

(a) The regulations in 34 CFR Part 624, which apply to both the Strengthening and Special Needs Program;

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR Part 625, which apply to the Strengthening Program;

(c) The regulations in 34 CFR Part 626, which apply to the Special Needs Program, and

(d) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, and 78, except that 34 CFR 75.126(a)(2) and 34 CFR 75.129(a) do not apply to cooperative arrangements.

Parts 624, 625 and 626 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations were published in the Federal Register on January 5, 1982, 47 FR 540 *et seq.*

Establishment of Funding Priority

In awarding planning grants under the Strengthening Program and the Special Needs Program fiscal year 1982 supplemental competitions for institutions serving Hispanic and Native American students, the Secretary will give priority to applications submitted by eligible institutions located on Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The Secretary is authorized to establish this priority by section 1204 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which provides in pertinent part that "The Secretary is authorized to provide such modifications of any programs under this Act as the Secretary deems necessary in order to adapt such programs to the needs of Guam, * * * American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands."

Further Information: For further information contact: Dr. William A. Butts, Director, Division of Institutional Development, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-3311. Telephone: (202) 245-2715, 9091 or 9585. (20 U.S.C. 1057-1059, and 1088-1089c)

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T. H. Bell,
Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Compliance With the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Amendments to the DOE NEPA Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendments to the Department of Energy's NEPA Guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy proposes to amend Section D of its NEPA guidelines by adding eight (8) new categorical exclusions to the list of typical classes of action. Public comment is invited on this proposal. Pending final adoption of the proposed amendments, the Department of Energy will use the new categorical exclusions on an interim basis.

COMMENTS BY: December 22, 1982.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Henry Garson, Esq., Assistant General Counsel for Environment, GC-34, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Rm. 6D-033, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 252-8947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On March 28, 1980, The Department of Energy (DOE) published in the Federal Register (45 FR 20894) final guidelines for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as required by the Council on Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as required by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508). In accordance with 40 CFR 1507.3(b)(2), Section D of the guidelines lists typical classes of agency action: (1) which normally do require environmental impact statements; (2) which normally do not require either an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment (categorical exclusions), and (3) which normally require environmental assessment but not necessarily environmental impact statements.

Under Paragraph A.3(d) of the guidelines, the Department may amend Section D based on experience gained during implementation of the CEQ regulations and the DOE guidelines. The last amendments to Section D were published in the Federal Register on

February 23, 1982, (47 FR 7976), at which time the Department also republished Section D in its entirety.

B. Proposed Amendments

The Department proposes to further amend Section D of the guidelines adding eight (8) typical classes of actions, applicable to the Power Marketing Administrations within the Department, to the list of categorical exclusions in Section D. Categorical exclusions are typical classes of action that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is normally required.

The eight (8) categorical exclusions are:

1. Actions undertaken in order to bring an existing DOE transmission facility into compliance with changes in applicable Federal, State, or local environmental standards or to mitigate adverse environmental effects, where such actions do not impact environmentally sensitive areas such as archeological sites, critical habitats, floodplains, wetlands, etc. Such actions include, for example, noise abatement measures, and the acquisition of additional rights-of-way to establish buffer areas.

2. Execution of contract for the short-term (less than one-year) or seasonal acquisition of excess power from existing power resources which can be transmitted over existing transmission systems with no changes in the operations of the power resources.

3. Temporary adjustments to river operations to accommodate day-to-day river fluctuations, power demand changes, fish and wildlife conservation program requirements, and other external events where the adjustments result in only minor changes in reservoir levels and streamflows.

4. Contract interpretations, amendments, and modifications, including replacement, which are clarifying or administrative in nature, and which do not extend the term or otherwise substantially change the contracts being amended.

5. Leasing of existing transmission facilities where the leases do not involve any change in operation.

6. Acquisition or minor relocation of existing access roads serving existing transmission facilities where the relocation does not impact environmentally sensitive areas such as archeological sites, critical habitats, floodplain/wetlands, etc.

7. Replacing conductors on existing transmission lines where the replacement conductors carry the same nominal voltage as the existing conductors and where the replacement work does not involve new support structures, new substations, or other new facilities.

8. Research, inventory, and information collection activities which are directly related to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and which involve only negligible animal mortality or habitat destruction, and no introduction of either contaminants or exotic organisms.

Comments concerning the proposed amendments to Section D of the Department's NEPA guidelines should be submitted to Mr. Berube at the above listed address.

Pending final adoption, the Department of Energy will use the new categorical exclusions on an interim basis.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 15, 1982.

William A. Vaughan,

Assistant Secretary, Environmental Protection, Safety, and Emergency Preparedness.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. G-2640-000, et al.]

Natural Gas Companies; Phillips Petroleum Company, et al.; Applications for Certificates, Abandonment of Service and Petitions to Amend Certificates¹

November 16, 1982.

Take notice that each of the Applicants listed herein has filed an application or petition pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to sell natural gas in interstate commerce or to abandon service as described herein, all as more fully described in the respective applications and amendments which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said applications should on or before December 3, 1982, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, petitions to intervene or protests in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (16 CFR 385.211, .214). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be

¹This notice does not provide for consolidation for hearing of the several matters covered herein.

taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Persons wishing to become parties to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file petitions to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on all applications in which no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein if the Commission on its own review of the matter believes that a grant of the certificates or the authorization for the proposed abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. Where a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or where the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Kenneth F. Plumb,
Secretary.

Docket no. and date filed	Applicant	Purchaser and location	Price per Mcf	Pressure base
G-2640-000, D; 11/3/82	Phillips Petroleum Company, 338 HS&L Building, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74004.	United Gas Pipe Line Company, Ball No. 1 lease, Carthage Field, Panola County, Texas.	(*)	
G-6035-001, D; 10/22/82	Shell Oil Company, One Shell Plaza, P.O. Box 2463, Houston, Texas 77001.	Texas Gas Transmission Corporation, Chalkey Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	(*)	
G-6588-000; 10/27/82	Conoco Inc., P.O. Box 2197, Houston, Texas 77252	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., Carthage Field, Panola County, Texas.	(*)	14.79
G-6591-001, D; 10/27/82	Conoco Inc., P.O. Box 2197, Houston, Texas 77252	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Rincon Field, Starr County, Texas.	(*)	
G-11742-005, D; 11/1/82	Mobile Oil Corporation, Nine Greenway Plaza, Suite 2700, Houston, Texas 77046.	Cities Service Gas Company, Hugoton Field, Grant County, Kansas.	(*)	
C181-482-000, D; 10/25/82	ARCO Oil and Gas Company, Division of Atlantic Richfield Company, P.O. Box 2819, Dallas, Texas 75221.	Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, N.E. Thompsonville and Teague Creek Fields, Webb and Jim Hogg Counties, Texas.	(*)	
C161-1024-006, D; 10/25/82	Mobile Oil Corporation, Nine Greenway Plaza, Suite 2700, Houston, Texas 77046.	Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, North Custer City Field, Custer County, Oklahoma.	(*)	
C164-1287-000; 11/1/82	Conoco Inc., P.O. Box 2197, Houston, Texas 77252	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., San Ramon Field, Hidalgo County, Texas.	(*)	14.79
C183-201-000, C; 10/27/82	Conoco Inc., P.O. Box 2197, Houston, Texas 77252	Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., Elk City Huber Conglomerate Unit, Beckham County, Oklahoma.	(*)	14.79
C168-1071-000, F; 10/25/82	Union Oil Company of California (Succ. In interest to Sun Oil Company) Union Oil Center, Room 904, P. O. Box 7800, Los Angeles, California 90081.	Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, Creole Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	(**)	15.025
C173-324-000, D; 11/1/82	Tenneco Oil Company, Operator & Agent for Tema Oil Company P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77001.	El Paso Natural Gas Company, Mocane-Laverne Field, Beaver County, Oklahoma.	(**)	
C175-51-001, D; 10/26/82	American Petrofina Company of Texas, P.O. Box 2159, Dallas, Texas 75221.	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a Division of Tenneco Inc., Young Gas Unit, Donna Field, Hidalgo County, Texas.	(**)	
C175-747-001, C; 10/4/82	Tenneco Oil Company, P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77001.	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Eugene Island Blocks 342 and 343, Offshore Louisiana.	(**)	15.025
C179-4-001, C; 10/8/82	Chevron U.S.A. Inc., P.O. Box 7308, San Francisco, California 94120.	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, High Island Block 140 Field, Offshore Texas.	(**)	14.65
C180-278-006, C; 8/19/82	The Superior Oil Company, P.O. Box 1521, Houston, Texas 77001.	Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Sebina Pass Area, Block 9, Offshore Louisiana.	(**)	15.025
C183-27-000, A; 10/20/82	Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 2180, Houston, Texas 77001	Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Grand Isle Block 18, Offshore Louisiana.	(**)	14.79
C183-26-000, A; 10/21/82	Texaco Inc., P.O. Box 60252, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160	Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, South Timberlall Blocks 29 and 38, Offshore Louisiana.	(**)	15.025
C183-29-000, A; 10/22/82	ARCO Oil and Gas Company, Division of Atlantic Richfield Company, P.O. Box 2819, Dallas, Texas 75221.	MIGC, Inc., Gillette Gas Plant, Campbell County, Wyoming	(**)	15.025