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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-398-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 12, 2003.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 and if necessary, 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Michael Cotleur (202) 502-8519 michael.cotleur@ferc.gov, William Collins (202) 502-8248 william.collins@ferc.gov, or Kevin Frank (202) 502-8065 kevin.frank@ferc.gov.

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[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the Record Communications; Public Notice

December 12, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merit's of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding.

Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of prohibited and exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers. These filings are 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 eLibrary (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 or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. Project No. 2232-407	11-28-03	Hon. John Edwards.
2. Docket No. CP02-90-000	12-2-03	James Martin.
3. Docket No. CP02-78-000	12-2-03	Linda Kokemuller, <i>et al.</i>
4. Project No. 2030-000	12-4-03	Peter Lickwar.
5. Project No. 2086-000	12-12-03	Dr. Knox Mellon.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant Project No. P-2114-116; County Washington; Errata Notice

December 12, 2003.

On November 3, 2003, the Commission issued a "Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments" in the above-referenced proceeding.

Item "1." of the referenced Notice read "Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for agency cooperating status: December 22, 2003." The date should have been: December 29, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7599-8]

Notice of Request for Initial Proposals (IPs) for Projects To Be Funded From the Water Quality Cooperative Agreement Allocation (CFDA 66.463—Water Quality Cooperative Agreements)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting Initial Proposals (IPs) from States, Tribes, local governments, universities, non-profits, and other eligible entities, as shown below in the section called Eligible Applicants, interested in applying for Federal assistance for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements (CFDA 66.463) under the Clean Water Act (CWA) section 104(b)(3). EPA Headquarters intends to award an estimated \$3.5 million to eligible applicants through assistance agreements ranging in size from \$10,000 up to \$500,000 for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements, which are for unique and innovative projects

that address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities, *i.e.*, storm water, combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, and concentrated animal feeding operations as well as projects that enhance the ability of the regulated community to deal with non-traditional pollution problems in priority watersheds. From the IPs received, EPA estimates that 30 to 35 projects may be selected to submit full applications.

The Agency intends to make available at least \$200,000 per year of the annual appropriation for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements, from FY 2004 through FY 2005, for projects which address cooling water intake issues to include technical and environmental studies. The Agency has made available \$600,000 from FY 2001 through FY 2003. It is expected that the \$200,000 available for cooling water intake projects in FY 2004 will be used to fund a project approved in a prior year.

The Agency reserves the right to reject all IPs and make no awards.

DATES: EPA will consider all IPs received on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time, February 17, 2004. IPs received after the due date, may be reviewed at EPA's discretion.

ADDRESSES: It is preferred that IPs be electronically mailed (E-mailed) to WQCA2004@EPA.GOV. If mailed through the postal service or other means, three copies should be sent to: Barry Benroth, 4204M, WQCA2004 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

The following address must be used for delivery of the copies by an overnight delivery or courier service: Barry Benroth, 4204M, WQCA2004, Phone 202-564-0672, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room 7324 J, EPA East, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Benroth by telephone at 202-564-0672 or by E-mail at benroth.barry@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of This Request Is for Initial Proposals

The Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water at EPA Headquarters is requesting IPs from States, Tribes, local governments, non-profit organizations and other eligible entities under the Clean Water Act Section 104(b)(3) for unique and innovative projects that address the

requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities, *i.e.*, storm water, and concentrated animal feeding operations as well as projects that enhance the ability of the regulated community to deal with non-traditional pollution problems in priority watersheds.

An organization whose IP is selected for possible Federal assistance must complete an EPA Application for Assistance, including the Federal SF-424 form (Application for Federal Assistance, *see* 40 CFR 30.12 and 31.10).

Organizations who have an existing agreement under this program are eligible to compete with proposals for new awards.

The Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, EPA Headquarters Has Identified the Following High Priority Areas for Consideration

Assistance agreements awarded under Section 104(b)(3) may only be used to conduct and promote the coordination and acceleration of activities such as research, investigations, experiments, training, education, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effect, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. These activities, while not defined in the statute, advance the state of knowledge, gather information, or transfer information. For instance, "demonstrations" are generally projects that demonstrate new or experimental technologies, methods, or approaches and the results of the project will be disseminated so that others can benefit from the knowledge gained. A project that is accomplished through the performance of routine, traditional, or established practices, or a project that is simply intended to carry out a task rather than transfer information or advance the state of knowledge, however worthwhile the project may be, is not a demonstration. Research projects may include the application of established practices when they contribute to learning about an environmental concept or problem.

The Office of Wastewater Management at EPA Headquarters has identified several subject areas for priority consideration. EPA will award Assistance Agreements for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies related to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution in the subject areas shown below in bold. Example projects are shown for each area.