

Navy Warfare Development Command, and Strategic Studies Group.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29, 1999 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Christopher Agan, CNO Executive Panel, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-0268, telephone (703) 681-6205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute information that relates solely to the internal rules and practices of the agency. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552(b)(2).

Dated: March 31, 1999.

Pamela A. Holden,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.334]

Office of Postsecondary Education; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP); Notice Announcing a Two-Tier Review Process for Applications Received Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Competition

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the use of a two-tier review process to evaluate applications submitted for new awards under the FY 1999 GEAR UP program for Partnership grants. The Secretary takes this action to ensure a thorough review and assessment of the large number of applications expected to be received under the FY 1999 competition. This competition was announced previously in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1999 (64 FR 10190). That notice, however, did not explain that a two-tier review process is to be used in the evaluation of GEAR UP Partnership applications. Because the announcement of a two-tier review process does not affect the contents of

the applications in this competition, the date by which applications must be received remains as originally announced, April 30, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will follow the procedures in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR part 75, except as indicated below.

Application Review Procedures

The Secretary will use a two-tier process for reviewing applications for Partnership grants in this competition. At each tier of the review process, panels of experts will read the applications under consideration to determine which applications are most deserving of further consideration in light of the published selection criteria. Reviewers will forward recommended applications and applications recommended with reservations to Tier II for further consideration. The same evaluation criteria and procedures will be used in Tier II as in Tier I with the goal of funding the highest quality applications until available funds are exhausted. If all applications of comparable merit cannot be funded, the Secretary will use the competitive priority already published. If applications are still of comparable merit after the competitive priority has been applied, the Secretary will determine which application contributes most to the mission of GEAR UP.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, since this notice merely establishes procedural requirements for review of applications and does not create substantive policy, proposed rulemaking is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia Ross, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 6248, Portals Building, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone (202) 708-4650, e-mail Sylvia_Ross@ed.gov, or fax (202) 260-4269. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Dated: April 6, 1999.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-11-2]

Application To Amend Presidential Permit Fraser Papers Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Fraser Papers Inc. (Fraser) has applied to amend Presidential Permit PP-11-1 authorizing it to construct, connect, operate and maintain electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the international border of the United States

for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On March 29, 1999, Fraser filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) to amend Presidential Permit PP-11-1 issued by DOE on July 31, 1996. Fraser is a Delaware corporation and the owner and operator of a paper mill in Madawaska, Maine. Presidential Permit PP-11-1 authorized Fraser to operate and maintain one, three-phase, 6.6-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and one, three-phase, 69-kV transmission line at the U.S.-Canada border. Each of these transmission lines is approximately one mile in length (approximately 1/10-mile within the United States) and they connect Fraser's paper mill located in Madawaska, Maine, to a pulp mill located in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada, and owned by Fraser's affiliate, Fraser Papers Inc. (Canada).

Fraser proposes to reconductor the 69-kV transmission line to allow for eventual operation at 138-kV. However, the reconducted facilities would continue to be operated at 69-kV. Fraser asserts that it will make no change to transmission towers located within the United States or in the St. John River, the United States border with Canada.

Fraser's U.S. paper mill and its Canadian pulp mill each have on-site electric generating facilities to produce electric energy for internal use. The facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-11-1 are used to transmit electric energy between Fraser's U.S. and Canadian facilities depending upon the need and availability of electrical supply at each location. Fraser's international transmission facilities do not connect with any part of the U.S. electric power system, thereby precluding third party use of these transmission facilities.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: John P. Borgwardt, General Counsel, Fraser

Papers Inc., 70 Seaview Avenue, PO Box 10055, Stamford, CT 06904.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (i.e., granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to NEPA. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menu.

Issued in Washington, D. C., on April 5, 1999.

Anthony J. Como,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-284-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

April 5, 1999.

Take notice that on April 1, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P. O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77521-1478, filed, in Docket No. CP99-284-000, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment in place of the western portion of its Latex-Fort Worth Mainline facilities (West Index 1 line) located in Tarrant, Dallas, and Kaufman Counties, Texas, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Koch Gateway requests authorization to abandon in place approximately 102.08 miles of its West

Index 1 line and associated laterals of the facilities. Koch Gateway describes the facilities as consisting of various diameter-sized pipe from 4-inch to 20-inch. Additionally, Koch Gateway requests permission to abandon the service it provides on these facilities to its single firm customer, Lone Star Gas Company (Lone Star). Koch Gateway contends that it has not been able to attract or maintain substantial gas markets in the Dallas/Forth Worth area along West Index 1. Therefore, Koch Gateway maintains it cannot compete in this market due to shifts in supplies, increased competition, low current demand for transportation, increasing operating costs, and the lack of economic benefits.

Koch Gateway has requested an abandonment date of June 1, 1999, but will not abandon the facilities and services until the last customer served by Lone Star has been converted to an alternative form of energy service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 26, 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 and 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 protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein 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 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 herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for 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 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