

**ADDRESS:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-5883 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) has received applications from the following companies for authorization to export electric energy to Canada, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA:

| Applicant   | Application date | Docket No. |
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| Inland Pacific Resources Inc. (IPRI).                       | 9/16/97 .....    | EA-156     |
| Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison). | 9/23/97 .....    | EA-157     |

IPRI, a power marketing company, does not own or control any facilities for the generation or transmission of electricity, nor does it have a franchised service area. IPRI proposes to transmit to Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S. Con Edison is a regulated public utility serving customers in the New York City metropolitan area. Con Edison proposes to transmit to Canada electric energy that is excess to its system or purchased from electric utilities or other suppliers within the U.S.

The applicants would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over the international facilities owned by Basin Electric, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the transmission facilities, as more fully described in these applications, has previously been

authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

#### Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on IPRI's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-156. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Edward A. Finklea, Ball Janik LLP, 101 S.W. Main Street, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204 AND Inland Pacific Resources Inc., c/o Jan Marston, President, Inland Pacific Energy Services Ltd., 1600-1095 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6E2M6, Canada. Comments on Con Edison's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-157. Additional copies are to be filed directly with John F. Gallagher III, Esq., 4 Irving Place—Rm. 1815 South, Manhattan, NY 10003.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 1, 1997.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. ETEC-012]

#### Certification of the Radiological Condition of Building T012 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center Near Chatsworth, California

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Restoration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Certification.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed radiological surveys and taken remedial action to decontaminate Building T012 located at the Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) near Chatsworth, California. This property previously was found to contain radioactive materials from activities carried out for the Atomic Energy Commission and the Energy Research and Development Administration (AEC/ERDA), predecessor agencies to DOE. Although DOE owns the majority of the buildings and equipment, a subsidiary of Rockwell International, Rocketdyne, owned the land. Rocketdyne has recently been sold to Boeing North American Incorporated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Lopez, Program Manager, Environmental Restoration Division, Oakland Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland, CA 94612-5208.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE has implemented environmental restoration projects at ETEC (Ventura County, Map Book 3, Page 7, Miscellaneous Records) as part of DOE's Environmental Restoration Program. One objective of the program is to identify and clean up or otherwise control facilities where residual radioactive contamination remains from activities carried out under contract to AEC/ERDA during the early years of the Nation's atomic energy program.

ETEC is comprised of several facilities and structures located within Administrative Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. The work performed for DOE at ETEC consisted primarily of testing equipment, materials, and components for nuclear and energy-related programs. These nuclear energy research and development programs, conducted by Atomics International under contract to AEC/ERDA, began in 1946. Several buildings and land areas became radiologically contaminated as a result of facility operations and site activities. Building T012 is one ETEC area that has been designated for cleanup under the DOE Environmental Restoration Program. Other areas undergoing decontamination will be released as they are completed and are verified to meet established cleanup criteria and standards for release without radiological restrictions as established in DOE Order 5400.5.

Building T012 is located in the north-central section of Area IV. It originally consisted of two sections connected with an enclosed passageway.

Building T012 consisted of a critical cell that was a sealed room with 4-ft. thick concrete walls, lined with a 1/4-in. steel liner, used to test Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power (SNAP) critical assemblies. The cell floor is a mat-type concrete foundation. Sealed during operation, this room was designed to withstand the pressure release and to contain radioactive materials in the event of a burst condition from the assemblies.

The equipment room adjacent to the critical cell has 9-in. thick concrete walls and ceiling and a spread concrete foundation. A fuel storage area was located in the west section of the room consisting of a concrete shield wall containing 1 percent boron by weight. Embedded in the wall were 110 cadmium-plated tubes, 3 1/2 in. inside diameter by 20 in. long. The tubes were located on 1-ft. centers, 5 tubes high, and 22 tubes wide.

Operations in Building T012 began with systems for SNAP critical assemblies in 1962. These experiments used three different critical assembly machines: SCA-4A, -4B, and SCA-5. Most tests were directed at determining criticality of various configurations and conditions, such as water immersion, and were performed well below the allowed high power limit of about 100 watts. No significant amounts of induced activity were produced by these operations.

Clad reactor fuel elements (U-ZrH) were stored as shipped in containers and in the fuel storage tubes located in room 109. The SNAP critical experiments continued intermittently through 1968, when the fuel was shipped to the SSN Storage Vault (Building T064), and the facility was placed in a standby mode.

To allow the release of building T012 for use without radiological restriction, all detectable radioactive material/contamination was removed from the facility. This decontamination and decommissioning was performed in two phases: (1) starting in 1986 with the removal of the operations control room and (2) the enclosed passageway connecting those structures to the equipment room and the critical cell.

The second and final stage of decontamination of Building T012 began in February 1995 and required slightly less than five months to complete.

Briefly, the decontamination steps involved in the second stage were to decontaminate and decommission the remaining concrete vault structure of Building T012 sufficiently to permit its use without radiological or chemical contamination restrictions.

The accomplishment of this objective included removal of asbestos containing floor tiles and pipe insulation; removal of eight contaminated fuel storage tubes; removal of light fixtures, conduit, and ventilation systems; paint sampling and removal, and scabbing of the floor, wall, ceiling surfaces; and completion of the "Final Radiological and Chemical Contamination Assessment Survey."

Rockwell/Rocketdyne performed a final radiological survey in 1996. The Environmental Survey and Site Assessment Program of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education performed independent verification of the decontamination work performed by Rockwell/Rocketdyne in 1996. Post-decontamination surveys have demonstrated that Building T012 is in compliance with DOE decontamination criteria and standards for release without radiological restrictions. The State of California Department of Health Services has concurred that the proposed release guidelines provide adequate assurance for release without further radiological restrictions. In the event of property transfer, DOE intends to comply with applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.

None of the engineering or radiation and nuclear safety personnel assigned to the Building T012 decommissioning project received any measurable exposure to ionizing radiation.

Final costs for the decontamination of Building T012 were \$389,632.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), in the U.S. DOE Public Reading Room located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. Copies of the certification docket will also be available at the following locations: DOE Public Document Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, the Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California; California State University, Northridge, Urban Archives Center, Oviatt Library, Room 4, 18111 Nordhoff, Northridge, California; Simi Valley Library, 2629 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California; and the Platt Branch, Los Angeles Public Library, 23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, California.

DOE has issued the following statement of certification:

**Statement of Certification—Energy Technology Engineering Center, Building T012**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Oakland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, has

reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following decontamination of Building T012 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center. Based on analysis of all data collected and the results of the independent verification, DOE certifies that the following property is in compliance with DOE radiological decontamination criteria and standards as established in DOE Order 5400.5. This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above applicable guidelines established to protect members of the general public or site occupants. Accordingly, the property specified below is released from DOE's Environmental Restoration Program.

Property owned by Boeing North American Incorporated:

Building T012, at the Energy Technology Center (situated within Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory), located in a portion of Tract "A" of Rancho Simi, in the County of Ventura, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 3, Page 7 of Miscellaneous Records of Ventura County.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 26, 1997.

**James J. Fiore,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.*

**Statement of Certification: Energy Technology Engineering Center, Building 012**

The U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following decontamination of the Energy Technology Engineering Center Building 012. Based on this analysis of all data collected, the Department of Energy (DOE) certifies that the following property is in compliance with DOE decontamination criteria and standards. This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above applicable guidelines established to protect members of the general public or site occupants. Accordingly, the property specified below is released from DOE's Environmental Restoration Program.

Property owned by Rockwell International Corporation:

Building 012, at the Energy Technology Engineering Center, located in a portion of Tract "A" of Rancho Simi, in the County of Ventura, State of California, as per map recorded in Book

3, Page 7 of Miscellaneous Records of Ventura County.

**Certification:**

Dated: August 29, 1997

**Hannibal Joma,**

*ETEC Site Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-5-000]

**Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request for Extension of Waiver**

October 2, 1997.

Take notice that on September 15, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, (Algonquin) in compliance with the March 13, 1997<sup>1</sup> and May 21, 1997<sup>2</sup> orders of the Commission in the captioned docket tendered for filing a request for an extension of the six month waiver previously granted by the Commission with respect to compliance with the data elements and formatting as adopted by the Commission in Order No. 587.

Algonquin states that under the waiver, it was required to submit its requests for changes to the data elements to the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB). Algonquin states that it has implemented the changes already approved by GISB, but requests an extension of the waiver until the Commission adopts the next version of the GISB standards. With respect to those requests still pending at GISB, Algonquin requests an additional six month extension of time.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such protests should comply with principles set forth in the Commission's May 21, 1997 order and must be filed by October 14, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are

<sup>1</sup> Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, 78 FERC ¶ 61,281 (1997).

<sup>2</sup> Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation 79 FERC ¶ 61,223 (1997).

on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-171-010]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff**

October 2, 1997.

Take notice that, on September 30, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's June 26, 1997 order accepting subject to certain modifications to ANR's May 1, 1997 filing to comply with the GISB standards adopted in Order No. 587-C.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. TM97-2-48-000]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Technical Conference**

October 2, 1997.

On February 28, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered revised tariff sheets reflecting its annual

redetermination of the levels of its Transporter's Fuel Use (%) as required by ANR's currently effective tariff. By order issued March 26, 1997,<sup>1</sup> the Commission accepted and suspended the tariff sheets subject to refund, to be effective April 1, 1997, and requested that the parties file additional comments within 20 days of the order, with reply comments to follow 10 days later. By letter dated August 19, 1997, Staff requested additional data from ANR.

Upon review of the filing herein, the additional comments and data responses, staff has determined that it will hold an informal technical conference on this matter.

Take notice that the technical conference will therefore be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, and continuing the following day, Wednesday, October 15, if necessary, in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20426.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend. The parties should be prepared to support their conclusions with specific references to the work papers and information that has been provided to the Commission. Questions about this conference should be directed to Bob Keegan, (202) 208-0158, or Louis Lieb, (202) 208-0012.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project Nos. 1417 and 1835]

**Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Nebraska Public Power District; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference, October 2, 1997**

An informal settlement conference will be convened on Wednesday, November 5, 1997 at 8 a.m. at the Denver Federal Center, Third Floor Conference Room, located at 134 Union Blvd., Lakewood, Colorado. The purpose of this off-the-record meeting is to explore the possible settlement of any contested issue. Any person appearing at the conference in a representative capacity must be authorized to negotiate and, to the extent authorized by law, settle matters addressed at the conference.

<sup>1</sup> 78 FERC ¶ 61,328 (1997).