

country or countries (10 points); and (6) The guidance and supervision of the dissertation advisor or committee at all stages of the project, including guidance in developing the project, understanding research conditions abroad, and acquainting the applicant with research in the field (10 points).

*Qualifications of the applicant* (40 points): In determining the qualifications of the applicant, the Secretary considers (1) The overall strength of the applicant's graduate academic record (10 points); (2) The extent to which the applicant's academic record demonstrates strength in area studies relevant to the proposed project (10 points); (3) The applicant's proficiency in one or more of the languages (other than English and the applicant's native language) of the country or countries of research, and the specific measures to be taken to overcome any anticipated language barriers (15 points); and (4) The applicant's ability to conduct research in a foreign cultural context, as evidenced by the applicant's references or previous overseas experience, or both (5 points).

#### VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If a student application is successful, we notify the IHE's U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send the IHE a Grant Award Notice (GAN). We may notify the IHE informally, also.

If a student application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify the IHE.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section in this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section in this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates its approved application as part of its binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of the project period, the IHE must submit a final performance report, including the final reports of all of the IHE's fellows, and financial information, as directed by the Secretary. The IHE and fellows are required to use the electronic reporting system International Resource Information System (IRIS) to complete the final report.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the objective for The

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program is to provide grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students to conduct research in other countries in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of 6 to 12 months.

The Department will use the following DDRA measures to evaluate its success in meeting this objective:

*Performance Measure 1:* The average language competency score of Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship recipients at the end of their period of research minus their average score at the beginning of the period.

*Performance Measure 2:* Percentage of projects judged successful by program officers, based on information provided in annual performance reports.

*Efficiency measure:* Cost per fellow increasing language competency by at least one level in one (or all three) area.

The information provided by grantees in their performance report submitted via IRIS will be the source of data for this measure. Reporting screens for institutions and fellows may be viewed at: [http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/DDRA\\_fellow.pdf](http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/DDRA_fellow.pdf) and [http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/DDRA\\_director.pdf](http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/DDRA_director.pdf).

#### VII. Agency Contact

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Wilson, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6000, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7700 or by e-mail: [amy.wilson@ed.gov](mailto:amy.wilson@ed.gov).

If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

#### VIII. Other Information

*Alternative Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII in this notice.

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-

888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC area at (202) 512-1530.

**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Dated: September 19, 2008.

**Cheryl A. Oldham,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

[FR Doc. E8-22421 Filed 9-23-08; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4000-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI) and Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** Copies of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, are available in printed form for \$30, or without charge at the following Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bpi>. Copies of the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements), are available in printed form for \$15 each, or available without charge at the following Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bfai>.

**ADDRESSES:** Unbound copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a check for the proper amount to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing DGP-7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manager, Communications, 1-800-622-4519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues rather than annual appropriations. BPA's purchasing

operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.* and related statutes. Pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities. It is significantly different from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and reflects BPA's private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services that it requires. BPA's financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.* The BFAI express BPA's financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA's rules governing implementation of the principles provided in the following OMB circulars:

A-21 Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.

A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments.

A-102 Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments.

A-110 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations.

A-122 Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.

A-133 Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.

BPA's solicitations and contracts include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information of offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on September 15, 2008.

**Damian J. Kelly,**

*Manager, Purchasing/Property Governance.*

[FR Doc. E8-22357 Filed 9-23-08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-34-001]

#### Atmos Pipeline and Storage, LLC; Notice of Application

September 17, 2008.

Take notice that on September 10, 2008, Atmos Pipeline and Storage, LLC (Atmos), 5420 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240, filed in Docket No. CP08-34-001, a petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to

Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act, seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities in order to: (1) Conduct a 3D seismic survey; and (2) drill two brine disposal test wells in order to test brine disposal capabilities of the underlying Sparta and Wilcox sand formations to further assess the optimal manner in which to develop an underground natural gas storage facility in the vicinity of Fort Necessity, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Counsel for Atmos Pipeline and Storage, LLC, James H. Jeffries IV, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-4003, or via telephone at (704) 331-1079, facsimile number (704) 339-5879, or e-mail [jimjeffries@mvalaw.com](mailto:jimjeffries@mvalaw.com).

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition

to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* October 14, 2008.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. E8-22287 Filed 9-23-08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER08-1509-000]

#### Burgess Capital LLC; Supplemental Notice that Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

September 17, 2008.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Burgess Capital LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.