

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission****Notice of Application Ready for
Environmental Analysis and Soliciting
Comments, Recommendations, Terms
and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

February 17, 2005.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* P-289-013.

c. *Date filed:* October 7, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E).

e. *Name of Project:* Ohio Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. This project is located at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's McAlpine Locks and Dam Project.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Elizabeth L. Cocanougher, Senior Corporate Attorney, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, (502) 627-2557.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Costello, john.costello@ferc.gov, (202) 502-6119.

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. This application has been accepted, and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The Ohio Falls Hydroelectric Project consists of the following existing facilities: (a) A concrete powerhouse containing eight 10,040 kW generating units, located at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's McAlpine Locks and Dam Project; (b) a concrete headworks section, 632 feet long and 2 feet wide, built integrally with the powerhouse; (c) an office and electric gallery building; (d) a 69 kV transmission line designated as line 6608 to the Canal substation; (e) an access road, (f) one half mile of railroad tracks; and (g) appurtenant facilities. The project facilities are owned by LG&E.

m. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions. 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS", or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accomplished by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

n. *Procedural schedule:* The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to allow 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application. The application

will be processed according to the following schedule, but revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate:

Action	Date
Notice Availability of EA Ready for Commission Decision on Application.	June 2005. September 2005.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Linda Mitry,
Deputy Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[FRL-7876-5]

**State Innovation Grant Program,
Notice of Availability of Solicitation for
Proposals for 2005/2006 Awards**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is giving notice of the availability of its solicitation for proposals for the 2005/2006 grant program to support innovation by state environmental regulatory agencies—the "State Innovation Grant Program." The full text of the solicitation includes the following:

- Background information on the State Innovation Grant Program, including prior awards;
- A description of the 2005–2006 program;
- The process for preparing and submitting proposals;
- The State Innovation Grant Program selection criteria;
- A description of the selection and award process;
- A pre-proposal checklist to help States prepare effective proposals;
- A list of definitions for purposes of this solicitation.

The solicitation is available at the Agency's State Innovation Grant Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants/solicitation2005.pdf>, or may be requested from the Agency by e-mail, telephone, or by mail. Only the principal environmental regulatory

agency within each State (generally, where delegated authorities for Federal environmental regulations exist) is eligible to receive these grants.

DATES: State environmental regulatory agencies will have 60 days until April 25, 2005, to respond with a pre-proposal, budget, and project summary. The environmental regulatory agencies from the fifty (50) States; Washington, DC, and four (4) territories were notified of the solicitation's availability by fax and e-mail transmittals on February 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Solicitation can be downloaded from the Agency's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategants> or may be requested by telephone ((202) 566-2186), or by e-mail (Innovation_State_Grants@epa.gov). Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation, or questions concerning the solicitation should be sent to: State Innovation Grant Program, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1807T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Proposal responses or questions may also be sent by fax to ((202) 566-2220), addressed to the "State Innovation Grant Program," or by e-mail to: Innovation_State_Grants@epa.gov. We encourage e-mail responses. If you have questions about responding to this notice, please contact EPA at this e-mail address or fax number, or you may call Sherri Walker at (202) 566-2186. EPA will acknowledge all responses it receives to this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: In April 2002, EPA issued its plan for future innovation efforts, published as *Innovating for Better Environmental Results: A Strategy to Guide the Next Generation of Innovation at EPA* (EPA 100-R-02-002; <http://www.epa.gov/opei/strategy>). In Fall of 2002, EPA initiated the State Innovation Grants Program with a competition that asked for State project proposals that would create innovation in environmental permitting programs related to one of the Strategy's four priority environmental issues: reducing greenhouse gases, reducing smog, improving water quality, and ensuring the long-term integrity of the nation's water infrastructure. This assistance agreement program strengthens EPA's partnership with the States by assisting State innovation that supports the *Strategy*. EPA would like to help States build on previous experience and undertake strategic innovation projects that promote larger-scale models for "next generation" environmental

protection and promise better environmental results. EPA is interested in funding projects that go beyond a single facility experiment to promote change that is "systems-oriented" and provides better results from a program, process, or sector-wide innovation. EPA is particularly interested in innovation that promotes integrated (cross-media) environmental management with high potential for transfer to other States. Following the pilot round of State Innovation Grants in 2002, EPA consulted with the States through the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) and through a comment period announced in the **Federal Register** (FRL 7510-7, June 11, 2003) (see <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategants>). EPA received support in comments from a large number of the responding States for maintaining innovation in permitting as a subject of the next solicitation in order to build and sustain a stable resource base for testing new ideas that can improve this critical core function. Within this topic there was considerable support for EPA assistance to help States explore the relationship between Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and permitting (see: <http://www.epa.gov/ems/>) and to support adoption of the Environmental Results Program (ERP) model (see: <http://www.epa.gov/oaujeag/permits/masserp.htm>). Additionally, in October 2004 EPA through a subsequent **Federal Register** notice (FRL 7827-4, October 13, 2004) asked states to provide additional input on topic areas for this solicitation. EPA received continued support for maintaining innovation in permitting as a subject of the next solicitation. During the months of October and November 2004, EPA held a series of six informational calls for the states. The purpose of the conference calls was to offer a streamlined proposal development workshop to all States prior to publication of our solicitation, and to answer any questions that the States may have prior to the competition, in keeping with Federal requirements that we afford assistance fairly in a competition process. Through this effort, our primary focus was to encourage individual States (and/or State-led teams) to submit well-developed pre-proposals that effectively describe how their project would achieve measurable environmental results. Questions and answers from these six calls are posted at the program Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategants>.

Sixteen projects that received awards in prior competitions included: seven Environmental Results Program (ERP)

models, six Environmental Management Systems (EMS) projects, two Watershed-Based Permitting projects, and one Enhanced Permitting Through Application of Innovative Information Technology (IT) Systems. For more information on the prior solicitations and awards, please see the EPA State Innovation Grants Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategants>.

Dated: February 17, 2005.

Elizabeth Shaw,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7876-6]

Clean Water Act; Contractor Access to Confidential Business Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intended transfer of confidential business information to contractors and subcontractors.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to transfer confidential business information (CBI) collected from the pulp, paper, and paperboard manufacturing; iron and steel manufacturing; and other industries listed below to Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), and its subcontractors. Transfer of the information will allow the contractor and subcontractors to support EPA in the planning, development, and review of effluent limitations guidelines and standards under the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the development of discharge standards under Title XIV: Certain Alaskan Cruise Ship Operations (33 U.S.C. 1902 note). The information being transferred was or will be collected under the authority of section 308 of the CWA. Some information being transferred from the pulp, paper, and paperboard industry was collected under the additional authorities of section 114 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Interested persons may submit comments on this intended transfer of information to the address noted below.

DATES: Comments on the transfer of data are due March 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Mr. M. Ahmar Siddiqui, Document Control Officer, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303T), Room 6231S