

Changes in Reimbursement Ceilings: Section 11 of the Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Secs. 11(a) and (b), Pub. L. 105-388) amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to increase the ceiling for thorium reimbursements by \$75,000,000 to \$140,000,000.

The overall ceiling for Title X reimbursements is thus increased from \$415,000,000 to \$490,000,000. This increase is effective immediately and will be applied in calculating the remaining available ceiling for thorium claims.

Title X directs that reimbursements to each uranium licensee will not exceed \$5.50 per dry short ton of byproduct material. When Title X was enacted, the Department determined that the authorized amount of \$270,000,000 for the total reimbursements to uranium licensees would not be sufficient if the reimbursable costs for each of the uranium licensees were to equal or exceed \$5.50 per dry short ton of byproduct material. The Department has been utilizing a preliminary dry short ton ceiling that is less than the statutory ceiling of \$5.50 per dry short ton to assure that all licensees would receive their fair share of authorized funds.

The Department has determined that the preliminary dry short ton ceiling is no longer needed. Beginning with the fiscal year 1999 reimbursement, each uranium licensee's approved reimbursable costs will be limited to their actual cost per dry short ton or the statutory dry short ton ceiling, whichever is less. The statutory dry short ton ceiling, which when adjusted for inflation through calendar year 1997, is currently \$7.07 per dry short ton. This amount will be adjusted in early 1999 for inflation during calendar year 1998.

DATES: The Department will process payments of approximately \$30 million against outstanding approved claims through fiscal year 1998 by April 30, 1999. The closing date for the submission of claims in fiscal year 1999 is May 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, H and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. James B. Coffey. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Messrs. James Coffey (505-845-4026) or Gil Maldonado (505-845-4035), U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994 (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Secs. 1001-1004, Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. Title X requires the Department of Energy to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a state pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by the Department of Energy in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Secs. 1001-1004, Pub. L. 102-46, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*), as amended by secs. 11 (a) and (b), Pub. L. 105-388.

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David E. Mathes,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-99ID13750—Steel Industries of the Future.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the steel industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the steel industry in the Steel Industry Technology Roadmap.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of full applications is March 18, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Beth Dahl, Contract Specialist, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Dahl, Contract Specialist at dahlee@id.doe.gov, or Linda Hallum, Contracting Officer at hallumla@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Steel Industry Technology Roadmap can be found at <http://www.steel.org/MandT/contents.htm>. Approximately \$5,000,000 in federal funds are expected to be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 1 to 5 cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of five years or less. A minimum 30% non-federal cost-share is required for research and development projects. Proposals for demonstration projects of existing technologies will require a minimum 50% cost share. Collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-99ID13750 is on or about January 4, 1999. The solicitation is available in its full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on January 6, 1999.

Michael L. Adams,

*Acting Director, Procurement Services
Division.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-15-002]

Black Marlin Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 12, 1999.

Take notice that on January 6, 1999, Black Marlin Pipeline Company (Black Marlin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets, with an effective date on November 2, 1998:

Second Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 201A

Substitute Original Sheet No. 211D
Original Sheet No. 211E

Black Marlin states that on October 1, 1998, in Docket No. RP99-15-000 tariff changes were filed (October 1 Filing) to implement the provisions of Order Nos. 587-G and 587-H regarding the intraday nomination and scheduling procedures and timeline promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB), including the regulations adopted by the Commission regarding the bumping of scheduled interruptible service by firm shippers. On October 30, 1998 the Commission issued a Letter Order (October 30 Order) accepting the tariff sheets subject to Black Marlin filing, within 15 days of the date of the order, revisions consistent with certain conditions discussed in the October 30 Order. On November 12, 1998 Black Marlin filed revised tariff sheets (November 12 Filing) to comply with the Order 30 Order.

Black Marlin further states that parts (i) through (iii) of GISB Standard 1.3.22 were included verbatim on Sheet No. 211D and part (iv) incorporated by reference on Sheet 201A in the October 1 Filing. The October 30 Order stated that Black Marlin must either include the entire standard verbatim or incorporate the entire standard by reference. Black Marlin filed a revision to include the entire standard by reference on Sheet No. 201A in the November 12 Filing but did not remove the verbatim language from Sheet No. 211D. On December 22, 1998 the Commission issued a Letter Order (December 22 Order) accepting the revised tariff sheet submitted with the

November 12 Filing, but reiterated that the October 30 Order required Black Marlin to either include the entire GISB Standard 1.3.22 verbatim or by reference, but not both. The December 22 Order directed Black Marlin to make another compliance filing within 15 days.

Black Marlin states that it has elected in the instant filing to include the entire standard verbatim on Sheet Nos. 211D and 211E and to eliminate the incorporation by reference on Sheet No. 201A consistent with the October 30 Order.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-14-002]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 12, 1999.

Take Notice that on January 6, 1999, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective February 1, 1999:

Second Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. 102B

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 118A

FGT states that on October 1, 1998, in Docket No. RP99-14-000, tariff changes were filed (October 1 Filing) to implement the provisions of Order Nos. 587-G and 587-H regarding the intraday nomination and scheduling procedures and timeline promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB), including the regulations adopted by the Commission regarding the bumping of scheduled interruptible service by firm

shippers. In addition, FGT filed concurrently, in Docket No. RP99-29-000, a Request for Waiver proposing that these changes become effective February 1, 1999. On October 30, 1998 the Commission issued a Letter Order (October 30 Order) granting FGT's request to implement the changes effective February 1, 1999 and accepting the tariff sheets subject to FGT filing, within 15 days of the date of the order, revisions consistent with certain conditions discussed in the October 30 Order. Errata to the October 30 Order correcting the listing of accepted tariff sheets was issued November 3, 1998. On November 12, 1998 FGT filed revised tariff sheets (November 12 Filing) to comply with the October 30 Order.

FGT further states that parts (i) through (iii) of GISB Standard 1.3.22 were included verbatim on Sheets Nos. 118 and 118A and part (iv) incorporated by reference on Sheet 102B in the October 1 Filing. The October 30 Order stated that FGT must either include the entire standard verbatim or incorporate the entire standard by reference. FGT filed a revision to include the entire standard by reference on Sheet No. 102B in the November 12 Filing but did not remove the verbatim language from Sheets Nos. 118 and 118A. On December 22, 1998 the Commission issued a Letter Order (December 22 Order) accepting the revised tariff sheets submitted with the November 12 Filing, but reiterated that the October 30 Order required FGT to either include the entire GISB Standard 1.3.22 verbatim or by reference, but not both. The December 22 Order directed FGT to make another compliance filing within 15 days.

FGT states that it has elected in the instant filing to include the entire standard verbatim with the addition of part (iv) on Sheet No. 118A, and to eliminate the standard's incorporation by reference on Sheet No. 102B consistent with the October 30 Order.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public