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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Gtherm, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given with an intent to grant to Gtherm, Inc. of Weston, Connecticut, an exclusive license to practice the inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 6,251,179, entitled "Thermally Conductive Cementitious Grout for Geothermal Heat Pump Systems." The inventions are owned by the United States of America, as represented by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

DATE: Written comments or nonexclusive license applications are to be received at the address listed below no later than February 10, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Annette R. Reimers, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6F-067, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone (202) 586-3815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 35 U.S.C. 209 provides federal agencies with authority to grant exclusive licenses in federally-owned inventions, if, among other things, the agency finds that the public will be served by the granting of the license. The statute requires that no exclusive license may be granted unless public notice of the intent to grant the license has been provided, and the agency has considered all comments received in response to that public notice before the end of the comment period.

Gtherm, Inc. of Weston, Connecticut has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent No. 6,251,179 and has plans for commercialization of the inventions. The exclusive license will be subject to a license and other rights retained by

the U.S. Government and other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to negotiate to grant the license, unless, within 15 days of this notice, the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, receives in writing any of the following, together with supporting documents:

(i) A statement from any person setting forth reason why it would not be in the best interests of the United States to grant the proposed license; or

(ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention in which applicant states that it already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously.

The Department will review all timely written responses to this notice and will proceed with negotiating the license if, after consideration of written responses to this notice, a finding is made that the license is in the public interest.

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Paul A. Gottlieb,

Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Questions Concerning Technology Transfer Practices at Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratories

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The DOE published on November 26, 2008, in the **Federal Register**, a notice of inquiry concerning technology practices at DOE laboratories. The DOE invited comments to published questions concerning technology transfer practices at DOE laboratories. The comment period was to continue for 60 days from the date of the publication of the **Federal Register** notice (till January 26, 2009). This **Federal Register** notice extends the comment period till March 26, 2009, to allow additional time for the public to respond to the questions raised in the Notice of Inquiry.

DATES: The comment period has been extended to March 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically at: GC-62@hq.doe.gov; or by mail at: Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual

Property, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. ATTN: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER QUESTIONS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul A. Gottlieb, Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6F-067, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (202) 586-3439.

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Devon Streit,

Office of Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. IC09-65-001, IC09-65A-001, IC09-65B-001]

Commission Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

January 15, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collections described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of these information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to earlier **Federal Register** notices¹ and has made this notation in its submissions to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due by February 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory

¹ Notices for: FERC-65 (in Docket No. IC09-65), October 16, 2008, 73 FR 61414; FERC-65A (in Docket No. IC09-65A), October 15, 2008, 73 FR 61103; and FERC-65B (in Docket No. IC09-65B), October 16, 2008, 73 FR 61415.

Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o *oira_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include the appropriate OMB Control Number(s) (1902-0218 for FERC-65, 1902-0216 for FERC-65A, and 1902-0217 for FERC-65B) as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7345.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket Nos. IC09-65-001, IC09-65A-001, and IC09-65B-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

For paper filings, an original and 2 copies of the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket Nos. IC09-65-001, IC09-65A-001, and IC09-65B-001.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact *fercolinesupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)502-8415, by fax at (202)273-0873, and by e-mail at *michael.miller@ferc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FERC-65. The information collected under the requirements of FERC-65 "Notification of Holding Company Status" (OMB No. 1902-0218) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005). Among other things, PUHCA 2005 was intended to give the Commission access to books and records relevant to costs incurred by a public utility or natural gas company which are necessary or appropriate for the protection of utility customers with respect to jurisdictional rates. For the Commission to carry out its rate regulation responsibilities, it must know who the entities are that are holding companies of jurisdictional public utilities and natural gas companies. The Commission obtains this information through the FERC-65 filings.

The FERC-65 is a one-time informational filing set out in the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 366.4) that must be submitted within 30 days of becoming a holding company. The information is required in no specific format and consists of the identities of: the holding company, the public utilities and natural gas companies in the holding company system, the service companies, including special-purpose subsidiaries providing non-power goods and services, and all affiliates and subsidiaries and their corporate relationship to each other. Filings may be submitted in hardcopy or electronically through the Commission's eFiling system.

FERC-65A. The information collected under the requirements of FERC-65A "Exemption Notification of Holding Company Status" (OMB No. 1902-0216)

is also used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of PUHCA 2005. The Commission has allowed for an exemption if the books, accounts, memoranda, and other records of any person are not relevant to the jurisdictional rates of a public utility or natural gas company; or if any class of transactions is not relevant to the jurisdictional rates of a public utility or natural gas company. Commission regulations in 18 CFR 366.3 describe the criteria in more specificity, and 18 CFR 366.4 designates the use of FERC-65A for exemption requests. Filings may be submitted in hardcopy or electronically through the Commission's Web site.

FERC-65B. The information collected under the requirements of FERC-65B "Waiver Notification" (OMB No. 1902-0217) is also used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of PUHCA 2005. (This intention was made clear in Section 1264 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 16452.) However, in 18 CFR 366.3(c), the Commission has allowed for waivers from related requirements for any holding company with respect to one or more of the following: (1) Single-state holding company systems; (2) holding companies that own generating facilities that total 100 MW or less in size, and are used fundamentally for their own load or for sales to affiliated end-users; or (3) investors in independent transmission-only companies.

Entities meeting these criteria may file a FERC-65B pursuant to the notification procedures contained in 18 CFR 366.4 to obtain a waiver. Filings may be made in hardcopy or electronically through the Commission's Web site.

Action: The Commission is requesting three-year extensions of the current expiration dates, with no changes to the existing collections of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for these collections are estimated as:

| FERC Data collection | Number of respondents annually | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1)×(2)×(3) |
| FERC-65 (Notification) | 30 | 1 | 3 | 90 |
| FERC-65A (Exemption) | 10 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| FERC-65B (Waiver) | 10 | 1 | 1 | 10 |

Estimated costs to respondents are:

1. For FERC-65, \$5,468. [90 hours divided by 2080 hours² per year, times \$126,384³ equals \$5,468.54]. The average cost per respondent is \$182.28.
2. For FERC-65A, \$607.62. [10 hours divided by 2080 hours² per year, times \$126,384³ equals \$607.62]. The average cost per respondent is \$60.76.
3. For FERC-65B, \$607.62. [10 hours divided by 2080 hours² per year, times \$126,384³ equals \$607.62]. The average cost per respondent is \$60.76.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3701-089]

Tieton Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 15, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of license to delete certain non-jurisdictional transmission facilities from license.

b. *Project No:* 3701-089.

c. *Date Filed:* November 17, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Tieton Hydropower, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Tieton Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Tieton Dam and Reservoir on the Tieton River in Yakima County, Washington.

g. *Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Chad Ross, Tieton Hydropower, LLC, 925 N Fairgrounds Road, Goldendale, Washington 98206. Tel: (509) 773-4900.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Ms. Kelly Houff at (202) 502-6393, or e-mail address: Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* February 17, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number P-3701-089 on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission

to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request:* Tieton Hydropower, LLC proposes to delete from the license, a 21-mile-long 115-kV transmission line extending from the Tieton Project to the PacifiCorp Tieton Substation, and the substation originally included in the Tieton Project description. According to the licensee, the line and substation will no longer be primary transmission facilities transmitting power solely for the Tieton Project, but will be used for the transmission of non-Tieton Project power.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3372 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must

² Number of hours an employee works each year.

³ Average annual salary per employee.