

3F-056, FE-52, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the Federal Register that a certification has been filed. The following owner/operator of the proposed new baseload powerplant has filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

*Owner:* Pasadena Cogeneration L.P.

*Operator:* Pasadena Cogeneration L.P.

*Location:* Harris County, Texas.

*Plant Configuration:* Combined cycle, topping-cycle cogeneration.

*Capacity:* 240 megawatts.

*Fuel:* Natural gas.

*Purchasing Entities:* Philips

Petroleum Co. and Houston Lighting & Power Co.

*In-Service Date:* October 31, 1998.

Issued in Washington, D.C., March 11, 1997.

Anthony J. Como,

*Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

[FR Doc. 97-6588 Filed 3-14-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

[Docket No. FE-R-79-43B]

**Electric and Gas Utilities Covered in 1997 by Titles I and III of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and Requirements for State Regulatory Authorities to Notify the Department of Energy**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Sections 102(c) and 301(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies

Act of 1978 (PURPA) require the Secretary of Energy to publish a list, before the beginning of each calendar year, identifying each electric utility and gas utility to which Titles I and III of PURPA apply during such calendar year. In addition, sections 102(c) and 301(d) of PURPA require each State regulatory authority to notify the Secretary of Energy of each electric utility and gas utility on the list for which such State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority. Written comments are requested on the accuracy of the list of electric and gas utilities. This Notice is to announce the availability of the 1997 list.

The list is available both in hard copy and electronically. The hard copy version of the 1997 list is being provided by mail to all state regulatory authorities. Other parties interested in receiving the hard copy list may contact the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** identified below. In addition, the Office of Coal & Energy Systems operates an electronic bulletin board as a service to commercial and government users, as well as the general public. The 1997 list is also available by accessing the bulletin board.

**DATES:** Notifications by State regulatory authorities and written comments must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Notifications and written comments should be forwarded to: Department of Energy, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, FE-52, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3F-070, Docket No. FE-R-79-43B, Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Mintz, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3F-070, FE-52, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone 202/586-9506.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Pursuant to sections 102(c) and 301(d) of PURPA, Pub. L. 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117 *et seq.* (16 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, hereinafter referred to as the Act) the Department of Energy (DOE) is required to publish a list of utilities to which Titles I and III of PURPA apply in 1997.

State regulatory authorities are required by the Act to notify the Secretary of Energy as to their ratemaking authority over the listed utilities. The inclusion or exclusion of any utility on or from the list does not affect the legal obligations of such utility or the responsible authority under the Act.

The term "State regulatory authority" means any State, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, or a political subdivision thereof, and any agency or instrumentality, which has authority to fix, modify, approve, or disapprove rates with respect to the sale of electric energy or natural gas by any utility (other than such State agency). In the case of a utility for which the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has ratemaking authority, the term "State regulatory authority" means the TVA.

Title I of PURPA sets forth ratemaking and regulatory policy standards with respect to electric utilities. Section 102(C) of Title I requires the Secretary of Energy to publish a list, before the beginning of each calendar year, identifying each electric utility to which Title I applies during such calendar year. An electric utility is defined as any person, State agency, or Federal agency that sells electric energy. An electric utility is covered by Title I for any calendar year if it had total sales of electric energy, for purposes other than resale, in excess of 500 million kilowatt-hours during any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1975, and before the immediately preceding calendar year. An electric utility is covered in 1997 if it exceeded the threshold in any year from 1976 through 1995.

Title III of PURPA addresses ratemaking and other regulatory policy standards with respect to natural gas utilities. Section 301(d) of Title III requires the Secretary of Energy to publish a list, before the beginning of each calendar year, identifying each gas utility to which Title III applies during such calendar year. A gas utility is defined as any person, State agency, or Federal agency, engaged in the local distribution of natural gas and the sale of natural gas to any ultimate consumer of natural gas. A gas utility is covered by Title III if it had total sales of natural gas, for purposes other than resale, in excess of 10 billion cubic feet during any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1975, and before the immediately preceding calendar year. A gas utility is covered in 1997 if it exceeded the threshold in any year from 1976 through 1995.

In compiling the list published today, the DOE revised the 1996 list (60 FR 67133, December 28, 1995) upon the assumption that all entities included on the 1996 list are properly included on the 1997 list unless the DOE has information to the contrary. In doing this, the DOE took into account information included in public documents regarding entities which exceeded the PURPA thresholds for the

first time in 1995. The DOE believes that it will become aware of any errors or omissions in the list published today by means of the comment process called for by this Notice. The DOE will, after consideration of any comment and other information available to the DOE, provide written notice of any further additions or deletions to the list.

## II. Notification and Comment Procedures

No later than 4:30 p.m. on April 16, 1997, each State regulatory authority must notify the DOE in writing of each utility on the list over which it has ratemaking authority. Two copies of such notification should be submitted to the address indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice and should be identified on the outside of the envelope and on the document with the designation "Docket No. FE-R-79-43B." Such notification should include:

1. a complete list of electric utilities and gas utilities over which the State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority;
2. legal citations pertaining to the ratemaking authority of the State regulatory authority; and
3. for any listed utility known to be subject to other ratemaking authorities within the State for portions of its service area, a precise description of the portion to which such notification applies.

All interested persons, including State regulatory authorities, are invited to comment in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 16, 1997, on any errors or omissions with respect to the list. Two copies of such comments should be sent to the address indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice and should be identified on the outside of the envelope and on the document with the designation "Docket No. FE-R-79-43B." Written comments should include the commenter's name, address, and telephone number.

All notifications and comments received by the DOE will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying in the Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

## III. List of Electric Utilities and Gas Utilities

The 1997 list consists of two parts (appendices A and B). Each displays a different tabulation of the utilities that meet PURPA coverage requirements. As stated above, the inclusion or exclusion

of any utility on or from the lists does not affect its legal obligations or those of the responsible State regulatory authority under PURPA.

Appendix A contains a list of utilities which are covered by PURPA. These utilities are grouped by State and by the regulatory authority within each State. Also included in this list are utilities which are covered by PURPA but which are not regulated by the State regulatory authority. This tabulation, including explanatory notes, is based on information provided to the DOE by State regulatory authorities in response to the December 28, 1995, Federal Register notice (60 FR 67133) requiring each State regulatory authority to notify the DOE of each utility on the list over which it has ratemaking authority, public comments received with respect to that notice, and information subsequently made available to the DOE.

The utilities classified in Appendix A as not regulated by the State regulatory authority in fact may be regulated by local municipal authorities. These municipal authorities would be State agencies as defined by PURPA and thus have responsibilities under PURPA identical to those of the State regulatory authority. Therefore, each such municipality is to notify the DOE of each utility on the list over which it has ratemaking authority.

In Appendix B, the utilities are listed alphabetically, subdivided into electric utilities and gas utilities, and further subdivided by type of ownership: investor-owned utilities, publicly-owned utilities, and rural cooperatives. Those parties interested in accessing the list electronically require the following equipment: a personal computer, communications software such as PROCOMM, RELAY, or CROSSTALK; and, a MODUM.

Before dialing the Fuels Programs Bulletin Board you should set your communications software to the following parameters: 1200 or 2400 baud; no parity; 8 data bits; 1 stop bit; and, full duplex.

The Bulletin Board telephone number is (202) 586-7853. Calls are limited to 40 minutes of on-line time per day.

The changes to the 1996 list of electric and gas utilities are as follows:

Additions:

City of Fort Pierce (FL)  
City of Jacksonville Beach (FL)  
Golden Valley Electric Cooperative (AK)  
McPherson Board of Public Utilities (KS)

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (VT)

(Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117 *et seq.* (16 U.S.C. 2601) *et seq.*)

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 5, 1997.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal and Power Im/Ex, Office of Fossil Energy.

[FR Doc. 97-6589 Filed 3-14-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

## Office of Energy Research

[Notice 97-12]

### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program; Atmospheric Chemistry Program

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Health and Environmental Research (OHER) of the Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby announces its interest in receiving applications to support the continuation of its Atmospheric Chemistry Program (ACP). The applications should address the continuation of experimental and theoretical study of atmospheric chemistry processes affected by energy-related air pollutants (i.e., sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, aerosols, and ozone). These studies are intended to be in support of DOE information needs under the National Energy Policy Act (Public Law 102-486).

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in Fiscal Year 1998, formal applications submitted in response to this notice should be received by 4:30 p.m. E.D.T., June 12, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Formal applications referencing Program Notice 97-12 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 97-12. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted; however, applicants are requested not to submit multiple application copies using more than one delivery or mail service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rickey Petty, Environmental Sciences Division, ER-74, Office of Health and Environmental Research, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road,