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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 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Management Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Emergency.

Title: Application for Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program.

Abstract: The information is required of institutions of higher education designated as Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Qualified Graduate Programs, Title III, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the evaluation process to determine whether proposed activities are consistent with legislated activities and to determine dollar share of Congressional appropriation.

Additional Information: This grant program is authorized for institutions, higher education to improve financial management and strengthen the academic programs of institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 115.

Burden Hours: 2,106.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Office of Postsecondary Education;
William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education announces the interest rates for variable rate loans made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara F. Grayson, Program Specialist, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Policy Development Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3045, ROB-3, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 708-8242. Individuals

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The formulas for determining the interest rates for Direct Loan Program loans are provided under section 455 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (the Act) (20 U.S.C. 1087e), and as codified in 34 CFR 685.202(a) and 685.215(g). Section 455(b) of the Act provides that a variable interest rate applies to loans made under the Direct Loan Program and disbursed on or after July 1, 1994. The variable rate is determined annually and applies for each 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. For Federal Direct Stafford/Ford (Direct Subsidized) and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford (Direct Unsubsidized) Loans, and Federal Direct Subsidized and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans, the interest rate may not exceed 8.25 percent. For Federal Direct PLUS and Federal Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans, the interest rate may not exceed 9 percent.

Interest Rates for Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, Direct Subsidized Consolidation, and Direct Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans

Loans first disbursed prior to July 1, 1995. Pursuant to section 455(b)(1) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, to be 8.25 percent.

Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 1995. (a) During the in-school, grace, and deferment periods. Pursuant to section 455(b)(2) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, to be 7.66 percent.

(b) During all other periods. Pursuant to section 455(b)(1) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, to be 8.25 percent.

Interest Rates for Direct PLUS and Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans

Pursuant to section 455(b)(4) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary has determined the interest rate for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, to be 8.98 percent. (20 U.S.C. 1087e)

Dated: June 13, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 97-37-NG]

Office of Fossil Energy; Coastal Gas Marketing Company; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Coastal Gas Marketing Company (CGM) a ten-year authorization to import from Canada up to 49 MMcf per day of natural gas beginning on November 1, 1998. This natural gas will be purchased from five Canadian producers and may be imported near St. Clair, Michigan, or at alternative border points where transportation facilities are accessible by CGM.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export

Activities Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0350, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. June 24, 1997.

Wayne E. Peters,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket Nos. 95-27-NG, 89-88-NG, 90-100-NG, 97-24-NG, and 97-39-NG]

Koch Energy Trading, Inc., KCS Energy Marketing, Inc., Aquila Energy Marketing Corporation, Aquila Energy Marketing Corporation, and UsGen Power Service; Orders Granting, Transferring and Vacating Blanket Authorizations To Import and/or Export Natural Gas

[FE Docket Nos. 95-27-NG, 89-88-NG, 90-100-NG, 97-24-NG, and 97-39-NG]

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders authorizing, transferring and/or vacating various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 24, 1997.

Wayne E. Peters,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

APPENDIX—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
1047-A	05/06/97	Koch Energy Trading, Inc. (Formerly Koch Gas Services Company) 95-27-NG.	.....	.....	Name change.
427-B	05/09/97	KCS Energy Marketing, Inc. 89-88-NG .....	.....	.....	Vacated.
474-B	05/09/97	Aquila Energy Marketing Corporation 90-100-NG .....	.....	.....	Vacated.
1273	05/09/97	Aquila Energy Marketing Corporation 97-24-NG .....	.....	200 Bcf	Export to Canada.
				200 Bcf	Export to Mexico.
1274	05/22/97	USGen Power Service 97-39-NG	146 Bcf		Import/export combined total from and to Canada.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Article VIII.C of the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, signed April 4, 1972, as

amended, The American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) hereby jointly determine that the provisions in Article XI of that Agreement may be effectively applied in respect of the plan proposed by TECRO in October 1996, as modified by a letter of February 27, 1997, for the alteration in form or content of irradiated fuel elements at the hot laboratory of the Institute of Nuclear Energy Research, Lungtan, Taiwan. The facility is hereby found acceptable to both parties pursuant to Article VIII(C) of the Agreement for the sole purpose of

alteration in form or content of irradiated fuel elements for the period ending December 31, 2005.

In accordance with section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been 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.

Dated: June 23, 1997.