

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COPIES OF THE PATENTS LISTED CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its

statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision

Title: Applications for Seven Foreign

Language and Area Studies Programs

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: Individuals or

households; Not-for-profit institutions

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping

Hour Burden:

Responses: 575

Burden Hours: 55,640

Abstract: Collect program and budget information to evaluate grant applications by institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations and individuals. Collected information will be used to make grant awards under seven international education programs.

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the National Education Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: March 21, 1996, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 22, 1996, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: On March 21, the meeting will be held in the Stauffer Auditorium,

Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. On March 22, the meeting will be held in the John Hemphill Board Room, Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development/WestEd, 730 Harrison Street, San Francisco, CA 94107-1242.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Christensen, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2065; Fax: (202) 219-1528. Internet: John—Christensen@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994 (the Act). The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (the Office) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The Act directs the Board to provide guidance to the Congress in its oversight of the Office; to advise the United States on the Federal educational research and development effort; and to solicit advice from practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to define research needs and suggestions for research topics. The meeting of the Board is open to the public.

The agenda for both days will provide an opportunity for the Board to solicit recommendations from education researchers, teachers, school administrators and others on priorities for the investment of the resources of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement for the next 5-, 10-, and 15-year periods. This meeting continues the Board's program of consultation with the public prior to the publication of a Research Priorities Plan. A final agenda will be available from the Board's office on March 12, 1996.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP94-260-003]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Amended Application

February 27, 1996.

Take notice that on February 20, 1996, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 1284 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, Massachusetts 02135, filed in Docket No. CP94-260-003 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend its authorized initial rate under Rate Schedule AFT-CL, for service to Canal Electric Company and Montaup Electric Company (collectively referred to as Canal Electric) to reflect increased estimated cost of facilities not yet in service, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Algonquin states that on April 19, 1995, the Commission authorized Algonquin to construct and operate approximately 4 miles of 18-inch pipeline, a new meter station and appurtenant facilities and to provide firm transportation service to Canal Electric of up to 75,000 MMBtu per day under a separately-stated incremental rate schedule under Algonquin's Part 284 open-access transportation certificate.¹ Algonquin indicates that the estimated cost of the facilities has risen from approximately \$7.5 million to approximately \$8.3 million.

Algonquin asserts that since it filed its application certain events have contributed to the increased estimated cost for these facilities. Algonquin states that actual experience indicates that company and consulting cost to acquire permits and other approvals will be higher than expected. Algonquin also states that the estimated installation cost is also higher in large part due to changed construction schedules and a change to the proposed in-service date.

Algonquin now seeks to charge an initial rate consisting of a one-part maximum monthly demand charge of \$2.4132 per MMBtu, effective upon the commencement of service. Algonquin claims that this initial rate is based upon the same general methodology approved in the April 19, 1995 order and upon the settlement cost of service parameters approved in Algonquin's rate case in Docket No. RP93-14.

Algonquin also states that, in addition to the change for the estimated facility

cost, its Exhibit P to the March 2, 1994 application contained an erroneous assumption that results in a minor change to the authorized initial rate, when corrected. Algonquin contends that in the original filing it was assumed that the meter station would be located on land owned in fee instead of under easement. Algonquin further states the Exhibit P included in the amended application contains workpapers showing the effect on the authorized rate if land cost is correctly reflected in the rate calculation.

Additionally, Algonquin states that the pipeline and related facilities are proposed to be placed in service on or around April 1, 1996, to synchronize with Canal Electric's start-up requirements.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amended application should on or before March 19, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion 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 the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation 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 or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion 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 Algonquin to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-147-000]

Equitrans, L.P., Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 27, 1996.

Take notice that on February 23, 1996, Equitrans, L.P., (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following proposed tariff sheets, with an effective date on March 1, 1996:

Third Revised Sheet Nos. 41-43
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 47-49
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 53-55
First Revised Sheets No. 220
Original Sheet Nos. 220A-220C
First Revised Sheets Nos. 223-224
Second Revised Sheet No. 225

Equitrans states that it is making this filing in accordance with the Commission's "Order on Storage Operations Report" issued on January 23, 1996. 74 FERC ¶ 61,054. Equitrans proposes to implement late winter deliverability ratchets, on the peaking storage services which Equitrans' offers under Rate Schedules 10SS, 30SS, and 60SS. Equitrans states that withdrawals will be reduced first for Rate Schedule 10SS service at a total inventory level of 44,140 MMcf followed by Rate Schedule 30SS withdrawals at an inventory level of 37,000 MMcf, and finally Rate Schedule 60SS withdrawals at a total inventory level of 31,990 MMcf.

Equitrans requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to permit the tariff sheets to take effect on March 1, 1996.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceeding. 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

¹ 71 FERC ¶ 61,060 (1995).