

parties on the scope of the reevaluation study and the alternatives, issues, and resources to be addressed in the DEIS. Comments and participation in this process are encouraged. An informal scoping workshop will be held on Monday, February 1, 1999, from 1 PM until 8 PM within the project area at the State of Illinois Building (Illinois Department of Transportation) located at 1100 Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville, Illinois (telephone 618-346-3100). A notice of this meeting will be provided to interested parties and to the local news media.

7. *Availability* The Draft EIS is scheduled to be available for public review in late 1999.

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Thomas J. Hodgini,

COL, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Emergency Immigrant Education Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1999.

Purpose of Program: This program provides grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) that experience unexpectedly large increases in their student population due to immigration. These grants are to be used to provide high-quality instruction to immigrant children and youth and to help those children and youth make the transition into American society and meet the same challenging State performance standards expected of all children and youth.

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 16, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 15, 1999.

Applications Available: January 20, 1999.

Available Funds: \$150 million.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 17 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85; and (b) 34 CFR Part 299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An SEA is eligible for a grant if it meets the

eligibility requirements specified in sections 7304 and 7305 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (the Act), as amended by the Improving America's School's Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382, enacted October 20, 1994). (20 U.S.C. 7544 and 7545). In order to receive an award under this program, an SEA must provide a count, taken during February 1999, of the number of immigrant children and youth enrolled in public and nonpublic schools in eligible LEAs in accordance with the requirements specified in section 7304 of the Act. An eligible LEA is one in which the number of immigrant children and youth enrolled in the public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools within the district is at least either 500 or 3 percent of the total number of students enrolled in those public and nonpublic schools. (20 U.S.C. 7544(b)(2)). Under section 7501(7) of the Act, the term "immigrant children and youth" means individuals who are aged 3 through 21, were not born in any State, and have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years. (20 U.S.C. 7601(7)).

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION

CONTACT: Ms. Harpreet Sandhu, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5086, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 205-9808. 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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Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also, by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7541-7549.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

Delia Pompa,

Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Availability of Product Energy Efficiency Recommendations

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of seven new Product Energy Efficiency Recommendations, covering distribution transformers, electric motors, residential windows, clothes washers, fluorescent luminaires, unitary air conditioners, and commercial heat pumps, and the revision of one existing Recommendation on room air conditioners. These Recommendations, along with 21 others previously released, have been published by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) to help agencies comply with Executive Order 12902, which directs each Federal agency to increase, to the extent practicable and cost-effective, the purchase of products that are in the upper 25 percent of energy efficiency for all similar products, or products that are at least 10 percent more efficient than the minimum level that meets national standards.

ADDRESSES: The Recommendations are available on the internet at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/procurement>. Paper copies of the Recommendations may be obtained by calling 1-800-363-

3732 and requesting the Buying Energy Efficient Products binder.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie Kroehle McGervey, Federal Energy Management Program, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-90, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, 202-586-4858, katie.mcgervey@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 8262g) directed Federal supply agencies, along with DOE and the Department of Defense, to include energy-efficient products in their procurement and supply functions. On March 8, 1994, Executive Order 12902, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation at Federal Facilities (59 FR 11463, 3 CFR 1994 Comp. p 869), defined energy-efficient products as those that are in the upper 25 percent of energy efficiency for all similar products or that are at least 10 percent more efficient than national standards. Executive Order 12902 directed federal agencies to purchase these higher-efficiency products whenever they are cost-effective and meet agencies' functional requirements. The Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR 23.704) mirrors the Executive Order, requiring agencies to implement cost-effective contracting preference programs favoring the acquisition of environmentally preferable and energy efficient products and services, with products that are in the upper 25 percent of energy-efficiency for all similar products, or products that are at least 10 percent more efficient than the minimum level that meets Federal standards.

Recommendations currently exist for the following products: room air conditioners, refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers, residential central air conditioners, residential air-source heat pumps, residential furnaces, residential electric and gas water heaters, faucets, showerheads, toilets, urinals, exit signs, fluorescent tube lamps, fluorescent ballasts, computer monitors, personal computers, computer printers, copiers, fax machines, commercial ice cube machines, and large electric chillers. Recommendations continue to be developed at the rate of about ten per year and will include other commercial building equipment and construction materials.

Each of the two-page Recommendations describes where to find energy-efficient models through Federal supply sources (General Services Administration and Defense Logistics Agency), includes guidance on cost-effectiveness, and offers other

energy-saving tips for selecting and using these products. In all cases the recommended efficiency levels have been set to be consistent with those of the Environmental Protection Agency/DOE Energy Star® labeling program. Purchasing products that carry an Energy Star® label will ensure that Federal purchasers are meeting the requirements of Executive Order 12902.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 15, 1999.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA99-5-000]

Argent Energy, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on November 5, 1998, Argent Energy, Inc. (Argent) filed a petition for staff adjustment in Docket No. SA99-5-000, pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, in which Argent requests to be relieved from having to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern). Argent seeks to be relieved from having to pay the refunds attributable to leases/wells previously owned by Kiwanda Energy, Inc. (Kiwanda) and Energy Exploration and Production, Inc. (EE&P). Argent purchased the Kiwanda and EE&P leases/wells from Kiwanda in 1993. Northern, in its May 18, 1998 Refund Report, in Docket No. RP98-39-005, reported that Argent owes \$258,490.23 with respect to the Kiwanda leases/wells, and \$596,657.37 with respect to the EE&P leases/wells. Argent contends that it does not owe either refund, because: 1) Argent only bought the leases/wells that generated Northern's refund claims; 2) Argent is not affiliated with Kiwanda or EE&P; and 3) Argent did not hold an interest in any of the subject leases/wells prior to the 1993 purchase from Kiwanda. Argent's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should, on or before 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MT99-4-000]

Gulf States Transmission Corporation; Notice of Filing

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on January 12, 1999, Gulf States Transmission Corporation (Gulf States), tendered for filing, FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 35 and Second Revised Sheet No. 57. Gulf States requests that the referenced sheets be made effective February 12, 1999.

Gulf States state that it is making this filing in order to comply with Section 250(b)(1) of the Commission's Regulations and the Commission's Order on Standards of Conduct (Order) issued on December 22, 1998 in Docket No. MG98-12-001. Specifically, Gulf States asserts that the referenced tariff sheets have been changed to affirmatively state that Gulf States shares no operating personnel or facilities with any of its marketing or brokering affiliates.

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