forbearance be approved for the national service. The Corporation's role is to verify that the borrower is an AmeriCorps member and is eligible for this mandatory forbearance on qualified student loans. An AmeriCorps member completes one part of the form and sends it to the office of the National Service Trust. The Trust provides written verification that the borrower is in an approved national service position, then forwards the form to the loan holder at the address provided by the AmeriCorps member. The loan holder will act upon the request.

This form has been adopted by many of the larger loan holders (e.g., Sallie Mae) and is given to their borrowers with the loan holders' own logos at the top of the form. Indeed, the form was originally developed with the assistance of Sallie Mae and representatives of several student loan associations. Having a separate form for forbearance based on AmeriCorps service clearly distinguishes it from forbearance requests based on one of the other conditions for which a borrower may be eligible (e.g., military service, employment in certain low income areas, student status).

Several other loan holders have chosen to modify their own existing forbearance request forms by including an additional option— ''AmeriCorps service'' or ''national service'' —to the choices already available. The Corporation verifies national service participation using all types of forms presented to it, on a loan holder's unique form as well as the OMB approved form.

The form needs some minor revisions. First, we propose changing the name of the form to better reflect its actual purpose—it is a form used by a borrower to request forbearance on a qualified student loan based on involvement in national service. Experience has shown that the form could use a more useful set of instructions for explaining the process for requesting forbearance and for completing the form.

The Corporation seeks to continue using this particular form, albeit in a revised version. This is a voluntary form. It is one way to provide verification to a loan holder that one of its borrowers is eligible for the mandatory forbearance, at the same time allowing the borrower to request the forbearance from the loan company. The Corporation will continue its policy of verifying AmeriCorps participation on any form the loan holder wishes to use. The current form (*Federal Education Loan Forbearance Request*) is due to expire September 30, 1998.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: (Proposed new title) Forbearance Request for National Service.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: AmeriCorps participants and the holders of their qualified student loans.

Total Respondents: 6,000 annually.

Frequency: Average of once per year per loan.

Average Time Per Response: One minute for the AmeriCorps member to complete the form.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 100 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

B. Interest Accrual—new form.

The Corporation pays all or a portion of the interest that accrues during a period of national service for those who successfully complete their service and have had their loans in forbearance during the service. Currently, AmeriCorps members ask their loan holders to report to the Corporation the amount of interest that accrued on their qualified student loans while they were in their national service position. When the Corporation receives this information, it is reviewed for accuracy and is either paid or returned to the loan holder for additional information.

This information comes to the Corporation is many formats, with varying degrees of clarity and accuracy. Frequently, an amount of interest is reported without any accompanying dates—there is no indication of the period of time upon which the calculation was based. The Corporation can only pay the interest that accrued while the borrower was in the AmeriCorps program and the amount of interest the loan holder reports includes interest that began accruing well before or well after the national service period. Many times the Corporation receives from a loan holder a printout of the member's account, from which it is difficult or impossible to deduce the amount of interest that accrued during the service period. Sometimes the information from the loan holder reports interest that has accrued, but it is for a period of time that is different from the service period.

This proposed form is intended to obtain clear and accurate information from loan holders in order to expedite the interest payments for AmeriCorps members. Members will complete the top section and indicate their dates of service. Then, they will mail the form to their loan holders where they will indicate the total amount of interest that accrued between those dates (or indicate a daily accrual amount), fill in the address where the payment should be sent, and return the form to the National Service Trust for payment.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Interest Accrual.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: AmeriCorps members and the holders of their qualified student loans.

Total Respondents: 6,000 annually.

Frequency: Average of once per year per loan.

Average Time Per Response: 2½ minutes, total (one minute for the AmeriCorps member to complete the form and one and a half minutes for the loan holder).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 250 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Thomas L. Bryant,

Associate General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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: May 27, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Federal Pell Grant Program Institution Payment Record and Payment Data.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or other for-profits; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 5,918.

Burden Hours: 355,080.

Abstract: The Federal Pell Grant Program provides grants to eligible students based on financial need to meet the costs of postsecondary education. The institution payment record and payment data is how the institution reports to the Department student recipients and the funds to be disbursed under the program.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Establish the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee

Pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101–6.1015(a), this is notice of intent to establish the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee. This intent to establish follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR Subpart 101–6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy and the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology with advice, information, and recommendations on national research needs and priorities. The Committee will provide an organized forum for the scientific community to conduct an in-depth assessment of the Nuclear Energy Research Programs.

Committee members will be chosen to ensure an appropriately balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints including representatives from universities, industry, Department of Energy operating contractors, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the Committee. All meetings of this Committee will be published ahead of time in the **Federal Register**.

Additionally, the establishment of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee has been determined to be compelled by considerations of national security, essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business, and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law and agreement.

Further information regarding this Committee may be obtained from Mr. William D. Magwood, IV, Associate Director of Planning and Analysis, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, phone (202) 586–6630.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 30, 1998.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board, Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: State Energy Advisory Board.

Date and Time: May 14, 1998 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and May 15, 1998 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Place: The Southgate Tower, 371 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001. 212–563–1800.

Contact: William J. Raup, Office of Building Technology, State, and Community Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586–2214.

Purpose of the Board

To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101–440).

Tentative Agenda

Briefings on, and discussions of:

- Federal efforts to market energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.
- Issues related to Electric Utility Industry restructuring and financing.
- Relationships between DOE Regional Support Offices and DOE headquarters offices.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with