

Basin Commission, other participants that will be involved in the study and DEIS process includes the following: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Geological Survey; Natural Resource Conservation Service; and New York Department of Environmental Conservation. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

8. The DEIS is tentatively scheduled to be available for public review in April of 2000.

Dr. James F. Johnson,

Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., 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 Acting 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.

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.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Title I State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Title VI-Part C Supplemental for Supported Employment Services.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 82; Burden Hours: 1,002,050.

Abstract: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and its implementing regulations at 34 CFR parts 361 and 363 require each of the 82 State vocational rehabilitation agencies to submit a three-year State plan for vocational rehabilitation services and a supplement to the plan for supported employment services. Program funding is contingent on Departmental approval of the plan and its supplement.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

Linda Tague,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Public Hearings on a Comprehensive National Energy Strategy

AGENCY: Office of Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: On January 15, 1998 the Department of Energy published **Federal Register** Notice: 63 FR 2371 announcing a series of public hearings to solicit input from state and local officials, utility representatives, industry representatives, public interest groups and other interested parties in the development of a statutorily required national energy policy plan, hereinafter referred to as the "Comprehensive National Energy Strategy" or "CNES." This is a *supplemental notice* to provide additional information on the hearing locations, mechanisms, (i.e. website address and fax numbers), for obtaining a copy of the draft Comprehensive National Energy Strategy and deadline for public comments. The CNES is based on a framework of goals, objectives, and strategies that will enable the Nation to sustain an economically competitive, environmentally responsible, and secure energy sector into the next century. The Department also invites interested parties to submit written comments for use in developing the CNES.

DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Houston, Texas. February 12, 1998. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., George Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Hearing Chair—Elizabeth A. Moler, Deputy Secretary of Energy

Davis, California. February 13, 1998. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., University of California at Davis, University Club Building, Club Room One, Hearing Chair—Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary of Energy

Washington, D.C. February 19, 1998. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., U.S. Department of Energy—Main Auditorium, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Hearing Chair—Federico F. Peña, Secretary of Energy

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to the U.S. Department of Energy,

ATTN: CNES-Hearings (PO-4), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Room 7B-044, Washington, D.C. 20585 or by fax to 202-737-0219 or 202-586-4025 or via the INTERNET at <http://www.eren.doe.gov>. COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the public hearings, participation or written submissions, please visit the website at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/nes.html> or send fax inquiries to CNES-HEARINGS at 202-737-0219 or 202-586-4025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 801 of the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 requires the President to submit a National Energy Policy Plan to Congress. The President plans to submit a National Energy Policy Plan to Congress in 1998. Section 801 also states that the President shall "seek the active participation by regional, State, and local agencies and instrumentalities and the private sector through public hearings in cities and rural communities and other appropriate means to insure that the views and proposals of all segments of the economy are taken into account in the formulation and review of such proposed Plan."

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive National Energy Strategy follows this notice.

The hearings are expected to elicit public input on any aspect of the framework, including suggestions for additional detail to accompany the strategies. The five basic goals in the proposed CNES are:

- Goal I. Improve the efficiency of the energy system—making more productive use of energy resources to enhance overall economic performance while protecting the environment and advancing national security.
- Goal II. Ensure against energy disruptions—protecting our economy from external threat of interrupted supplies or infrastructure failure.
- Goal III. Promote energy production and use in ways that reflect human health and environmental values—improving our health and local, regional, and global environmental quality.
- Goal IV. Expand future energy choices—pursuing continued progress in science and technology to provide future generations with a robust portfolio of clean and inexpensive energy sources.
- Goal V. Cooperate internationally on global issues—developing the means to address global economic, security, and environmental concerns.

Participants wishing to speak at the hearings must register on-site. The speaker registry will open one-half hour before each hearing. Although it is not necessary to confirm your attendance in advance, you may notify the Department of your intention to participate by fax or by mail at the address printed above.

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Robert W. Gee,

Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation

DATES: Wednesday, March 4, 1998, 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ramada Inn, 420 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marianne Heiskell, Ex-Officio Officer, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-0314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

A business meeting will be conducted with no technical presentation provided.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Marianne Heiskell at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal

Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments near the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Marianne Heiskell, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-0314.

Issued at Washington, DC on February 11, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1677-000]

Arizona Public Service Company, Notice of Filing

February 11, 1998.

Take notice that on February 2, 1998, Arizona Public Service Company (APS), tendered for filing revised Service Agreements providing Network Integration Transmission Service under APS' Open Access Transmission Tariff to the Arizona Public Service Company—Merchant Group and Ajo Improvement Company.

A copy of this filing has been served on APS' Merchant Group, AJO Improvement Company and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18