Science. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented high energy physicists early in their careers and assist and facilitate the development of their research programs. Eligibility for awards under this notice is therefore restricted to non-tenured investigators who are conducting experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research. Since its debut, the program has initiated support for between five and ten new Outstanding Junior Investigators each year. The program has been very successful and contributes importantly to the vigor of the U.S. High Energy Physics program. Applicants should request support under this notice for normal research project costs as required to conduct their proposed research activities. The full range of activities currently supported by the Division of High Energy Physics is eligible for support under this program.

The DOE expects to make five to ten grant awards in Fiscal Year 2003, to meet the objectives of this program. It is

anticipated that approximately \$500,000 will be available in Fiscal Year 2003, subject to availability of appropriated funds. In the recent past, awards have averaged \$60,000 per year, with the number of awards determined by the number of excellent applications and the total funds available for this program. Multiple year funding of grant awards is expected, including renewal beyond the initial project period, as long as the recipient's tenure status is unchanged. Funding will be provided on an annual basis subject to availability of funds.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR part 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to the application guide and required forms is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605)

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 4, 2002.

**John Rodney Clark,**

*Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER02-924-002, et al.]

#### Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 3, 2002.

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

##### 1. Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-924-002]

Take notice that on August 27, 2002, Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, the successor to Michigan Electric Transmission Company, submitted the Refund Report required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) July 18, 2002 letter order in this proceeding.

Copies of this filing were served on all parties included on the official service list established in this proceeding.

*Comment Date:* September 17, 2002.

##### 2. Utility Contract Funding, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER02-2102-001]

Take notice that on August 27, 2002, Utility Contract Funding, L.L.C. submitted a revised tariff rate schedule pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Act, 16 U.S.C. 824d, and Rule 35.12 of the Commission's regulations to reflect the change in its name from Cedar Brakes III, L.L.C.

*Comment Date:* September 17, 2002.

##### 3. Orion New York GP II, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-2435-001]

Take notice that on August 28, 2002, Orion New York GP II, Inc. (OPNY) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) pursuant to Rule 205 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.205, an amended FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 (to comply with the requirements of Order No. 614) authorizing OPNY to make sales at market-based rates. OPNY has requested this rate schedule become effective on October 7, 2002.

OPNY intends to sell electric power at wholesale. In transactions where OPNY sells electric energy, it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. OPNY's Rate Schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity at agreed prices.

*Comment Date:* September 18, 2002.

##### 4. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER02-2506-000]

Take notice that on August 28, 2002, PacifiCorp tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) in accordance with Part 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations (18 CFR Part 35), a Notice of Cancellation of FERC Electric Tariff Fourth Revised Volume No. 3, Service Agreement 94 between PacifiCorp and LG&E Energy.

Copies of this filing were supplied to LG&E Energy and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

*Comment Date:* September 18, 2002.

##### 5. American Electric Power

[Docket No. ER02-2507-000]

Take notice that on August 28, 2002, American Electric Power Service Corporation tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a Facilities, Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Facility Agreement) dated August 1, 2002, between Columbus Southern Power Company (d/b/a AEP), Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) and Buckeye Power, Inc. (Buckeye).

The Facility Agreement provides for the establishment of a new delivery point, pursuant to the provisions of the Power Delivery Agreement between Columbus Southern Power, Buckeye, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company, Monongahela Power Company, Ohio Power Company and Toledo Edison Company, dated January 1, 1968. AEP requests an effective date of October 1, 2002 for the Facility Agreement.

AEP states that copies of its filing were served upon CEC, Buckeye and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

*Comment Date:* September 18, 2002.

##### 6. Kiowa Power Partners, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-2509-000]

Take notice that on August 28, 2002, Kiowa Power Partners, LLC, 1044 North 115th Street, Suite 400, Omaha, Nebraska 68154 (Kiowa), which will own and operate a natural gas-fired electric generating facility to be constructed in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, submitted for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) its initial Rate Schedule FERC No. 1 which will enable Kiowa to engage in the sale of electric energy and capacity at market-based rates.

*Comment Date:* September 18, 2002.