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The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You can submit all documents, except transcripts, electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications. Transcripts must be mailed separately.
- Within three working days of 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. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.

3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.

5. Fax 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.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program 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.

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Note 2: Please note that due to the Department's end of the fiscal year close out activities, the e-APPLICATION system will be unavailable on October 1. It will become available for users again on Wednesday, October 2.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: The application for this program is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/iegps/ddrap.html>.

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Dated: September 13, 2002

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.019A]

Office of Postsecondary Education; Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose of Program: The Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program offers opportunities to faculty members of institutions of higher education for research and study in modern foreign languages and area studies.

For FY 2003 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priority we describe in the PRIORITY section of this application notice.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education.

Applications Available: September 25, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 25, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$1,575,000 for this program for FY 2003. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action.

However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$20,000—\$100,000.

Estimated Average Size of Fellowship Awards: \$47,727.

Estimated Number of Awards: 33 fellowships.

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

Project Period: The institutional project period is 18 months beginning July 1, 2003. Faculty may request funding for 3—12 months.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where the faculty applicant addresses the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate the application. The faculty applicant must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 10 pages, and the references to the equivalent of no more than 2 pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; or the references.

However, you must include all of the application narrative in responding to the selection criteria.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 663.

Priority

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet a priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 663.21(d)), which provides that priorities may be established for certain geographic areas in addition to certain other categories.

Absolute Priority

A research project that focuses on one or more of the following areas: Africa,

East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, the Near East, East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (Canada, Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean). Please note that applications that propose projects focused on Western Europe will not be funded.

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Dated: September 13, 2002.

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-389-066]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 5, 2002.

Take notice that on August 30, 2002, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to become effective August 20, 2002:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 316

Columbia Gulf states on July 19, 2002, it made a filing with the Commission seeking approval of a Rate Schedule FTS-1 negotiated rate agreement with TotalFinaElf Gas and Power North America, Inc. (TotalFinaElf) in Docket No. RP96-389-060. On July 23, 2002, Columbia Gulf made a similar filing with the Commission seeking approval of a Rate Schedule FTS-1 negotiated

rate Agreement with Cinergy Marketing & Trading, L. P. (Cinergy) in Docket No. RP96-389-062. On August 20, 2002, the Commission issued an order approving the TotalFinaElf service agreement effective November 1, 2002. On August 21, 2002, the Commission issued an order approving the Cinergy service agreement effective July 1, 2002. Both orders directed Columbia Gulf to file a tariff sheet identifying the agreements as non-conforming agreements in compliance with Section 154.112(b) of the Commission's regulations. The instant filing is being made to comply with Section 154.112(b) and reference the non-conforming service agreements in its Volume No. 1 tariff.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of its filing is being served to each of the parties listed on the service list.

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 Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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, call (202)502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 208-1659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-389-067]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

September 5, 2002.

Take notice that on August 30, 2002, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company

(Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing the following contract for disclosure of a negotiated rate transaction:

FTS-1 Service Agreement No. 73341 between Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and FPL Energy Power Marketing, Inc. dated August 27, 2002

Transportation service is to commence November 1, 2002 under the agreement.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of the filing it has served copies of the filing on all parties identified on the official service list in Docket No. RP96-389.

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 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 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 last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202)502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 208-1659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02-478-001]

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 5, 2002.

Take notice that on August 30, 2002, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern) tendered for filing to