

punishment by a fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

4. Financial management certification/preaward accounting survey. Applicants, at the discretion of the NOAA Grants Officer, may be required to have their financial management systems certified by an independent public accountant as being in compliance with Federal standards specified in the applicable Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars prior to execution of the award. Any first-time applicant for Federal grant funds may be subject to a pre-award accounting survey by the Department prior to execution of the award.

5. Past performance. Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

6. Delinquent Federal debts. No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant or to its subrecipients who have an outstanding delinquent Federal debt or fine until either:

a. The delinquent account is paid in full,

b. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

c. Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department are made.

7. Buy American-made equipment or products. Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding under this program.

8. Pre-award activities. If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department to cover pre-award costs.

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance

The FCRI is listed in the "Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance" under No. 11.452, unallied Industry Projects.

Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866. Applications under this program are subject to E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." This notice contains a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The collection of this information has been approved by OMB under control number 0648-0289. Public reporting burden for preparation of the grant application is estimated to

be 1 hour per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An additional 15-hour reporting burden is estimated for those applicants who are accepted by NMFS including time for documenting the income claims on their applications, how outstanding liens on their vessels will be satisfied, and how the vessels will be scrapped. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NMFS (See ADDRESSES).

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to, a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation of the Department certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this notice would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. As of August 20, 1996, 1,664 fishermen held multispecies limited access permits, representing the entire universe of fishermen potentially eligible to participate in the FCRI. The FCRI is expected to result in the elimination of approximately 80 vessels, along with their associated permits.

There is no doubt that the FCRI will have a significant economic impact, as defined under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), on those fishermen who participate in this program. The FCRI, however, will not affect a "substantial number" of small entities, defined as more than 20 percent of the business entities which are potentially eligible for participation in the program. Indeed, assuming 80 fishermen are ultimately bought out, these fishermen would represent only 4.8 percent of the small entities potentially affected by the FCRI. Therefore, the impacts of the notice are not significant within the meaning of the RFA. They are not likely to lead to a reduction in the annual gross revenues by more than 5 percent or an increase in total costs of production by more than 5 percent, nor would this action result in any greater compliance costs.

Dated: August 22, 1996.
Charles Karnella,
*Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 13, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 20, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 27, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATES AND TIMES: Wednesday, September 18, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 19, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Washington State University, Lewis Alumni Centre, the Regents Room, Wilson Road and Quad Services Road, in Pullman, Washington 99164.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20202-7582 (202) 708-7439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee is established to provide advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid matters including providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students, conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford

Student Loan Program and an in-depth study of student loan simplification. The Advisory Committee fulfills its charge by conducting objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses of important student aid issues. As a result of passage of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993, Congress assigned the Advisory Committee the major task of evaluating the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). The Committee will report to the Secretary and Congress on not less than an annual basis on the operation of both programs and submit a final report by January 1, 1997.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Pullman, Washington on September 18, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. and on September 19, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.

The proposed agenda will consist of discussion sessions on the Advisory Committee's activities pertaining to the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and all Title IV programs including the delivery system, and other legislative proposals. In addition, the Committee will discuss activities planned for fiscal year 1997. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. To register, please fax your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and E-Mail—if available), telephone number, and fax number to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. If you are unable to fax, please mail your registration information or contact the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 708-7439. Also, you may register through Internet at ADV-COMSFA@ED.gov or Tracy-Deanna-Jones@ED.gov. The registration deadline is Monday, September 9, 1996.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald,

Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER96-2251-000]

Atmos Energy Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

August 22, 1996.

Atmos Energy Services, Inc. (Atmos Energy) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Atmos Energy will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Atmos Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Atmos Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Atmos Energy.

On August 21, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest, the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Atmos Energy should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Atmos Energy is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Atmos Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is September 20, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public