

eliminating or avoiding program complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs, and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes: (a) discussion sessions on implementing the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and their impact on all Title IV programs, in particular, examining long-term issues that are central to the federal role of providing access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students, and (b) progress to date on distance education and Gear Up. In addition, the Committee will discuss its plans for the remainder of fiscal year 2000 and address other Committee business. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov or Tracy_Deanne_Jones@ED.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Monday, April 3, 2000.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Boston, Massachusetts on April 12, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m., and on April 13, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 601, Washington, DC from the hours of 9:00

a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Brian K. Fitzgerald,

Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: This notice is being issued under the authority of Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160). The Department is providing notice of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States of America and the Republic of South Africa.

This subsequent arrangement concerns the cropping and transfer of 49 U.S.-origin spent fuel elements consisting of 5700.1 grams of uranium, of which 4276.6 grams of the isotope U-235 is 90 percent enriched, from the Pelindaba Safari Reactor storage facility to the Thabana Pipe Storage facility for long-term storage. The transfer, cropping and storage of the 49 fuel elements will be done under IAEA supervision and will take no longer than 2 months to complete. The purpose of the transfer is to alleviate the shortage of storage space at the Pelindaba Safari Reactor facility.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

For the Department of Energy.

Trisha Dedik,

Director, International Policy and Analysis Division for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13909—Petroleum Industries Vision of the Future

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID), is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of the domestic downstream (refining) sector of the Petroleum Industry. The research is to address downstream (refining) research priorities identified by the Petroleum Industry in the areas of Energy and Process Efficiency, Materials and Inspection Technology and Environmental Performance.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of full applications is May 17, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U. S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Carol Van Lente [DE-PS07-00ID13909], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Van Lente, Contract Specialist, by facsimile at (208) 526-5548, e-mail: vanlenc1@id.doe.gov, or by telephone at (208) 526-1534, Dallas L. Hoffer, Contracting Officer at hofferdl@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Petroleum Vision and Roadmap are located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/petroleum/>. Approximately \$2,250,000 of funding will be available to fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making 4 or more cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of three years or less. A minimum 50% non-federal cost share is required for research and development projects over the life of the project. First year cost share can be as low as 30% if subsequent years have sufficient cost share so that non-federal share totals at least 50%. Collaborations between industry, university, and National Laboratory participants are encouraged. The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-00ID13909 is on or about March 17, 2000. The solicitation is available in its full text via the

Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html>. The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-577). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

Issued in Idaho Falls on March 14, 2000.

M.L. Adams,

Branch Chief, Contracts and Assistance Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) by March 22, 2000. The reason for this emergency clearance request is to obtain data needed for responding to requests from the Secretary of Energy and Congress on the impact of interruptible natural gas contracts, which affected home heating oil supplies in the Northeastern United States during January and February 2000.

The Supplementary Information contains the following: (1) The collection number and title; (2) a summary of the collection of information (includes the sponsor (i.e., the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement), response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

DATES: Comments must be filed by March 22, 2000.

ADDRESS: Address comments to the Mr. Erik Godwin, Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Mr. Godwin may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-3084. Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address immediately below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at (202) 426-1103, FAX at (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at Herbert.Miller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-903, "Natural Gas Service Interruptions in the Northeast during January and February 2000".

2. The Energy Information Administration plans to collect information in four parts from 34 natural gas companies who deliver natural gas (i.e., have natural gas service arrangements) to consumers in the Northeast.

Part I requests information on interruptions of any firm service arrangements during January and February 2000. Part II requests information on selected characteristics of interruptible service arrangements. Part III requests baseline monthly and weekly information for those categories of service which were interrupted during January and February 2000. Part IV requests information on customers who were interrupted. This is a new survey and a new OMB number is being requested. The response obligation will be mandatory.

3. The data are needed to respond to a request from the Secretary of Energy and Congress to jointly conduct a study on the impact of interruptible contracts on home heating oil supplies in the Northeast, during January and February 2000.

4. Respondents will be 34 natural gas companies who deliver natural gas to consumers.

5. The reporting burden is expected to be 680 hours. (34 respondents \times 1 response \times 20 hours)

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., March 16, 2000.

Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Office, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-214-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 2000.

Take notice that on March 8, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket, bear a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

ESNG states that the purpose of this instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to storage services purchased from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) under its Rate Schedules GSS and LSS and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) under its Rate Schedules SST and FSS. The costs of the above referenced storage services comprise the rates and charges payable under ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS, LSS and CFSS. This tracking filing is being made pursuant to Section 3 of ESNG's Rate Schedules GSS, LSS and CFSS.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the