

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Transformation of the 56th Brigade, Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG), Into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT)**

AGENCY: National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of the Army (DA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: It is the intent of the National Guard Bureau and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement addressing the proposed action of the transformation of the PAARNG's 56th Brigade into an SBCT. The purpose is to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the action.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties can direct inquiries or furnish written comments or materials to Captain Patricia Rickard, SBCT Transformation EIS Project Officer, Environmental Section, 1119 Utility Road, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002; phone: (717) 861-2580; or to Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Cleaver, NGTC-FTIG Public Affairs Officer, PADMVA Headquarters, Building 0-47, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002; phone: (717) 861-8468.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Amy Calder, NEPA Team Leader, National Guard Bureau, Environmental Programs Division, 111 South George Mason Drive, Arlington VA 22204; phone: (703) 607-7971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 12, 2001, the Secretary of the Army identified the 56th Brigade as one of six brigades designated for conversion to an SBCT. The purpose of this action is to enable the 56th Brigade to transform to achieve the force characteristics associated with the Army Transformation Plan. The requirement for change within the U.S. Army associated with the SBCT is based on the need to address the emerging security challenges of the 21st century. Chief among these challenges is the need to be able to respond more rapidly to different types of operations requiring military actions, including the ability to put a combat force anywhere in the world within 96 hours. World-wide deployment would utilize the C-130 transport aircraft, or aircraft with similar transport capabilities, to achieve this rapid deployment objective. The transformed force would rely on improved ground mobility and dramatically increased intelligence information and command and control

capabilities. To support the increased mobility, the SBCT initiative incorporates the Stryker Interim Armored Vehicle (IAV) to transport troops over a variety of terrain and bring to the battlefield an assortment of equipment and armaments. Proficiency training for members of the 56th brigade will require the use of training facilities and ranges to maintain readiness levels as an SBCT. These facilities include such elements as electronic and training facilities for computer equipment, weapons firing ranges, and troop and vehicle maneuver areas. This proficiency training will occur under Inactive Duty Training (IDT) that consists of weekend drills and a multi-week Annual Training (AT) period. Readiness Centers (*i.e.*, Armories) are spread across the State of Pennsylvania and support local IDT events. The National Guard Training Center-Fort Indiantown Gap (NGTC-FTIG) in Annville, Pennsylvania, has historically been used to provide training for members of the 56th Brigade and offers an assortment of firing ranges and other types of facilities that can be used for IDT events and certain limited AT applications. Fort Pickett, Virginia, has historically been used for AT events. Other U.S. Army installations which could be used to support IDT or AT events include Fort A P Hill, Virginia; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Fort Drum, New York; and Ravenna Training and Logistic Site, Ohio.

Alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIS include:

(1) The preferred project alternative under which transformation of the 56th Brigade into an SBCT would be implemented and would include six critical elements. These elements are administrative reorganization of the 56th Brigade into an SBCT; upgrades to information technology infrastructure to support digital training needs of the SBCT; initial equipment and soldier training at existing facilities; fielding of the Stryker IAV and associated new equipment; improvements to and consolidation of Statewide facilities (*i.e.*, Readiness Centers, Organizational Maintenance Shops); and construction of new ranges and training facilities to support IDT and AT events at NGTC-FTIG and Fort Pickett.

(2) The no action alternative under which the 56th Brigade would not transform into an SBCT unit and would not be responsive to the Secretary of the Army's directive. The 56th Brigade would retain its current mission, unit structure, and training approach.

Any other viable alternatives that become evident as a result of public input and environmental analysis of the

proposals within the plan will be developed and included in the EIS. Other alternatives may consist of alternative locations for specific projects, partial implementation of specific projects, or other modifications of specific projects.

Public scoping meetings will be held at three locations: (1) State Capitol in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, (2) the vicinity of NGTC-FTIG, and (3) the vicinity of Fort Pickett, Virginia, to facilitate input to the EIS process by citizens and organizations. Dates, times and exact locations for these meetings will be announced through letters, public notices, display advertisements, and legal advertisements and will be released to newspapers of general circulation a minimum of 15 days prior to the meetings. Those wishing to provide information or data relevant to the environmental analysis of the proposed action or potential alternatives are encouraged to do so at the public scoping meetings.

Dated: December 9, 2003.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health)*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. Navy Case No. 82,405, entitled "Surface Coating for Particle Based Bioanalytical Techniques" and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/457,705, entitled "Fluidic Force Discrimination", Navy Case No. 84,529.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information about the inventions 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: Jane Kuhl, 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: kuhl@nrl.navy.mil or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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

Dated: December 9, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; CorActive High Tech, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to CorActive High Tech, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the field of chalcogenide optical fibers in the United States and certain foreign countries, the Government-owned inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 5,735,927: Method for Producing Core/Cladding Glass Optical Fiber Preforms Using Hot Isostatic Pressing; Navy Case No. 76,989//U.S. Patent No. 5,778,125: Optical Fiber Terminations, Navy Case No. 77,790//U.S. Patent No. 5,779,757: Process for Removing Hydrogen and Carbon Impurities from Glasses by Adding a Tellurium Halide, Navy Case No. 77,216//U.S. Patent No. 5,879,426: Process for Making Optical Fibers from Core and Cladding Glass Rods, Navy Case No. 77,577//U.S. Patent No. 5,900,036: Multi-Cylinder Apparatus for Making Optical Fibers, Process and Product, Navy Case No. 76,981//U.S. Patent No. 5,953,478: Metal-Coated IR-transmitting Chalcogenide Glass Fibers, Navy Case No. 77,806//U.S. Patent No. 6,021,649: Apparatus for Making Optical Fibers from Core and Cladding Glass Rods with Two Coaxial Molten Glass Flows, Navy Case No. 79,632//U.S. Patent No. 6,175,678: Infrared Fiber Imager, Navy Case No. 79,823//U.S. Patent No. 6,526,782: Multi-Heating Zone Apparatus and Process for Making Core/Clad Glass Fibers, Navy Case No. 82,941//U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/632,210: Hollow Core Photonic Band Gap (HCPBG) Infrared Fiber Sensors, Navy Case No. 84,395.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written

objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than December 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jane F. Kuhl, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230. Due to U.S. Postal delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, E-Mail: kuhl@nrl.navy.mil or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER04-220-000, et al.]

NEO California Power LLC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

December 5, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. NEO California Power LLC

[Docket No. ER04-220-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 2003, NEO California Power LLC (NEO California) tendered for filing Schedule A (Contract Service Limits for the 2004 Contract Year), associated with a Must-Run Service Agreement (RMR Agreement) between NEO California and the California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Comment Date: December 12, 2003.

2. CPV Milford, LLC

[Docket No. ER04-222-001]

Take notice that on December 3, 2003, CPV Milford, LLC tendered for filing an amendment to its application for authorization to sell energy, capacity, and ancillary services and to provide asset management services at market-based rates pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Comment Date: December 15, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL04-31-000, et al.]

Quest Energy, L.L.C., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

December 4, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Quest Energy, L.L.C. v. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. EL04-31-000]

Take notice that on December 2, 2003, Quest Energy, L.L.C. filed a Complaint against The Detroit Edison Company (DTE), seeking compensation for Imbalance Services provided pursuant to the DTE Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment Date: December 22, 2003.