

petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be filed directly with Mark E. Caskey P.E., General Manager, Sharyland Utilities, L.P., 4403 West Military Highway, Suite 700, McAllen, TX 78503 AND Richard P. Noland, James M. Bushee, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004-2415.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to NEPA. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

The NEPA compliance process is a cooperative, non-adversarial process involving members of the public, state governments and the Federal government. The process affords all persons interested in or potentially affected by the environmental consequences of a proposed action an opportunity to present their views, which will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documentation for the proposed action. Intervening and becoming a party to this proceeding will not create any special status for the petitioner with regard to the NEPA process. To apply for the NEPA mailing list now, contact Mrs. Ellen Russell at the address above.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be viewed or downloaded from the Office of Fossil Energy Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy home page, select "Electricity Regulation" and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menu.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 24, 2003.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

DATES: October 23-24, 2003, 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Crystal City Hotel at National Airport, Crystal Room, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Ferrell, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-7766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To finalize recommendations concerning the federal biomass R&D portfolio and the direction of the Biomass Initiative, to report on these recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board, and to plan Committee activities for FY 2004.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions on the following:

- Finalizing recommendations concerning the federal biomass R&D portfolio, reviewing the process and results of the FY 2003 USDA/DOE joint solicitation and providing input on the FY 2004 solicitation, finalizing recommendations to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Energy, providing recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board on the direction of the Biomass Initiative, and developing a committee work plan for FY 2004.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, contact John Ferrell at (202) 586-7766 or Sara Mitcho via e-mail at sara.mitcho@ee.doe.gov. You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting.

Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Co-Chairs of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-Chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days of the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 29, 2003.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-301-083]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 24, 2003.

Take notice that on September 15, 2003 subject ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing a service agreement (Agreement) between ANR and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. pursuant to ANR's Rate Schedule FTS-1.

ANR requests the Commission find that the Agreement contains acceptable material deviations from ANR's Form of Service Agreement and accept the attached tariff sheet which references the Agreement as a non-conforming agreement.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before the protest date as shown below. 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the