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Dated: March 11, 1999.

Patrick J. Sherrill,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Consolidated State Performance Report and State Self-Review.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 53.

Burden Hours: 207,514.

Abstract: This information collection package contains two related parts: the Consolidated State Performance Report and State Self-Review. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in general, and its provision for submission of consolidated plans, in particular (see section 14302 of the ESEA), emphasize the importance of cross-program coordination and integration of federal programs into educational activities carried out with State and local funds. States would use both instruments for reporting on activities that occur during the 1999–2000 school year and, if the ESEA when reauthorized does not become effective for the 2000–2001 school year, for that year as well. The documents allow State and local officials and educators to see at one time the full scope of their general reporting (and corresponding data collection) responsibilities, and promotes the Department's interests in (1) receiving essential information on how States have implemented their approved consolidated State plans and (2) promoting the Department's ability to provide assistance to States on how they may be able to use federal funds most effectively. The State Self-Review would be completed by those States (approximately 18 per year) that are the object of an Office of Elementary and

Secondary Education integrated program review. The information States provide will complement their responses to the Consolidated Performance Report, but also will provide specific information on program implementation that is needed for an effective integrated review. The Department intends that, once the ESEA is reauthorized, it will work actively with the public to revise their content so that they support an integrated information collection system that responds to the new law and better reflects how federal programs help to promote State and local reform efforts.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 25, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review 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. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat—Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202–708–9346.

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 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 Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

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Dated: March 11, 1999.

Patrick J. Sherrill,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Guidance to State Educational Agencies (SEAs) Seeking to Use an Alternative Method to Distribute Title I Funds to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with Fewer Than 20,000 Total Residents.

Abstract: Guidance to SEAs seeking to use an alternative method to distribute Title I funds to LEAs with fewer than 20,000 total residents.

Additional Information: The Department of Education has developed guidance on the use of an alternative method to distribute Title I funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) with fewer than 20,000 total residents, and supporting justification materials, including a copy of the relevant parts of the Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by Pub. L. 103-382.

We are requesting that this package be reviewed and cleared on an emergency basis. ED did not make a decision about allocating Title I Basic and Concentration Grant funds to LEAs until recently.

Frequency: Guidance issued on as needed basis.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 25.

Burden Hours: 25.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 99-08-NG, 89-69-NG et al.]

Office of Fossil Energy; Orders Granting, Amending and Vacating Authorizations To Import and/or Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting,

amending and vacating various natural gas import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 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, DC, on March 9, 1999.

John W. Glynn,

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

APPENDIX—ORDERS GRANTING, AMENDING AND VACATING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATION

[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE docket no.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
1458	02/02/99	Cogen Energy Technology L.P. 99-08-NG	.....	10 Bcf	Import from Canada, beginning on July 1, 1999, and ending on June 30, 2000.
429-B	02/02/99	Cogen Energy Technology L.P. 89-69-NG	.....	.....	Vacating long-term import authority.
1459	02/02/99	Coast Energy Group A Division Of Cornerstone Propane L.P. 99-07-NG.	100 Bcf	100 Bcf	Import combined total from Canada and Mexico, and to export combined total to Canada and Mexico, beginning January 1, 1999, and ending December 31, 2000.
1460	02/05/99	CanWest Gas Supply U.S.A., Inc. 99-10-NG.	400 Bcf		Import and export combined total from and to Canada, beginning on March 1, 1999, and ending on February 28, 2001.
494-E	02/08/99	Sumas Cogeneration Company, L.P. 90-92-NG.	.....	.....	Amending long-term import authority to increase volumes.
1461	02/08/99	Boundary Gas, Inc. 99-09-NG	67.5 Bcf		Import and export combined total from and to Canada, beginning on date of first delivery after February 24, 1999.
1462	02/11/99	Portland Natural Gas Transmission System 99-11-NG.	0.8 Bcf ....	.....	Import from Canada, beginning on date of first delivery.
1463	02/23/99	Stampeder Energy (U.S.) Inc. 99-14-NG ..	100 Bcf 10 Bcf (LNG).	100 Bcf	Import combined total from Canada and Mexico, and to export combined total to Canada and Mexico, and to import LNG from any country beginning March 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001.
1464	02/24/99	British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation 99-12-NG.	14 Bcf		Import and export combined total from and to Canada, beginning on March 1, 1999, through February 28, 2001.
1465	02/24/99	Wisconsin Gas Company 99-13-NG	200 Bcf ....	.....	Import from Canada, beginning on the date of first delivery.
1466	02/26/99	Cabot Oil & Gas Marketing Corporation 99-15-NG.	10 Bcf	Import from Canada, beginning on the date of first delivery after March 31, 1999.

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