

- *Federal Energy Management Program*: Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal and State buildings (\$950,000).

- *Industrial Technologies*: Improving energy efficiency, environmental performance, and productivity of materials and process industries by developing and delivering advanced science and technology options to: (1) lower raw material and depletable energy use per unit of output; (2) improve labor and capital productivity; and (3) reduce the generation of wastes and pollutants (\$2,800,000).

- *Rebuild America*: Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1,250,000).

- *Codes and Standards*: Supporting States' actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$4,200,000).

- *Home Energy Ratings Systems*: Providing incentive funding to support State actions to overcome barriers to improving the energy efficiency of residences through the use of Home Energy Ratings Systems and related activities (\$250,000).

- *Remote Applications of Solar and Renewable Energy*: Supporting State actions to design, purchase, and install solar and renewable energy technologies in remote areas where they would displace or avoid the use of diesel fuel or gasoline (\$1,000,000).

- *Solar Thermal Projects*: Identifying potential partners for the field validation and operation of a concentrating solar power system and the investigation of the benefits and design of a residential size concentrating solar power system (\$50,000).

- *Biomass Power Program*: Identifying low-cost project opportunities for the introduction and utilization of biomass power technologies and biomass energy feedstocks (\$200,000).

- *Small Wind Turbine Field Verification*: Supporting State actions to design, purchase, and install small wind energy systems to verify the viability of such systems to produce electricity to augment or replace electricity available from grids or direct generation (\$200,000).

- *Million Solar Roofs*: Providing incentive funding to support State and community partnerships under the Million Solar Roofs Initiative whose goal is to install solar energy systems on one million U. S. buildings by 2010 (\$100,000).

- *Geothermal Heat Pumps for Energy Smart Schools*: Supporting programs to apply geothermal heat pump technology in schools. (\$200,000).

#### Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

#### Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the participating end-use sector program in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The end-use sector offices select projects for funding.

The Office of State and Community Programs then recommends project allocations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for final determination. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586-2319.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 21, 1998.

**Dan W. Reicher,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-830-000]

#### Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

December 21, 1998.

Take notice that on December 9, 1999, Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. (MLCS), tendered for filing Attachment No. 1, to its December 4, 1998, application in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before December 31, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-115-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application To Abandon

December 21, 1998.

Take notice that on December 15, 1998, National Fuel Gas Transmission Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed under Section 7(b) of the natural Gas Act, for authority to abandon in place, 4.8 miles of 8-inch pipeline known as Line Z-54(S) located in Steuben County, New York all as more fully described in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel wants to retire Line Z-54(S) because of its age and condition. National Fuel states that the pipeline was constructed and placed in service

in 1945 and is now deteriorated. National Fuel notes that abandonment will not effect its services because the parallel Line Z-20(S) has enough capacity to maintain current delivery volumes from its Tuscarora Storage Field.

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 11, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the Protesters parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval of the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for National Fuel to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-4608-000]

#### PP&L EnergyPlus Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 21, 1998.

PP&L EnergyPlus Company (PP&L EnergyPlus), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PP&L, Inc., filed an application requesting that the Commission grant it authority to charge market-based rates for wholesale sales of energy and capacity, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, PP&L EnergyPlus requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by PP&L EnergyPlus. On December 17, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates For Power Sales And Reassignment Of Transmission Rights (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's December 17, 1998 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by PP&L EnergyPlus should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, PP&L EnergyPlus is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of PP&L EnergyPlus, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of PP&L EnergyPlus' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities

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Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 19, 1999.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER95-257-016, et al.]

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

December 16, 1998.

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

##### 1. Industrial Gas & Electric Services Company

[Docket No. ER95-257-016]

Take notice that on December 10, 1998, the above-mentioned power marketer filed a quarterly report with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceeding for information only. This filing is available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the internet under Records Information Management System (RIMS) for viewing and downloading.

##### 2. Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. EL99-14-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1998, Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Southwestern) submitted a complaint against Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. (Soyland). Southwestern alleges that Soyland violated the Withdrawal Agreement between the parties by charging Southwestern for amounts in excess of the actual cost to Soyland associated with Southwestern's withdrawal from membership in Soyland. Southwestern also alleges that Soyland overcharged Southwestern for energy sales under two short-term power sales arrangements.

*Comment date:* January 7, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. Answers to the Complaint are also due on January 7, 1999.