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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through this funding opportunity announcement, NETL expects to support applications in the Coal and Environmental Systems Program. Coal and Environmental Systems Program has the following five separate (*i.e.*, stand alone) Program Areas of Interest:

Area of Interest 1—Environmental and Water Resources

Subtopic 1A Increased Utilization of the By-Products from Coal Gasification

Area of Interest 2—Carbon Sequestration

Subtopic 2A Direct Capture Technologies

Subtopic 2B Indirect Capture Technologies

Subtopic 2C Technologies for Mitigating Non-CO₂ Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Subtopic 2D Monitoring, Verification and Risk Assessment for Carbon Sequestration Options

Area of Interest 3—Power Systems Advanced Research

Subtopic 3A Advanced Sensors and Controls

Subtopic 3B Advanced Materials

Area of Interest 4—Coal Fuels and Hydrogen

Subtopic 4A Coal Derived Hydrogen

Area of Interest 5—Gasification

Subtopic 5A Advanced Gasification Systems

Applicants must select and submit to only one Subtopic in a Program Area of Interest for each application submitted. Multiple applications are welcome, however, each application must have its own unique content and title on the subject line. Identical applications under more than one Subtopic will be rejected.

Once released, the funding opportunity announcement 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. The funding opportunity announcement will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the funding opportunity announcement and related documents will be made available. Telephone requests, written requests, E-

mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the funding opportunity announcement package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the funding opportunity announcement. The actual funding opportunity announcement document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-17-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 24, 2003.

Take notice that on November 14, 2003, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-5231, filed in Docket No. CP04-17-000, a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon certain facilities and to continue to operate certain other facilities in Webster Parish in the State of Louisiana, under CEGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001 pursuant to section 7(C) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully described in the request.

The request is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

CEGT proposes to abandon, by sale and transfer, certain above-ground facilities that are currently a part of

various CEGT delivery point facilities in the State of Louisiana as described more fully in the request. CEGT further proposes to sell and transfer these facilities to CenterPoint Energy Arkla (Arkla), a distribution division of CenterPoint Energy, Incorporated, at the estimated net book value of \$123,345.98. CEGT states that no services would be abandoned as a result of the proposed sale and transfer. The request states that Arkla would own and operate these facilities as part of its distribution system.

CEGT avers that a review of its certificates, initiated in conjunction with the proposed abandonment, has raised the possibility that certain of CEGT's facilities may require certificate authorization. CEGT, therefore, also seeks Commission authorization for the continued operation of certain existing facilities known as Line FM-47 and the Sibley-Dubberly town border meter station in Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to § 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA. 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.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Lawrence O. Thomas, Director-Rates & Regulatory, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, or call (318) 429-2804.

Comment Date: January 8, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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