

fired power plants. The four Areas of Interest for this solicitation are:

*Topic 1:* Field Testing of Activated Carbon/Sorbents Upstream/Downstream of Existing Utility Particulate Control Devices for Bituminous and Low Rank Coals (Powder River Basin and Lignite).

*Topic 2:* Field Testing of Effective Mercury Control Technologies Upstream of and Across Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization Systems.

*Topic 3:* Field Testing of Non-Sorbent Based Concepts for Increasing the Oxidation of Elemental Mercury for

Removal in Downstream Air Pollution Control Equipment.

*Topic 4:* Other Mercury Control Technologies Ready for Long-Term Field-Testing.

TABLE 1.—TOPIC AREA MATRIX

Topic area No.	Topic area	Coal type/existing equipment configuration	Scale of testing
1	Sorbent Injection	Bituminous—SCA <300 CSESP/HSESP Lignite/Sub-bituminous—ESP/FF (or COHPAC) (no SCA limit) Coal Blends—no SCA limit).	1.
2	FGD Enhancement	All coals types or blends with wet FGD.	1.
3	Oxidation Systems	All coals or blends applicable to plants with or without wet FGD	1 or 2.
4	Other	All coals individually or blends and all existing equipment configurations	1 or 2.

- 1. Full-scale (minimum 100 MWe).
- 2. Slip-stream (minimum 10 MWe).

**Scale of Testing**

DOE anticipates allocating \$1.5 million or less in cost sharing per test site. DOE recognizes that certain mercury control technologies proposed for full-scale testing may require significant outlays for capital equipment in order to be tested. Given that the funding available for this solicitation is limited and is to be used primarily for testing and evaluation of the performance of the proposed technology and not for the purchase of equipment, DOE is allowing for slip-stream testing of technologies under Topic Areas 3 and 4. However, if the offeror wants to test at full scale, then they would be required to cover the additional costs above DOE threshold of \$1.5 million per test site (or 75% cost sharing, whichever is less). DOE anticipates that funds will be approximately allocated as 2/3 to full-scale testing and 1/3 to pilot-scale testing.

It is anticipated that there will be 9–12 Financial Assistance (Cooperative Agreements) awards with performance periods ranging from 12–42 months. The total estimated Award Value for all projects awarded under this solicitation is estimated at \$19–\$25 million with total federal funding anticipated between \$15–\$20 million with a required recipient cost sharing of 25% of total cost.

Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is considered to be full and open. All interested parties may apply. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the evaluation factors and the relative importance of each factor. Applications submitted by or on behalf of (1) Another Federal agency; (2) a Federally Funded Research and Development Center sponsored by another Federal agency; or (3) a Department of Energy (DOE)

Management Operating (M&O) contractor will not be eligible for award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a DOE M&O contractor will be evaluated and may be considered for award subject to the provisions to be set forth in Program Solicitation DE–PS26–03NT41718.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683–0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov). The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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**Richard D. Rogus,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of the acceptance of claims and the availability of funds for reimbursement in fiscal year (FY) 2003.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2003 for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The President's FY 2003 budget request includes \$1 million for reimbursement of certain costs of remedial action at eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites pursuant to Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. DOE anticipates on making prorated payments on approved claims received in FY 2002 and prior years' unpaid approved claim amounts by April 30, 2003, subject to the availability of FY 2003 appropriations.

**DATES:** The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2003 is May 1, 2003. These claims will be processed for payment by April 30, 2004, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

**ADDRESSES:** Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental

Restoration Division, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, H and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Gilbert Maldonado. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gilbert Maldonado at (505) 845-4035 of the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the *Federal Register* on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

**Authority:** Section 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

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**David E. Mathes,**

*Team Leader, Albuquerque/Nevada Team, Small Sites Closure Office, Office of Site Closure.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL03-28-000]

***Town of Wallingford, Connecticut, Department of Public Utilities, Electric Division; and Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative; Complainants, v. Connecticut Light and Power Company; Select Energy, Inc.; and Northeast Utilities Service Company; Respondents; Notice of Complaint***

December 5, 2002.

Take notice that on December 4, 2002, the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut, Department of Public Utilities, Electric Division and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (collectively, Complainants) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a Complaint against the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), its agent Select Energy, Inc. and the Northeast Utilities Service Company (collectively, Respondents). Complainants are seeking an immediate order from the Commission enforcing the provisions of a FERC-filed power sales agreement by directing CL&P to participate in a contractually mandated arbitration proceeding.

Respondents have been served with a copy of the Complaint.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file 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). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. The answer to the complaint and all comments, interventions or protests must be filed on or before December 20, 2002. 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 last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The answer to the complaint, 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EC03-21-000, et al.]

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings**

December 3, 2002.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

**1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company California Independent System Operator Corporation**

[Docket No. EC03-21-000]

Take notice that on November 25, 2002, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a joint application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization for PG&E's sale of certain transmission facilities under FERC jurisdiction to Turlock Irrigation District.

*Comment Date:* December 16, 2002.

**2. Idaho Power Company and IDACORP Energy, L.P.**

[Docket No. EC03-24-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 2002, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) and IDACORP Energy, L.P. (IELP, collectively, Applicants) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an Application for Commission Approval of Disposition of Jurisdictional Facilities under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act. The jurisdictional facilities that are