

without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. These disclosures may be made on a case-by-case basis or, if the Department has complied with the computer matching requirements of the Privacy Act, under a computer matching agreement. Any disclosure of individually identifiable information from a record in this system must also comply with the requirements of section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573) providing for confidentiality standards that apply to all collections, reporting and publication of data by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES).

Contract Disclosure. If the Department contracts with an entity for the purposes of performing any function that requires disclosure of records in this system to employees of the contractor, the Department may disclose the records to those employees. Before entering into such a contract, the Department shall require the contractor to maintain Privacy Act safeguards as required under 5 U.S.C. 552a(m) with respect to the records in the system.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Not applicable to this system notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

The Department maintains records on CD-ROM, and the contractor and subcontractors maintain data for this system on computers and in hard copy.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records in this system are indexed by a number assigned to each student, each teacher or other school staff member that is cross-referenced by the individual's name on a separate list. A list of names of the students whose parents have consented to their participation in the impact evaluation, as well as a list of names of participating teachers and other school staff members will be entered into a Microsoft Access database for purposes of tracking over the three years of the study.

SAFEGUARDS:

All physical access to the Department's site, and the site of the Department's contractor and subcontractors where this system of records is maintained, is controlled and monitored by security personnel. The computer system employed by the Department offers a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This computer system

permits data access to Department and contract staff only on a "need to know" basis, and controls individual users' ability to access and alter records within the system.

The Department's contractor, RTI, and its subcontractors, Tanglewood and PIRE, have established a set of procedures to ensure confidentiality of data. The systems of RTI, Tanglewood, and PIRE ensure that information identifying individuals is in files physically separated from other research data. RTI and its subcontractors will maintain security of the complete set of all master data files and documentation. Access to individually identifiable data will be strictly controlled. All data will be kept in locked file cabinets during nonworking hours and work on hardcopy data will take place in a single room except for data entry. Physical security of electronic data also will be maintained. Security features that protect project data include: Password-protected accounts that authorize users to use the system of records but to access only specific network directories and network software; user rights and directory and file attributes that limit those who can use particular directories and files and determine how they can use them; e-mail passwords that authorize the user to access mail services; and additional security features that the network administrator establishes for projects as needed. The contractor and subcontractor employees who maintain (collect, maintain, use, or disseminate) data in this system must comply with the requirements of the confidentiality standards in section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573).

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained and disposed of in accordance with the Department's Records Disposition Schedules in Part 3 (Research Projects and Management Study Records) and Part 14 (Electronic Records).

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Ricky Takai, Associate Commissioner, Evaluation Division, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Room 502D, Washington, DC 20208-0001.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If you wish to determine whether a record exists regarding you in the system of records, contact the systems manager. Your request must meet the requirements of regulations in 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

If you wish to gain access to your record in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of regulations in 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the requirements of regulations in 34 CFR 5b.7, including proof of identity.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The system includes students' names, demographic information (such as date of birth and race/ethnicity), self-reported attitudes about violence and feelings of safety, self-reported victimization, and self-reported violent and delinquent behaviors. The system also will include information from school records such as records of students' attendance, suspensions, expulsions, and school policy violations. The system also will include teachers' and other school staff members' self-reported victimization at school as well as their experiences with training and technical assistance related to the violence prevention program.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Request for Substantive Comments on Procedural Manual for the Election Assistance Commission's Voting System Testing and Certification Program; Proposed Information Collection: Request for Comments on Information Collection Burden; U.S. EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EAC has drafted a procedural manual for its Voting System Testing and Certification Program. This program sets administrative procedures for obtaining an EAC Certification for voting systems. Participation in the program is strictly voluntary. The program is mandated by 42 U.S.C. § 15371. The purpose of this notice is twofold: (1) To request public comment on the substantive aspects of the program (2) to request public comment on the proposed collection of

information pursuant to the emergency processing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act as submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

(1) *Substantive Comments:* The EAC seeks substantive comments from the public on its proposed procedural manual. Please submit comments consistent with the information below. Comments should identify and cite the section of the manual at issue. Where a substantive issue is raised, please propose a recommended change or alternative policy. This publication and request for comment is not required under the rulemaking, adjudicative or licensing provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). It is a voluntary effort by the EAC to gather input from the public on the EAC's administrative procedures for certifying or decertifying voting systems. Furthermore, this request by the EAC for public comment is not intended to make any of the APA's rulemaking provisions applicable to development of this or future EAC procedural programs.

DATES: (*Comments*): Submit written or electronic comments on this draft procedural manual on or before 5 p.m. EDT on October 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments on-line on EAC's Web site: <http://www.eac.gov>; via mail to Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to 202-566-1392. An electronic copy of the proposed guidance may be found on the EAC's Web site <http://www.eac.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC, (202) 566-3100, Fax: (202) 566-1392.

(2) *Comments on the Proposed Collection of Information:* In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the EAC is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to

minimize the information collection burden.

The EAC is requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. The EAC is requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320(a)(2)(ii). The information collection at issue is necessary in order to provide for the certification of voting systems as mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15371). The EAC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because failure to implement this program in an expedited fashion is reasonably likely to result in a public harm, as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(i).

Approval of this emergency collection is essential in order to comply with Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15371). HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems. Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA specifically requires the EAC to "provide for the certification, de-certification and re-certification of voting system hardware and software." This mandate represents the first time the Federal government will provide for the voluntary testing and certification of voting systems, nationwide. In response to this HAVA requirement, the EAC is developing the Voting System Testing and Certification Program. This program requires the submission and retention of information related to voting systems and voting system manufacturers.

Until recently, national voting system certification was conducted by a private membership organization, the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). NASED certified voting systems for a over a decade, using standards issued by the Federal government. The organization terminated its certification efforts on July 10, 2006. While the EAC and NASED have worked together to provide for the certification of emergency modifications necessary to properly field voting systems for the 2006 General Election, there is presently no mechanism in place to test and certify new systems or to process modifications for the 2008 Federal elections. Given the fact that (1) it can take years to develop, test, certify, sell and field a new or modified voting system, and (2) a large volume of voting systems (new, existing

and modified) are expected to be submitted to the EAC upon initiation of the new Certification Program, it is imperative that the EAC's Voting System Testing and Certification Program begin on the earliest possible date. The 2008 Federal elections are less than 2 years away. Ensuring that the certified voting systems are available for the 2008 Election Cycle is essential to the public welfare.

1. *Type of Information Collection*

Request: New collection;

2. *Title of Information Collection:*

EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual;

3. *Use:* HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems (42 U.S.C. 15371). Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA specifically requires the EAC to " * * * provide for the certification, de-certification and re-certification of voting system hardware and software by the accredited laboratories." The EAC will perform this mandated function through the use of its Voting System Testing and Certification Program. Voting systems certified by the EAC will be used by citizens to cast votes in Federal Elections. Therefore, it is paramount that the program operates in a reliable and effective manner. In order to certify a voting system, it is necessary for the EAC to (1) require voting system manufacturers to submit information about their organization and the voting systems they submit for testing and certification; (2) require voting system manufacturers to retain voting system technical and test records; and (3) to provide a mechanism for election officials to report events which may effect a voting system's certification.

4. *Form Numbers:* EAC-001C, 002C and 003C.

5. *Frequency:* Voluntary Reporting—(1) *Manufacturer Registration Form:* one time when a manufacturer registers for the program, (2) *Voting System Certification Application Form:* as needed, when a manufacturer submits a voting system for testing and certification, and (3) *Field Anomaly Reporting Form:* as needed, when an election official voluntarily notifies the EAC of a witnessed voting system anomaly.

6. *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions and state and local election officials;

7. *Number of Respondents:* 94 annually;

8. *Total Annual Responses:* 99 annually;

9. *Total Annual Hours:* 119 hours, annually.

EAC is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by November 30, 2006, with a 180-day approval

period. Written comments and recommendations will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by October 31, 2006.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement, the Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual or EAC forms referenced above, access the EAC Web site at <http://www.eac.gov> or mail your request, including your address, phone number, to Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005; or fax the EAC Director of Voting System Certification at 202-566-1392.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below by October 31, 2006: OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

Thomas R. Wilkey,
Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2210-142]

Appalachian Power Company, Virginia; Notice of Extension of Time To File Comments

September 26, 2006.

On September 21, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests for the Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project in the above-referenced proceeding. The notice requested that comments regarding the application be filed with the Commission by October 6, 2006. The comment period should have been 30 days from the date the notice was issued. Accordingly, the deadline for

filing comments is extended to and including October 23, 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-603-000]

CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Annual Fuel Adjustment

September 26, 2006.

Take notice that on September 22, 2006, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), filed with the Commission its annual fuel adjustment filing pursuant to Section 22 of the General Terms and Conditions of MRT's FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, requesting an effective date of November 1, 2006, MRT filed the following sheets:

Fifty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 5.
Fifty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 6.
Fifty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 7.
Twenty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 8.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-602-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 26, 2006.

Take notice that on September 22, 2006, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective November 1, 2006:

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 17.
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 18.
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 19.
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 31.
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 32.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.