

associated with Land-Based Facility Improvements, impacts associated with Navigation Improvements, and analyses required for mitigation planning purposes.

3. Public scoping meetings are expected to be scheduled in April/May 1998. Six meetings will be held in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan and New Jersey. Results from the public scoping meetings with the District and the Environmental Work Group (EWG), and federal, state and local agency coordination will be addressed in the DEIS. Parties interested in receiving notices of public scoping meetings or copies of the Scoping Document should contact: Jenine Gallo, USACE, New York District, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

4. Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel Gary Thomas, District Engineer at the above address.

5. Estimated Date of the DEIS availability: September 1999.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.287]

21st Century Community Learning Centers Program; Notice of Extension of Application Deadline Date

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary extends the deadline date for the submission of applications for new awards for fiscal year 1998 under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. The Assistant Secretary also revises the deadline for Intergovernmental review under the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental review of Federal programs). The Assistant Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the submission of applications by potential applicants adversely affected by severe weather conditions in various areas of the Nation. The extension is intended to help these potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under this program.

NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS: March 27, 1998.

NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW: May 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: An application sent by mail must be addressed to the U.S.

Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA 84.287, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4725. An application must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following: (1) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

An application that is hand delivered must be taken to the U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Room 3633, General Services Administration National Capital Region, Seventh and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4725. The Application Control Center will accept deliveries between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also by contacting Amanda Clyburn. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 2, the Assistant Secretary published a notice inviting applications for new awards. In that notice, the Assistant Secretary established a deadline date of March 9, by which all applications must have been hand-delivered or mailed. Because of adverse weather conditions in various sections of the country on and around this date, some potential applicants were unable to transmit applications on time. To enable these potential applicants to participate in this competition, the Assistant Secretary has determined to extend this deadline. Because of the difficulty in identifying the specific

geographic areas that were affected, the Assistant Secretary has decided to extend the deadline to all potential applicants. By extending this deadline by three days, the Assistant Secretary emphasizes that the limited purpose of this extension is to enable potential applicants who completed their applications, but were unable to mail them on time due to adverse weather conditions, an opportunity to submit completed applications.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8241-8246.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

Ricky T. Takai,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.177A]

Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Program: This program supports projects that—

(a) provide independent living services to older individuals who are blind;

(b) conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals; and

(c) conduct activities to help improve public understanding of the problems of these individuals.

Eligible Applicants: Any designated State agency (DSA) that does not currently have a project funded under this program and is authorized to provide rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind is eligible for an award under this notice.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 15, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 14, 1998.

Applications Available: March 25, 1998.

Available Funds: \$40,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$40,000.

Estimated Average Size of Award: \$40,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 367.

Priority: The priority in the notice of final priority for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1994 (59 FR 66616), applies to this competition.

For Applications or Information

Contact: Raymond Melhoff, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3327 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone: (202) 205-9320. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-8243.

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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 796f.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-55-000]

Lee Banks, D.B.A. Banks Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment and Relief

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Lee Banks, D.B.A. Banks Oil Company (Banks), filed a petition for relief of all the refund requests covering his well included in the Northern Natural Gas Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company and Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Companies) statement of Refunds Due, with the Exception of the Loewen "C" well (Panhandle). It is stated that this request is being based on hardship privileges as referenced in an Order Denying Rehearing and an Order clarifying Procedure wherein denial of relief would cause the applicant special hardship, inequity, or unfair distribution of burden (NGPA Section 502(c) and 385.1104 of the Commission's Regulations).

Banks states that he has pursued adjustment with each pipeline company and has put in escrow \$34,154.12, as the disputed amount covering his working and royalty interest on the Loewen "C" well which is the only well remaining of all wells which can justify any payment and would take years to recover. It is also stated that the three remaining well are marginal wells along with ten well which are either plugged, or will be plugged, or have been lost to the Department of Interior. Banks also states that he has unsuccessfully

attempted to contact and advise other royalty owners of their respective obligations.

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 in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest 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. Boerger,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-24-000]

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Cabot) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting an extension of the March 9, 1998, deadline established for first sellers to remit refunds of Kansas ad valorem taxes ("Tax" or "Taxes") to their pipeline purchasers, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, GP97-5-000, and RP97-369-000.² Cabot's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals³ directed first sellers

¹ 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997).