

from the surface of the Earth to the top of the atmosphere (including the effect of clouds, water vapor, trace gases, and aerosols); (2) enhancing and evaluating the quantitative models necessary to predict natural climatic variability and possible human-caused climate change at global and regional scales; (3) understanding and simulating both the net exchange of carbon dioxide between the atmosphere, terrestrial and ocean systems, and the effects of climate change on the global carbon cycle; (4) understanding ecological effects of climate change; (5) improving approaches to integrated assessments of effects of, and options to mitigate, climatic change; and (6) basic research directed at understanding options for sequestering excess atmospheric carbon dioxide in terrestrial ecosystems and the ocean, including potential environmental implications of such sequestration.

Program Contact: (301) 903-3281.

7. Energy Research Analyses

This program supports energy research analyses of the Department's basic and applied research activities. Specific objectives include assessments to identify any duplication or gaps in scientific research activities, and impartial and independent evaluations of scientific and technical research efforts. Consistent with these overall objectives, this program conducts numerous research studies to assess directions in science and to identify and assess new and improved approaches to science management. Program Contact: (202) 586-9942.

8. Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

The objective of the EPSCoR program is to enhance the capabilities of EPSCoR states to conduct nationally competitive energy-related research and to develop science and engineering manpower to meet current and future needs in energy-related fields. This program addresses basic research needs across all of the Department of Energy research interests. Research supported by the EPSCoR program is concerned with the same broad research areas addressed by the Office of Science programs that are described in this notice. The EPSCoR program is restricted to applications, which originate in 21 states (Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming) and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It is anticipated that only

a limited number of new competitive research grants will be awarded under this program subject to the availability of funds. Program Contact: Phone (301) 903-3427; Web site: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/bes/EPSCoR/index.htm>.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP99-301-088 and GT01-25-007]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 17, 2003.

Take notice that on October 14, 2003, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing four agreements with PCS Nitrogen Ohio, L.P., *et al.* in compliance with the Commission's May 23, 2003 Order in the above-referenced dockets.

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 website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary 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 or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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.

Protest Date: October 27, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-200-113]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Partial Compliance Filing

October 17, 2003.

Take notice that on October 15, 2003, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) filed certain documents identified by the Commission's September 15, 2003 Order which CEGT committed to provide by October 15, 2003, in its request for partial extension of the general compliance deadline.

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 website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary 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 or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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.

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