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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Optional Prescreening Process for the Inventions and Innovation Program

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Optional pre-proposal process for potential applicants under the DOE Inventions and Innovation Program solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a competitive grant program entitled Inventions and Innovation (I&I). The goals of the I&I Program are to improve energy efficiency through the promotion of innovative ideas and inventions that have a significant potential energy impact and a potential future commercial market.

**DATES:** The abstract for the proposed project may be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before March 17, 2000 for the May 2000 solicitation. Pre-proposal abstracts received between March 18, 2000 and July 31, 2000 (the open period of the solicitation) will not receive a response until after the solicitation closes on July 31, 2000. Pre-proposal dates for the Fiscal Year 2001 solicitation will be posted on the I&I website after July 31, 2000.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background Information

The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Industrial Technologies' (OIT) Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program funds up to \$200,000 for promising projects demonstrating both energy-related innovation and future commercial market potential. The I&I Program emphasizes funding projects within the following OIT focus industries: Agriculture, Aluminum, Chemicals, Forest Products, Glass, Metalcasting, Mining, Petroleum, and Steel. Please see the OIT website at [www.oit.doe.gov](http://www.oit.doe.gov) for additional details on these focus industries.

OIT is part of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE/RE). While emphasis will be given to technologies within the OIT focus industries identified previously,

projects that meet the missions and areas of concern of the other EE/RE sectors—transportation, buildings, and power will also be considered for award. Please refer to [www.eren.doe.gov](http://www.eren.doe.gov) for additional information on the EE/RE sectors.

#### Pre-Proposal

An optional pre-proposal may be submitted to DOE through March 17, 2000 for the 2000 Solicitation. DOE will provide a timely response regarding the invention's program relevance. The pre-proposal must be typed, must not exceed two pages, and must adhere to the prescribed format. The submission of a pre-proposal abstract is not mandatory for submitting an application under the May 2000 solicitation. The abstract format will be available through the Inventions and Innovation site at the I&I website, <http://www.oit.doe.gov/> inventions or from the contacts listed below. If unable to access the internet, you may obtain a copy of the abstract format by calling Jennifer Palasz at (303) 275-4764, FAX (303) 275-4788.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401. Jennifer Palasz, at (303) 275-4764, by FAX at (303) 275-4788, or Internet at [jennifer\\_palasz@nrel.gov](mailto:jennifer_palasz@nrel.gov). The Contract Specialist is Jim Damm, at (303) 275-4744 or Internet at [jim\\_damm@nrel.gov](mailto:jim_damm@nrel.gov). In addition, program information and the pre-proposal format can be located at the I&I website at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/> inventions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Optional Pre-Proposal Process for the National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>) Program

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Optional pre-proposal process for potential applicants under the DOE NICE<sup>3</sup> program solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a State Grant Program entitled National Industrial

Competitiveness through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>). The goals of the NICE<sup>3</sup> Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry.

**DATES:** A pre-proposal abstract for the proposed project may be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before March 17, 2000. Pre-proposal abstracts received between March 18, 2000 and July 31, 2000 (the open period of the solicitation) will not receive a response until after the solicitation closes on July 31, 2000.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background Information

The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Industrial Technologies' (OIT) National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>) Program funds up to \$525,000 (50% cost sharing is required) for the first commercial demonstration of innovative industrial technologies that reduce energy consumption, waste production, and operating costs. Applications must be submitted by an authorized state agency with an appropriate industrial partner. The NICE<sup>3</sup> Program emphasizes funding projects within the following OIT focus industries: Agriculture, Aluminum, Chemicals, Forest Products, Glass, Metalcasting, Mining, Petroleum, and Steel. Please see the OIT website at [www.oit.doe.gov](http://www.oit.doe.gov) for additional details on these focus industries. OIT is part of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE/RE), and consideration will also be given to projects that involve non-OIT focus industries and industrial processes in the other three EE/RE sectors (buildings, transportation, and power).

#### Pre-Proposal

An optional pre-proposal may be submitted to DOE's Golden Field Office through March 17, 2000 for the May 2000 solicitation. DOE will provide a timely response regarding the technology's program relevance. The pre-proposal must be typed, must not exceed two pages, and should utilize the prescribed format. The pre-proposal must be submitted through a state agency. The submission of a pre-proposal abstract is not mandatory for submitting an application under the May 2000 solicitation. A suggested abstract format will be available through the NICE<sup>3</sup> website, <http://www.oit.doe.gov/nice3> or by the contacts listed below. The DOE reviews and comments under the pre-proposal process will not be used by DOE in

evaluating or awarding applications under the May 2000 solicitation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Blazek, at (303) 275-4723, at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401, FAX (303) 275-4788. In addition, information on the NICE<sup>3</sup> program can be located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/nice3>. The Contract Specialist is James Damm, at (303) 275-4744.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response x proposed frequency of response per year x estimated number of likely respondents.)

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before November 12, 1999. If you

anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at [herbert.miller@eia.doe.gov](mailto:herbert.miller@eia.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-176, 191, 191S, 857, 857S, and 895 "Natural Gas Program Package";

2. Energy Information Administration, OMB No. 1905-0175, Extension with changes, Mandatory for all forms except EIA-895 which is voluntary;

3. The Natural Gas Program Package forms collect basic and detailed natural gas production, processing, transmission, storage, consumption and price data. The data are published by the Energy Information Administration and are used by both public and private analysts.

4. Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government;

5. 43,675 hours (5.35 hours average per response x 4.24 average responses per year x 1,924 respondents)

**Statutory Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(a)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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**Lynda T. Carlson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-520-000]

#### CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 5, 1999.

Take notice that on September 30, 1999, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), filed as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet:

Fifty-first Revised Sheet No. 32

CNG requests an effective date of November 1, 1999 for its proposed tariff sheet.

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to submit CNG's quarterly revision of the Section 18.2.B Surcharge, effective for the three-month period commencing November 1, 1999.

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to submit CNG's quarterly revision of the Section 18.2.B Surcharge, effective for the three-month period commencing November 1, 1999. The charge for the quarter ending October 31, 1999 has been \$0.224 per Dt., as authorized by Commission order dated July 23, 1999 in Docket No. RP99-364-000. CNG's proposed Section 18.2.B surcharge for the next quarterly period is \$0.0190 per Dt. The revised surcharge is designed to recover \$161,340 in Stranded Account No. 858 Costs, which CNG incurred for the period of June, 1999 through August, 1999. The instant docket incorporates the revised base rates filed by CNG today in another docket, which relates to the phased conversion of Rate Schedule GSS II and associated transportation entitlements.

CNG states that copies of this letter of transmittal and enclosures are being served upon CNG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the