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Pilot project for electronic submission of applications:

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. Foundations for Learning Grants—CFDA #215H—is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under Foundations for Learning Grants, you may submit your

application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). Users of e-Application will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. You may not e-mail a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We request your participation in e-Application. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value because you submit a grant application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit an application in paper format. When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operation.
- You may submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).
- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

- (1) Print ED 424 from the e-Application system.
- (2) The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
- (3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.
- (4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

Closing Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability:

If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Foundations for Learning Grants Program and you are prevented from submitting your application on the closing date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one

business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension—

(1) You must be a registered user of e-Application, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and

(2)(a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the deadline date; or

(b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time) on the deadline date. The Department must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension you must contact either (1) LaRaba Sligh under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Foundations for Learning Grants at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information about the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7269a.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

Judge Eric Andell,

Deputy Under Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic and Applied Research for Hydrogen Storage

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

ACTION: Notice of Pre-Solicitation Financial Assistance Solicitation Number DE-PS36-03GO93013.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cell, and Infrastructure Technologies of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy will be soliciting financial assistance Applications with the objective of supporting hydrogen industry efforts and the President's Hydrogen Fuel Initiative in developing a path to a hydrogen economy. DOE intends to provide financial support under provisions of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996.

DATES: The Solicitation issuance is planned for mid-July, 2003.

ADDRESSES: In preparation for issuance of the Solicitation, DOE is issuing a draft Statement of Objectives for public comments and to provide the opportunity for the public to submit questions. To obtain a copy of the draft Statement of Objectives, interested parties should access the DOE Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program Web site at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells>. Also, the draft Statement of Objectives is available at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing financial assistance opportunities for Solicitation Number DE-PS36-03GO93013. Questions and comments may be submitted to DOE at H2storage@go.doe.gov up to the issuance date of the Solicitation. Once issued, the Solicitation will contain instructions for question submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Damm, Contracting Officer via email at h2storage@go.doe.gov. Further information on DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program can be viewed at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this Solicitation, DOE will be requesting Applications for two categories of projects. Category 1 is for Research and Development of metal hydrides, chemical hydrides, and carbon-based hydrogen storage materials to be conducted at virtual Centers of Excellence led by DOE national laboratories and including universities, small businesses, industry and/or other federal/national laboratories as partners. Only DOE national laboratories may submit joint application packages in response to Category 1. Category 2 is for Research and Development through cooperative agreements in the following areas: new materials or technologies for hydrogen storage; compressed and liquid hydrogen tank technologies; and off-board hydrogen storage systems. Category 2 Applicants may be universities, small businesses, and industry; Federal or national laboratories may be team members. Award funding, duration and cost sharing requirements are listed in Table 2 of the Statement of Objectives.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on June 17, 2003.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER03-771-000]

Accent Energy New Jersey, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

June 19, 2003.

Accent Energy New Jersey, LLC (Accent) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying tariff. The proposed tariff provides for Accent to engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Accent also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Accent requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Accent.

On June 11, 2003, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—South, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Accent 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 385.214).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 11, 2003.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Accent is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Accent, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Accent's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's

Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-078]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

June 20, 2003.

Take notice that on June 16, 2003, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing and approval six (6) new service agreements and amendments to two (2) existing service agreements between ANR and Wisconsin Gas Company. Also tendered for filing and approval were six (6) new service agreements and amendments to two (2) existing service agreements between ANR and Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

ANR requests that the Commission accept and approve the subject negotiated rate agreements and amendments to be effective June 16, 2003, and November 1, 2003, as applicable.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 § 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the