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*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Number DE-PS36-03GO93003]

### First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands: Strategic and Energy Resource Planning, Capacity Building, and Organizational Development

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is soliciting applications for financial assistance from Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Corporations for strategic planning, energy options analysis or resource planning, human capacity building, and organizational development related to sustainable energy efficiency implementation or renewable energy development.

**DATES:** Issuance of the solicitation is planned for early March 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the solicitation, once 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 DOE Golden Field Office home page will provide a link to the solicitation synopsis in the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site and provides instructions on using IIPS. The solicitation will be available directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing opportunities by Contract Activity, for those solicitations issued by the Golden Field Office. To be notified when the solicitation is issued, join the Solicitation Mailing List specific to this notice through IIPS. DOE will not issue paper copies of the solicitation. For questions regarding the operation of IIPS, contact the IIPS Help Desk at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov) or at (800) 683-0751.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammie Lawler, Contract Specialist, via facsimile at 303-275-4788 or

electronically at [tribalgo93003@go.doe.gov](mailto:tribalgo93003@go.doe.gov). Responses to questions will be made by amendment to the solicitation and posted on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE's Tribal Energy Program promotes tribal energy self-sufficiency and fosters employment and economic development on tribal lands through financial assistance to Federally-recognized Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations. Under this solicitation, DOE is soliciting applications from Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Corporations (hereafter referred to as "tribes") for strategic planning, energy options analysis or resource planning, human capacity building, and organizational development related to sustainable energy efficiency implementation or renewable energy development.

DOE will only consider applications from Federally-recognized tribes on whose tribal lands the project will be located. Applications from a consortium will be accepted but must be submitted by a single tribe representing the consortium. A Statement of Commitment from an authorized representative of the tribe (Chief, Governor, President, Chairperson or other representative authorized to commit the tribe), that includes a Statement of Commitment from each participant, will be required as a part of the application.

Awards under this solicitation are anticipated to be grants with terms of one year. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this solicitation will be between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. DOE anticipates selecting 5 to 20 applications for negotiation toward award. No cost share is required in order to be considered for awards under this solicitation. Solicitation number DE-PS36-03GO93003 will include complete information including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting applications for funding. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for early March 2003, with applications due approximately 50 days after the solicitation has been issued. Information on Financial Assistance Regulations (10 CFR part 600), proposal forms, award format, or post award forms can be obtained through the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 11, 2003.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Department of Energy's Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Department of Energy's annual report on its Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisitions for fiscal year 2001.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Executive Order 13149, this notice announces the availability of the 2001 report which summarizes the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) compliance with the annual alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirement for its vehicle fleet. Additionally, this report includes data concerning DOE's efforts to reduce petroleum consumption.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies, EE-2G, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shabnam Fardanesh on (202) 586-7011 or [shabnam.fardanesh@ee.doe.gov](mailto:shabnam.fardanesh@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211-13219) as amended by the Energy Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-388, section 310(b)(3)(b)) and Executive Order 13149 (April 2000) were intended to decrease the country's dependence on petroleum for transportation purposes. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires Federal fleets to make 75 percent of their new covered vehicles acquisitions alternative fueled vehicles. In fiscal year 2001, DOE acquired 109 percent of its new covered vehicles as alternative fueled vehicles, exceeding the 75 percent requirement by 34 percent. DOE also exceeded its alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements in fiscal years 1999 and 2000, and expects a similarly high level of compliance for fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218, DOE and other covered agencies are required annually to submit to Congress reports on their alternative fueled vehicle acquisitions. These reports must also be placed on a publicly available Web site and their availability, including the Web site address, must be published in the **Federal Register**.

The DOE report for 2001 may be accessed on the Vehicle Technology's Federal Fleet Web site at [http://www.ott.doe.gov/epact/fed\\_fleet\\_prog.shtml](http://www.ott.doe.gov/epact/fed_fleet_prog.shtml).

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**David K. Garman,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL03-25-003, et al.]

#### New England Power Pool, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

March 21, 2003.

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

##### 1. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. EL03-25-003]

Take notice that on March 18, 2003, New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Participants Committee tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a supplement to its March 3, 2003 Report of Compliance.

The NEPOOL Participants Committee states that copies of this supplement were sent to all parties in Docket No. EL03-25, the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the Participants in the New England Power Pool.

*Comment Date:* April 17, 2003.

##### 2. Alliance Companies, et al. and National Grid USA

[Docket No. EL02-65-011]

Take notice that on March 18, 2003, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. jointly filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), for informational purposes, an implementation progress report in accordance with the Commission's July

31, 2002 order in the above-referenced docket, 100 FERC § 61,137. This is fourth in a series of similar filings to be made on or about every 60 days.

*Comment Date:* April 17, 2003.

##### 3. SP Newsprint Co.

[Docket No. ER03-432-001]

Take notice that on March 17, 2003, SP Newsprint tendered for filing a Response and Revised Tariff that amends its January 15, 2003, application and addresses concerns raised by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and Intervenor, Portland General Electric Company. SP Newsprint is requesting that the Commission waive the 60-day notice requirement and asks that the rates be made effective on, or before, April 19, 2003.

*Comment Date:* April 7, 2003.

##### 4. PPM Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-478-002]

Take notice that on March 17, 2003, PPM Energy, Inc., (PPM), submitted for filing a revised market-based tariff (Tariff), with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), reflecting its name change from PacifiCorp Power Marketing, Inc., and other changes to conform to prior Commission orders. PPM requests waiver of the 60-day prior notice requirement to allow its revised Tariff to become effective as of January 15, 2003.

*Comment Date:* April 7, 2003.

##### 5. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-599-001]

Take notice that on March 14, 2003, Entergy Services, Inc., (Entergy Services), submitted for filing on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., (EAI), certain corrections to the transmittal letter accompanying Entergy Services' filing of EAI's 2003 Wholesale Formula Rate Update. Entergy Services states that the corrections replace certain references to the year 2002 within the text of the transmittal letter with corrected references to the year 2003.

*Comment Date:* April 4, 2003.

##### 6. Maine Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER03-627-000]

Take notice that on March 14, 2003, Maine Public Service Company (MPS), submitted an informational filing setting forth the changed loss factor effective March 1, 2003, together with back-up materials, pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Settlement Agreement filed on February 28, 2001, in Docket No. ER01-1344-000, and accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on April 13, 2001.

MPS states that copies of this filing were served on the parties to the Settlement Agreement in Docket No. ER01-1344-000, the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, Inc., the Maine Public Utilities Commission, Commission Trial Staff, the Maine Public Advocate, and current MPS open access transmission tariff customers.

*Comment Date:* April 4, 2003.

##### 7. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-628-000]

Take notice that on March 17, 2003, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) tendered for filing a Service Agreement under the AEP Companies Power Sales Tariffs (Tariffs). The Tariffs were accepted for filing effective October 10, 1997 and were designated as AEP Operating Companies FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 5 (Wholesale Tariff of the AEP Operating Companies) and FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 8, effective January 8, 1998 in Docket ER 98-542-000 (Market-Based Rate Power Sales Tariff of the CSW Operating Companies). AEPSC respectfully requests waiver of notice to permit the attached Service Agreement to be made effective on or prior to February 16, 2003.

AEPSC states that a copy of the filing was served upon the Parties and the State Utility Regulatory Commissions of Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

*Comment Date:* April 7, 2003.

##### 8. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER03-629-000]

Take notice that on March 17, 2003, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) tendered for filing the Amended and Restated Service Agreement for Wholesale Distribution Service (Agreement) between SCE and SCEs Generation Business Unit. SCE states that the Agreement provides the terms and conditions under which SCE provides Distribution Service to SCEs Generation Business Unit under FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 5.

SCE also states that copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and SCEs Generation Business Unit.

*Comment Date:* April 7, 2003.

##### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,