

Heat and Power (CHP) technologies. The Regional Application Centers will achieve this objective through targeted education and outreach programs as well as project assistance (\$800,000).

- **Biomass:** To foster significant penetration of biomass-based technologies and products, cost-shared applications are sought under two broad categories: (1) Outreach and information transfer to consumers, producers, and industry; or (2) development of innovative State or local incentives that facilitate increased market development of bio-based power, fuels, and other valuable products (\$600,000).

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants under this opportunity are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U. S. Virgin Islands. Applications must be submitted by the State Energy Office or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420, although States may work in collaboration with non-State partners. For convenience, the term "State" in the funding opportunity will refer to all eligible applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program Special Projects is 81.119.

Requirements for cost sharing contributions will be addressed in each category in the anticipated opportunity. Cost sharing contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for compliance will be conducted by the DOE NETL office. Applications found to be in compliance will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the participating programs at DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

Once released, the funding opportunity will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site, an applicant will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling submission of an application. Technical assistance in registering with IIPS, or any other IIPS function, may be obtained via calling the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751, or E-mailing the Help Desk personnel at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The funding opportunity will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the opportunity and related documents will be made

available. Once the funding opportunity is issued, all questions regarding the opportunity must be submitted via the "Submit Question" feature in IIPS; the Government reserves the right to not answer questions submitted via any method other than the "Submit Question" feature in IIPS. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the funding opportunity package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the opportunity.

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Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Extension of Time

December 24, 2003.

On December 19, 2003, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (the CAISO) filed a motion for an extension of time within which to file data pursuant to two requests issued by the Commission on December 16, 2003, relating to the CAISO's Revised MD02 Proposal and the Commission's October 28 Order.¹ The Commission's requests were contained in a Notice of Technical Conference and a letter from Jamie Simler, Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West (the Letter) to the CAISO, respectively. The Notice of Technical Conference directed the CAISO to file information to clarify:

- The CAISO's proposed approach to allocation of marginal losses;
- The revised pricing mechanism for setting prices for constrained output generators in the forward market;
- A statement made by the CAISO in relation to sales of energy from capacity committed in the day-ahead residual unit commitment process; and
- The CAISO's concern that the purchase of only capacity may undermine incentives to imports in

the residual unit commitment process.

The Letter directed the CAISO to file specific responses to clarify and provide a further explanation of the methodologies and approaches proposed to be adopted by the CAISO to determine which resources are subject to local market power mitigation, and to provide three specific examples employing the proposed methodologies.

The responses and information were directed to be filed by no later than January 7, 2004.

The CAISO's motion states that due to the holiday season, key personnel within the CAISO will be unavailable and that the CAISO is therefore unable to meet this deadline. The CAISO therefore requests an extension of time for filing the information in response to the Notice of Technical Conference until January 14, 2004, and an extension of time for filing the responses pursuant to the Letter until January 23, 2004.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for the CAISO to comply with the Commission's request in the Notice of Technical Conference is granted to January 14, 2004, and an extension of time for the CAISO to comply with the request in the Letter is granted to January 16, 2004.

As previously advised, interested parties are invited to file comments by January 14, 2004 in relation to the October 28 Order and in relation to issues arising from the November 6 Technical Conference. Interested parties are also invited to file reply comments by January 20, 2004 in response to the additional information provided by the CAISO on January 14, 2004.

Summary of Deadlines

Deadline for CAISO clarification pursuant to December 16, 2003 Notice of Technical Conference; and Deadline for Interested Parties' Comments on October 28 Order and November 6, 2003 Technical Conference: January 14.

Deadline for CAISO additional information on local market power mitigation pursuant to December 16 Letter: January 16.

Deadline for Interested Parties' responses to CAISO January 14, 2004 clarification: January 20.

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Acting Secretary.

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¹ California Independent System Operator Corporation, 105 FERC ¶ 61,140 (2003) (October 28 Order).