

the Even Start program, which Tribal Even Start projects will use to measure increases in the: (1) Percentages and numbers of adults achieving significant learning gains on measures of literacy and mathematics, and percentages and numbers of limited English proficient (LEP) adults who achieve significant learning gains on measures of English language acquisition; (2) percentages and numbers of Even Start school-age parents who earn a high school diploma, and percentages and numbers of Even Start non-school-age parents who earn a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED); and (3) percentages and numbers of Even Start children entering kindergarten who achieve significant learning gains on measures of language development and reading readiness. All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their success in addressing these performance measures.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Funding Opportunity Announcement

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a funding opportunity announcement.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE–PS26–04NT42064 entitled “Mining Industry of the Future Grand Challenge Technology Concepts for the Mining Industry.” NETL, on behalf of the Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy (EERE)–ITP Industrial Technologies Program (ITP), is seeking cost-shared research and development applications for technologies which will reduce energy consumption, enhance economic competitiveness, and reduce environmental impacts of the domestic mining industry.

**DATES:** The draft funding opportunity announcement will be available on the “Industry Interactive Procurement System” (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about February 9, 2004. The final funding opportunity announcement will also be available on the “Industry Interactive Procurement System” (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about March 1, 2004. Applicants can also obtain access to the draft and final funding opportunity announcements through DOE/NETL’s Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Questions and comments regarding the content of the announcement should be submitted through the “Submit Question” feature of IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Locate the announcement on IIPS and then click on the “Submit Question” button. You will receive an electronic notification that your question has been answered. Responses to questions may be viewed through the “View Questions” feature. If no questions have been answered, a statement to that effect will appear. You should periodically check “View Questions” for new questions and answers.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** While the mining industry uses many of the latest evolutionary technologies in their operations, further revolutionary energy efficient processes and technological advances in extraction, materials handling, and beneficiation/processing are needed to enable the mining industry to remain competitive. The objective of the targeted announcement is to support the stated national interests by funding research and development (R&D) projects that address technology needs presented at the Grand Challenge workshops in 2003 as well as those described in the Energy Analysis. The Energy Analysis is a presentation showing the results of an energy analysis study to demonstrate where the largest energy saving opportunities are in mining and is located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/mining/pdfs/energyanalysis.pdf>. The Grand Challenge Technology Concepts for the Mining Industry “focuses on developing revolutionary energy efficiency improvements in the areas of extraction, materials handling, and beneficiation/processing in the mining industry.” The three key industry-identified research areas are the Energy Efficient Alternatives to Current Technologies in Extraction, Materials Handling, and Beneficiation/Processing that offer the largest opportunities for energy savings presented in the Energy Analysis. The areas of interest are activities in the mining industry that is integral to the operations of Surface Mining, Underground Mining, and Mineral Processing. Surface Mining, also called strip mining, placer mining, trench mining, opencast, opencut mining, and/or open pit mining is done at or near the surface where the overburden can be removed without too much expense. Interests include but are not limited to: solution mining, materials handling, systems integration and automation/robotics for all mining at or near the surface where overburden can be economically removed. Underground Mining is generally done where the valuable mineral is located deep enough where it is not economically viable to be removed by surface mining. Interests include but are not limited to: Near face (such as intelligent or remote controlled robotics), ancillary (activities not directly involved in ore mining such as ventilation and improved health conditions). Maintenance operations and technical services are also of

interest. Mineral and Coal Processing encompasses unit processes required to size, separate, and process for eventual use. These processes include comminution (crushing and grinding), sizing (screening or classifying), separation (physical or chemical), dewatering (thickening, filtration, or drying), and hydrometallurgical or chemical processing. The Energy Analysis forms the basis of this announcement and characterizes the three interest areas as follows:

*Area of Interest 1: Energy Efficient Alternatives to Current Technologies in Extraction*—Extraction is the removal of ore from surface or underground mines. This involves excavating activities such as digging, blasting, breaking, loading and hauling. Interests include revolutionary energy alternatives to mineral processes using equipment or processes to mine and process ore.

*Area of Interest 2: Energy Efficient Alternatives to Material Handling*—Materials handling is the use of any equipment or process to transport ore and waste. Interests include revolutionary energy alternatives with regard to energy used per unit of output to current technologies involving the use of equipment or processes to handle and transport ore and waste.

*Area of Interest 3: Energy Efficient Alternatives to Current Technologies in Beneficiation and Processing*—Beneficiation and Processing is the use of equipment or processes to crush, grind, concentrate and/or separating the ore from the unwanted material. Interests include revolutionary energy alternatives with regard to energy use per unit of output to current technologies using equipment or processes to crush, grind, concentrate and/or separating the ore from the unwanted material.

Once released, the funding opportunity announcement will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at *IIPS\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov*. The funding opportunity announcement will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the funding opportunity announcement and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the funding opportunity announcement will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be

prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the announcement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-152-000]

### CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 4, 2004.

Take notice that on January 30, 2004, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective March 1, 2004.

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is to revise its tariff to remove an obsolete rate schedule (Rate Schedule USAS) and to make certain changes primarily of a housekeeping nature.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.214 or § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the

instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-302-001]

### Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Application

November 17, 2003.

On November 6, 2003, Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Cheyenne Plains), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP03-302-001, a Petition to Amend the Order Issuing a Preliminary Determination on Non-Environmental Issues (Order), pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and Part 157 and 284 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission). Specifically, Cheyenne Plains is seeking to amend the Order to modify the originally proposed design of the Cheyenne Plains Project by: (1) Increasing the diameter of the proposed mainline; and (2) decreasing the total amount of compression to be installed at the Cheyenne Hub. Cheyenne Plains states it is also finalizing the amine gas treatment facilities design. Although Cheyenne Plains is proposing to modify the size of the pipeline and the amount of compressor horsepower, these changes will not change the 560,000 Dth per day design capacity of the Project. Further, in this filing Cheyenne Plains is also providing updated information on its financing proposals, including the conversion of Cheyenne Plains from a "C" corporation to an LLC, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

In its Petition to Amend Order, Cheyenne Plains states that since the filing of its initial application, it has now determined that the pipeline and