

75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

4. **Performance Measures:** Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the Department has established a set of performance measures, including long-term measures, that are designed to yield information on various aspects of the effectiveness and quality of the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program. These measures focus on the extent to which projects provide high-quality products and services, the relevance of project products and services to educational and early intervention policy and practice, and the use of products and services to improve educational and early intervention policy and practice.

Grantees will be required to report information on their project's performance in annual reports to the Department (34 CFR 75.590).

5. **Continuation Awards:** In making a continuation award, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.253, the extent to which a grantee has made "substantial progress toward meeting the objectives in its approved application." This consideration includes the review of a grantee's progress in meeting the targets and projected outcomes in its approved application, and whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

#### VII. Agency Contact

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael F. Slade, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4083, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 245-7527.

If you use a TDD, call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

#### VIII. Other Information

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by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5075, PCP, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 245-7363. If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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**Alexa Posny,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of arbitration panel decisions under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) gives notice that on May 3, 2010, and April 19, 2011, an arbitration panel rendered decisions in the matter of *Art Stevenson v. Oregon Commission for the Blind*, Case no. R-S/07-4. This panel was convened by the Department under 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(a), after the Department received a complaint filed by the petitioner, Art Stevenson.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain a copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decisions from Suzette E. Haynes, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5022, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. Telephone: (202) 245-7374. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf

(TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 6(c) of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (Act), 20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c), the Secretary publishes in the **Federal Register** a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

#### Background

Art Stevenson (Complainant) alleged that the Oregon Commission for the Blind, the State licensing agency (SLA), violated the Act and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 395. Specifically, Complainant alleged that the SLA improperly administered the transfer and promotion policies and procedures of the Oregon Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program in violation of the Act, implementing regulations under the Act, and State rules and regulations in Complainant's bid to manage the Marion County vending route comprised of vending machines at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

On May 1, 2006, the SLA issued a vacancy announcement for the DPSST vending route. While the posting did not indicate that the DPSST campus would be closed, i.e., that trainees would not be permitted to return home on weekends, the SLA communicated this information at an early May meeting with the Blind Enterprise Consumer Committee, of which Complainant was a member. On May 20, 2006, the SLA informed Complainant that his bid had been accepted. On July 27, 2006, Complainant signed a vendor's operating agreement with the SLA to manage the DPSST vending route. Subsequently, on August 1, 2006, Complainant informed the SLA that he would continue to operate his current vending route in Multnomah County (Multnomah) until September 30, 2006.

On August 10, 2006, staff of the SLA informed Complainant that the Multnomah vending route was being put out to bid. On August 22, 2006, a vacancy announcement was sent to all eligible vendors. Another vendor submitted the only bid for the Multnomah vending route and he was awarded the Multnomah vending route contract on September 6, 2006.

On September 28, 2006, Complainant requested from the SLA a two-week extension on relinquishing the Multnomah vending route to the new vendor, citing low sales figures for the DPSST vending route. The SLA agreed to the extension of Complainant's request to delay turning over the Multnomah vending route to the new vendor.

At a meeting on October 3, 2006, a DPSST official informed the blind vendor and SLA for the first time that the DPSST had decided to operate the DPSST facility as an open campus in which trainees were allowed to go home on weekends. At the same time, the SLA learned that the DPSST cafeteria was selling items in competition with Complainant's vending machines.

On October 4, 2006, Complainant filed a grievance with the SLA requesting an administrative review indicating that "there are several issues that must be addressed before I relinquish my current status as the Multnomah County vending route manager." Following Complainant's request for an administrative review, staff of the SLA met with him and suggested alternatives to supplement Complainant's income at DPSST. However, Complainant declined the offer and requested that he be permitted to continue operating the Multnomah vending route. The SLA denied Complainant's request. However, Complainant continued to operate the Multnomah vending route until mid-2008. On June 13, 2008, SLA staff directed Complainant to turn over keys to the Multnomah vending route to the new vendor and Complainant complied with the SLA's request.

Subsequently, Complainant filed for a State fair hearing. The SLA held a State hearing on this matter. The SLA adopted the hearing officer's decision to deny Complainant's request to continue operating the Multnomah vending route as final agency action. It is this decision on which Complainant sought review by a Federal arbitration panel.

#### Arbitration Panel Decisions

After hearing testimony and reviewing all of the evidence, the panel majority ruled on May 3, 2010, that Complainant did not have the right to rescind the August 1, 2006, notice of termination of his operating agreement with the SLA for the Multnomah vending route. The panel majority concluded that the change in circumstances in the DPSST vending route was the result of DPSST's unilateral decision to open the campus. It was undisputed that DPSST decided to open the campus after the bidding

ended and that it did not inform the SLA of this change until after the vendor complained of unexpected low earnings soon after he began operating the vending machines.

Thus, according to the panel, the SLA was not responsible for the change simply because it occurred at the outset of the operation of the DPSST vending route instead of a month or a year into the operation. Moreover, based on information at the time of the bid, Complainant had no reasonable expectation that he would receive sufficient income from just servicing the DPSST vending route—especially since the vacancy announcement for DPSST informed bidders that additional vending would be a significant part of the DPSST vending route. Finally, when the SLA official became aware of the decision to open the campus, he immediately mitigated the impact by offering additional vending and also promptly objected upon learning that the cafeteria was selling similar items.

The panel majority also ruled that Complainant was not entitled to be restored as the manager of the Multnomah vending route. This was based upon the finding that significant inequities would have ensued had Complainant been allowed to rescind his decision to relinquish the Multnomah vending route. By the time the SLA learned of DPSST's change to an open campus, the new vendor at the Multnomah vending route had already incurred significant cost to prepare to service the Multnomah vending route. Therefore, allowing Complainant to retain the Multnomah vending route would have caused real economic harm to the new vendor.

Accordingly, the panel majority concluded that the SLA did not violate the Randolph-Sheppard Act. The panel majority denied Complainant's motion for summary judgment and granted the SLA's motion for summary judgment.

One panel member dissented from the panel majority's decision stating that Complainant had a right to rescind his agreement to operate the Multnomah vending route. This panel member concluded that, if the SLA had acted upon Complainant's rescission request promptly, no additional harm would have occurred to Complainant or the other vendor. As a remedy, this panel member would have awarded damages in an appropriate amount to Complainant for the SLA's failure to rescind his agreement in a timely manner.

On July 27, 2010, following the panel's submitting the final decision to the Department, Complainant submitted to the panel a Request for

Reconsideration. However, the request did not identify any specific issues that remained to be addressed. After consultation, the panel requested by e-mail, dated August 2, 2010, that Complainant articulate the specific issues in his view that were within the panel's jurisdiction under the Randolph-Sheppard Act and identify remaining issues in light of the panel majority's ruling on May 3, 2010.

On August 17, 2010, Complainant responded to the panel with a list of eleven issues. After reviewing the list, the panel majority concluded on April 19, 2011, that Complainant had not presented issues warranting further hearing in this matter. Specifically, the panel determined that it did not have jurisdiction to consider three of the issues because they had not been addressed at the State level first. For the remainder of the issues, the panel determined that they had either already been resolved or were moot. Therefore, Complainant's Request for Reconsideration was denied.

One panel member dissented in part and concurred in part from the panel majority. This panel member dissented stating that Complainant had not waived his right to a hearing on the SLA's alleged inappropriate administration of the Randolph-Sheppard vending facility program regarding the DPSST vending route.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Department.

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**Alexa Posny,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### [Certification Notice—221]

#### Notice of Filings of Self-Certifications of Coal Capability Under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

**AGENCY:** Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Filings.

**SUMMARY:** The owners of three new base load electric powerplants submitted coal capability self-certifications to the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to section 201(d) of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended, and DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61. Section 201(d) of FUA requires DOE to publish a notice of receipt of self-certifications in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of coal capability self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code OE-20, Room 8G-024, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence at (202) 586-5260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title II of FUA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new base load electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source.

Pursuant to FUA section 201(d), in order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such a facility proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify to the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load electric powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with FUA section 201(a) as of the date it is filed with the Secretary. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reciting that the certification has been filed.

The following owners of proposed new base load electric powerplants have filed self-certifications of coal-capability

with DOE pursuant to FUA section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61:

**Owner:** Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, LLC.

**Capacity:** 307 megawatts (MW).

**Plant Location:** Santa Clara County, California.

**In-Service Date:** June 2013.

**Owner:** Russell City Energy Company, LLC.

**Capacity:** 620 megawatts (MW).

**Plant Location:** City of Hayward, California.

**In-Service Date:** June 2013.

**Owner:** El Segundo Energy Center LLC.

**Capacity:** 550 megawatts (MW).

**Plant Location:** City of El Segundo, Los Angeles County, California.

**In-Service Date:** June 2013.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 2, 2011.

**Anthony J. Como,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-519-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

Take notice that on July 20, 2011, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP11-519-000, a request for authority, pursuant to 18 CFR part 157 and section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, to abandon, in place, El Paso's El Paso-Douglas Line (Line No. 1004) in Dona Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico. Specifically, El Paso proposes to abandon approximately 34.2 miles of 12.75-inch diameter pipeline Line No. 1004 and the related appurtenances between the Afton and Florida Compressor Stations. El Paso states that the abandonment of Line No. 1004 will have no impact on capacity and service, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Susan C. Stires, Director, Regulatory Affairs Department, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, CO 80944, telephone no. (719) 667-7514, facsimile no. (719) 667-7534, and e-mail:

[EPMGRegulatoryaffairs@elpaso.com](mailto:EPMGRegulatoryaffairs@elpaso.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in