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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.999B]

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), Data Reporting Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1996

Purpose of Program: To encourage eligible parties to conduct analyses of the data from NAEP and the NAEP High School Transcript Studies (Transcript Studies) in order to—

1. Expand the available information about the academic achievement of U.S. children in public and non-public schools who are in the fourth, eighth or twelfth grade;

2. Use existing approaches and develop new ideas for analyzing and reporting the information contained in NAEP and the Transcript Studies; and

3. Apply state-of-the-art techniques that have not previously been applied to the analysis and reporting of NAEP and Transcript Studies data.

NAEP is authorized by Section 411 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act (20 U.S.C. 9010).

Eligible Applicants: This competition is open to all public or private organizations and consortia of organizations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 29, 1996.

Applications Available: March 18, 1996.

Available Funds: Up to \$700,000.

Applicants should note that Congress has not yet enacted final appropriations for Department of Education programs for fiscal year 1996. As a result of final action, funds available for this competition could be reduced or even eliminated.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$15,000–\$90,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$75,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 5–10.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 18 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The final regulations for

Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Evaluation of Application for Grants and Cooperative Agreements and Proposals for Contracts, published in the Federal Register on September 14, 1995 (60 FR 47808) and to be codified at 34 CFR Part 700.

Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1

Projects that address the instructional factors, family background factors, and school and teacher characteristics that the educational research literature suggests are correlates of academic performance.

Invitational Priority 2

Projects that include the development of statistical software that would allow more advanced analytic techniques to be readily applied to NAEP data.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 700.30. Under this regulation, the Secretary will announce the applicable evaluation criteria and the assigned weights in the application package.

For Applications or Information Contact: Alex Sedlacek, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Room 404B, 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-5653. Telephone: (202) 219-1734. Internet: (alex__sedlacek@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>).

However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9010.

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of School-to-Work Opportunities; Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities; Notice of Open Meetings

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities was established by the Departments of Education and Labor to advise the Departments on implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The Council shall assess the progress of School-to-Work Opportunities systems development and program implementation; make recommendations regarding progress and implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities initiative; advise on the effectiveness of the new Federal role in providing venture capital to States and localities to develop School-to-Work systems and act as advocates for implementing the School-to-Work framework on behalf of their stakeholders.

TIME AND PLACE: The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities will have an open meeting on Thursday, March 28, 1996 from 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 29 from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. at the Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets NW., Washington, DC 20005. During the interim, Council members will work in small groups to develop and present strategic plans for the consideration of the whole Council.

AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting on Thursday, March 28 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. will include opening remarks, an overview of the role of the Advisory Council and introduction of participants. The agenda for the meeting on Friday, March 29 from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. will include reports from the various work groups, a conference summary and a discussion of future actions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meetings on Thursday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. and on Friday, March 29, from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. will be open to the public. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities in

need of special accommodations should contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO), listed below, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: JD Hoyer, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities, Office of School-to-Work Opportunities, 400 Virginia Avenue SW., Room 210, Washington, DC 202/401-6222, (This is not a toll free number.)

Signed at Washington, DC, this 7th day of March 1996.

Timothy M. Barnicle,
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Patricia W. McNeil,
Assistant Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-219-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 7, 1996.

Take notice that on February 29, 1996, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), 350 Park Lane, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275, filed in Docket CP96-219-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to install one delivery tap under Equitrans's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-508-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Equitrans proposes to install one delivery tap in the town of Elrama, Pennsylvania to provide transportation service to Equitable Gas Company. Equitrans projects the quantity of gas to be delivered through the delivery tap will be approximately 6,000 Dth on a peak day.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to

be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-225-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

March 7, 1996.

Take notice that on March 4, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP96-225-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations thereunder, for permission to abandon certain inactive sections of its Pensacola Lateral (Index 301-8), located in Baldwin County, Alabama, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch proposes to abandon by removal approximately 1,490 feet of 12-inch pipeline and abandon in place approximately 650 feet of 12-inch pipeline including all valves and appurtenances, located in Baldwin County, Alabama. Koch states that these segments of pipeline are part of facilities that were originally constructed to provide service to the Pensacola market area and that these two segments of pipeline are currently inactive. It is indicated that Index 301-8 was certificated in FPC Docket No. G-232, pursuant to Koch's grandfather certificate. It is further indicated that Koch abandoned a segment of its Index 301-8 due to its condition in Docket No. CP89-274-000. Koch further states that it currently provides a majority of its service to the Pensacola market area through two parallel transmission lines and that these newer and larger lines have adequate capacity to handle Koch's current commitments in this vicinity.

Koch states that the abandonment proposed herein will not affect service to any existing Koch customer, will not result in the reduction in the volumes of gas serving the Pensacola area, will eliminate the hazards and risks that are associated with operating deteriorated

pipe, and will reduce operating and maintenance expenses.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before March 28, 1996 file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it 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 to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition 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 this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if 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 Koch to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-162-000]

Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Section 4 Filing

March 7, 1996.

Take notice that on March 1, 1996, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) tendered for filing pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, a notice of termination of gathering service on specified gathering and transmission facilities in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. Questar requests that the termination of service be effective March 1, 1996.