

Dated: November 22, 2006.

**Angela Somma,**

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111306A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1053-1825

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that David Mann, Ph.D., College of Marine Science, The University of South Florida, College of Marine Science, 140 Seventh Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 has been issued a permit to conduct research on certain cetacean species.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Dr. Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 5, 2006, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (70 FR 28909) that a request for a scientific research permit to take certain cetacean species had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

This permit authorizes the permit holder to conduct hearing measurements on stranded cetaceans on beaches, in near-shore waters, and in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S.; and on cetaceans captured under separate research permits.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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**P. Michael Payne,**

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. Navy Case No. 83,028: A TECHNIQUE FOR FABRICATING TWO AND THREE TERMINAL DEVICES IN WIDE-BAND GAP SEMICONDUCTORS WITHOUT PLASMA ETCHING and any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals or re-issues thereof.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the invention cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone 202-767-7230. Due to temporary U.S. Postal Service delays, please fax 202-404-7920, e-mail:

*techtran@utopia.nrl.navy.mil* or use courier delivery to expedite response.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: November 22, 2006.

**M. A. Harvison,**

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Notice of Availability of a Special Environmental Analysis; Potomac River Generating Station

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** DOE has prepared a *Special Environmental Analysis (SEA)* for

*Actions Taken under U.S. Department of Energy Emergency Orders Regarding Operation of the Potomac River Generating Station in Alexandria, Virginia*, and is announcing its availability. In the SEA, DOE examines environmental impacts from the Secretary of Energy's December 20, 2005 Emergency Order, and the Secretary's September 28, 2006 extension of that Emergency Order; the SEA covers a period of about 24 months beginning in December 2005. The SEA also considers alternatives that include mitigation measures that DOE may take until the Potomac Electric Power Company's (PEPCO) installation of two additional 230 kV electric transmission lines to the Central Washington, DC area (expected in June 2007) that would appear to eliminate the emergency that lead to the issuance of the December 20, 2005 Emergency Order.

DOE prepared the SEA after consulting with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for alternative arrangements under 40 CFR 1506.11, which applies where emergency circumstances make it necessary to take action without preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency worked with DOE on this SEA.

Simultaneously with issuance of the SEA, the Secretary is issuing another temporary extension of the Emergency Order until February 1, 2007. DOE is providing the public an opportunity to comment before the Secretary considers whether to allow the Order to expire, extend the Order, or extend the Order with mitigation measures.

**DATES:** DOE has posted the SEA on two websites: its Web site for this matter at <http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/372.htm> and the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa/documentspub.html>. Comments on the SEA should be submitted to DOE on or before January 8, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Anthony J. Como; Permitting, Siting, and Analysis Division; Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20); U.S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone: 202-586-5935; fax: 202-586-5860; or [anthony.como@hq.doe.gov](mailto:anthony.como@hq.doe.gov). Due to postal security procedures, comments sent through the U.S. Mail may be delayed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and

Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103; telephone: 202-586-4600; fax: 202-586-7031; or leave a toll-free message at: 800-472-2756.

For further information on the Emergency Order contact Lawrence Mansueti, Permitting, Siting, and Analysis Division; Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20); U.S. Department of Energy; telephone: 202-586-2588; fax: 202-586-5860; or [lawrence.mansueti@hq.doe.gov](mailto:lawrence.mansueti@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 20, 2005, the Secretary of Energy issued Order No. 202-05-3 (Emergency Order) pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act. The Emergency Order directed Mirant Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Mirant Potomac River, LLC, to generate electricity at its Potomac River Generating Station in limited circumstances in order to address electric reliability, including the risk of a blackout, in the Central Washington DC area. On September 28, 2006, the Secretary of Energy issued Order No. 202-06-2 temporarily extending DOE Order No. 202-05-3 until December 1, 2006.

In emergency situations, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.11, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 call for agencies to consult with CEQ to determine what alternative arrangements the agency will take in lieu of preparing an environmental impact statement that might otherwise be required for the relevant action. DOE prepared the SEA pursuant to the alternative arrangements agreed upon with CEQ.

The SEA includes descriptions of the DOE Emergency Order and extensions thereof, assessments of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts resulting from the actions, and consideration of alternative actions that DOE could take that could lessen the adverse effect of any additional future extension of the Order.

Issued in Washington DC on November 22, 2006.

**David R. Hill,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP99-301-150]

#### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

November 21, 2006.

Take notice that on November 16, 2006, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing and acceptance six copies of an amended negotiated rate arrangement between ANR and United Wisconsin Grain Producers, LLC. ANR requests that the negotiated rate arrangement become effective December 8, 2006, or such subsequent date as determined by the Commission.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call

(866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP07-72-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

(November 21, 2006)

Take notice that on November 17, 2006, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to be effective December 18, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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