

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.*)

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## 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,

Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-5548, E-mail: rick.petty@oer.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903-8519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Atmospheric Chemistry Program is part of the DOE's Global Change Research Program and is closely linked with other national and international programs. Collaborations are maintained with global change counterparts in other agencies, particularly NASA, NOAA, and the NSF. Internationally, the DOE ACP links with the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) Global Atmospheric Watch (GAW) program, particularly through the North American Regional Experiment (NARE), the Aerosol Chemistry Experiment (ACE) 1 and 2, North American Research Strategy for Tropospheric Ozone (NARSTO), and the Southern Oxidant Study (SOS).

Detailed descriptions of ACP plans, rationale, and foci are provided on the DOE ACP homepage at: <http://www.atmos.anl.gov/ACP>.

Research applications that demonstrate the continuity and progress of the DOE ACP during the 1993-1997 period (see research abstracts in <http://www.atmos.anl.gov/ACP>) addressing midlatitude tropospheric ozone and heterogeneous chemistry, atmospheric chemical-conversion processes, and wet-removal and air/surface exchange is encouraged. More so, applications addressing ozone research that is in support of the NARSTO are also encouraged.

In coordination with other federal agencies, the DOE is addressing recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences report, "Aerosol Radiative Forcing and Climate Change." Thus, projects that enhance ongoing aerosol research, such as coupled aerosol-oxidant research through modeling, laboratory and field studies, are encouraged.

This notice requests applications for grants to support:

(Category 1): Research to understand the fundamental scientific phenomena associated with atmospheric ozone formation and removal processes. Such fundamental studies can take the form of modeling, laboratory, field, and theoretical investigations and analyses of mechanistic behavior. The research should also address the possible catalytic/inhibition effects of aerosols (especially in the lower stratosphere), and possible new chemical mechanisms influencing ozone behavior in the remote free troposphere, and a variety of scientific topics aimed at enhancing our ability to manage midlatitude regional-

scale tropospheric ozone pollution. Field activities may be conducted cooperatively with major ACP field campaigns. ACP field campaigns may also include using the ACP G-1 Research Aircraft Facility.

(Category 2): Ozone and UV-B trend analysis, using past and emerging data sets. Of special interest in this category are investigations of interactions among ozone and ultraviolet (UV) radiation with regards to competing/compensating effects of other trace gases, aerosols and clouds, and their obscuration of ozone trend evaluations and associated UV-B impacts.

(Category 3): Research to understand the fundamental scientific phenomena associated with aerosol radiative forcing and climate change. Such studies should include research on aerosol forcing of climates that advances knowledge in the representation of aerosols in global climate models, particularly with respect to indirect climate effects; laboratory and theoretical research on aerosol optical properties; identification of aerosol molecular composition, particularly the organic fraction; development of an understanding of aerosol formation and growth in the atmosphere; studies elucidating the aerosol-CCN-cloud droplet-albedo relationship; execution of atmospheric closure experiments to test theoretical understanding; application of instrumentation technology for measuring aerosol properties in situ; and system integration and assessment utilizing sensitivity/uncertainty analyses.

It is anticipated that approximately \$3 million will be available for multiple grant awards in FY 1998, contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. Applications may request project support up to three years, with out-year support contingent on availability of funds, progress of the research, and programmatic needs. Annual budgets are expected to range from approximately \$50,000 to \$500,000. Applications should include detailed and justified budgets for each year of support requested. The technical portion of the application should not exceed twenty-five (25) double-spaced pages. Lengthy application appendices are not encouraged.

Applications will be subjected to formal merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria listed in descending order of importance codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project;
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach;

3. Competency of Applicant's personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources;

4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

To provide a consistent format for the submission, review and solicitation of grant applications submitted under this notice, the preparation and submission of grant applications must follow the guidelines given in the Application Guide for the Office of Energy Research Financial Assistance Program 10 CFR Part 605. Access to ER's Financial Assistance Application Guide is possible via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1859-000, et al.]

### Louisville Gas and Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

March 11, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Louisville Gas and Electric Co.

[Docket No. ER97-1859-000]

Take notice that on February 24, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between LG&E and Big Rivers Electric Corporation under LG&E's Rate Schedule GSS. LG&E had previously filed an unexecuted Service Agreement in this docket.