

current competitive application mechanisms may be deemed appropriate for consideration under this notice and may be funded under this program.

Preapplications

A brief preapplication may be submitted. The preapplication should identify, on the cover sheet, the institution, principal investigator name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address, title of the project, and the field of scientific research. The preapplication should consist of no more than a three page narrative describing the research project objectives and methods of accomplishment. These will be reviewed relative to the scope and research needs of the Complex and Collective Phenomena initiative.

Preapplications are strongly encouraged but not required prior to submission of a formal application. Please note that notification of a successful preapplication is not an indication that an award will be made in response to the formal application.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria listed in descending order of importance as 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 may be used and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with researchers in other institutions, such as universities, industry, non-profit organizations, federal laboratories and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including the DOE National Laboratories. A parallel announcement with a similar potential total amount of funds will be issued to DOE FFRDCs. All projects will be

evaluated using the same criteria, regardless of the submitting institution.

Information about the development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR Part 605 and in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to the Guide and required forms is available via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. On the grant face page, form DOE F 4650.2, block 15, provide the principal investigator's phone number, fax number and e-mail address. The research description must be 20 pages or less, exclusive of figure illustrations, and must contain an abstract or summary of the proposed research. Attachments include curriculum vitae, a listing of all current and pending federal support, and letters of intent when collaborations are part of the proposed research.

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

Issued in Washington, DC on January 27, 1999.

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Golden Field Office; Hydrogen-Fuel-Cell Mining Vehicle

AGENCY: The Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Supplemental Announcement (09) to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development, and Demonstration for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technologies, DE-PS36-99GO10383.

SUMMARY: The Hydrogen Program of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is issuing a Supplemental Announcement to EERE's Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-99GO10383, dated November 9, 1998. Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is

seeking research and development (R&D) proposals that can advance the use of fuel cell technology in hydrogen-powered, mobile, underground mining equipment.

Awards under this Supplemental Announcement will be Cooperative Agreements for Phase I research with a term of up to 12 months. Subject to availability, the total DOE funding under this Supplemental Announcement will be about \$160,000. It is anticipated that only one Phase I award will be made.

All information regarding the Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at the address identified below.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement on January 25, 1999. The closing date of the Supplemental Announcement is March 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Supplemental Announcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Motz, Contract Specialist, at 303-275-4737, e-mail john_motz@nrel.gov, or Doug Hooker, Project Officer, at 303-275-4780, e-mail doug_hooker@nrel.gov.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on January 21, 1999.

Dated: January 23, 1999.

Ruth E. Adams,

Contracting Officer, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER99-363-000, ER99-374-000, ER99-423-000, ER99-424-000, ER99-425-000, ER99-426-000, ER99-427-000, ER99-428-000, ER99-429-000, ER99-430-000, ER99-431-000, ER99-432-000, ER99-433-000, ER99-434-000, ER99-435-000, ER99-447-000, ER99-448-000, ER99-796-000, and EL99-27-000]

Southern Company Services, Inc.; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on January 27, 1999, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL99-27-000

under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL99-27-000 will be 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-122-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Application

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on December 17, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) and Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order to abandon by reclaim two 230 horsepower Ajax compressor units and appurtenant facilities at the South Welda Compressor Station located in Anderson County, Kansas, and replace them with a 353 horsepower Caterpillar unit, driving a Knight KOA three-stage compressor unit and appurtenant facilities. The new unit will be located in the same site but a different building, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The project cost is estimated to be approximately \$257,414.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 18, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 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 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 herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its 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 Williams to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6230-2]

Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III Office will hold a series of six public meetings to obtain information from stakeholders regarding their use of and access to environmental information.

DATES: The 6 meetings will be held in late February and March, 1999. Specific dates and locations are listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane McCreary, Region III Information Systems Branch, at (215) 814-5519 or email mcreary.diane@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA Region III will hold a series of 6 public meetings throughout the Region to define public environmental information needs. Each meeting will focus on the needs of a particular stakeholder group. Each group represents an information intermediary, i.e., the information affects or is transferred to a larger group such as customers, students, patients, etc. Results of the meetings will be used to improve the Region's response to the public's demand for environmental information. One possible improvement, for example, would be a revised Regional website. The public is invited to attend these meetings as observers and/or to provide comment during a public comment period at the end of each meeting. Requests to attend the meetings and/or provide oral comments at the meetings must be received at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled meetings. The times and addresses of the meetings can be obtained from the EPA contact person (listed above) two weeks prior to each meeting. As presently planned, the schedule for the public meetings is as follows:

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| Librarians | Charlottesville, VA | February 23, 1999. |
| Media | Pittsburgh, PA | March 4, 1999. |
| Pediatric Medical Practitioners | Pittsburgh, PA | March 4, 1999. |
| Environmental Educators | Frederick, MD | March 9, 1999. |
| Local Environmental Groups | Salisbury, MD | March 11, 1999. |
| Small Businesses | York, PA | March 16, 1999. |