

Dated: February 1, 1996.

Michael A. Waters,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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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 Director, Information Resources Group, 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 March 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. 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 Director of the Information Resources Group 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.

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: The Even Start Family Literacy Program for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, Tribal Governments.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 750.

Abstract: The Even Start Family Literacy Program for federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations is designed to help break the cycle of poverty and improve literacy by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified literacy program.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Consolidated State Plan, Section 14302 of the ESEA.

Frequency: One Time.

Affected Public: State, Local, Tribal Governments, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 54.

Burden Hours: 12,744.

Abstract: In order to improve teaching and learning through better coordination and integration of program activities, SEAs may submit final consolidated State plans under Section 14302 of the ESEA. Submitting a consolidated plan will allow a State to obtain funds under many Federal programs through a single plan, rather than through separate program plans or applications.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Early Intervention Program for Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:

Responses: 57.

Burden Hours: 1,140.

Abstract: Grant application package including certifications and forms. Each eligible State submits an application that contains descriptions of required components of statewide system of early intervention services to ensure compliance with the statute. Completion of items in the application package assures a level of uniformity of system's information provided across the States for services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) Program.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 57

Burden Hours: 228

Abstract: The SSIG Program uses matching Federal/State funds to provide a nationwide system of grants to assist postsecondary education students with substantial financial need. On this application the states provide information the Department requires to obligate program funds and for program management. The signed assurance legally bind the states to administer the program according to regulatory and statutory requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Requested Transmission Rate Adjustment Under Northwest Regional Transmission Association Agreement, Public Hearing, and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

ACTION: Notice of special arbitration proceeding under section 7(i) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 839e(i) and Section 12.5 of the

Northwest Regional Transmission Association Governing Agreement.

SUMMARY: BPA File No: NRTA-BPA-1. BPA requests that all comments and documents intended to become part of the Official Record in this process contain the file number designation NRTA-BPA-1.

BPA and the British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation (Powerex) are signatories to the Northwest Regional Transmission Association (NRTA) Governing Agreement (Agreement). The NRTA is intended to facilitate the efficient use of existing transmission facilities, coordinate the planning of transmission system expansions, and expedite the resolution of disputes concerning transmission. Members of the Association may obtain arbitration of transmission disputes, including disputes over transmission access and rates.

This proceeding is undertaken pursuant to section 12.5 of the NRTA Governing Agreement to determine a BPA Rate Issue Dispute between the parties. Section 12.5 provides for an expedited BPA rate proceeding pursuant to section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act and the additional procedures set forth in Section 12.5 of the Agreement when a Rate Issue Dispute arises in an NRTA dispute resolution between BPA, as the transmission provider, and another NRTA member. The proceeding shall determine the issue in dispute unless (1) BPA has previously initiated a hearing under section 7(i) which includes the issue in dispute and (2) the arbitrator finds on the basis of standards in the Governing Agreement that the Rate Issue Dispute should be resolved in the previously-initiated rate proceeding. Because Powerex has raised similar issues in the current BPA 1996 transmission rate case, the Hearing Officer will first determine the appropriateness of initiating an additional proceeding.

DATES: Persons wishing to become a formal "party" or a "participant" to the proceeding must notify the Hearing Officer in writing of their intention to do so in accordance with requirements stated in this Notice. See also Procedures Governing Bonneville Power Administration Rate Hearings, 51 FR 7611 (March 5, 1986), which the Hearing Officer may adopt for this proceeding. Petitions to intervene must be received by close of business February 21, 1996, and should be addressed as follows:

Michael C. Dotten, Hearing Officer,
Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe,
200 S.W. Market, Suite 1750,

Portland, Oregon 97201, (503) 227-7400

In addition, a copy of the petition must be served concurrently on BPA's Office of Legal Services and on counsel for Powerex:

Janet L. Prewitt—LQ, Stephen Larson—LN, Office of Legal Services,
Bonneville Power Administration,
Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-97212

Paul W. Fox, Bracewell & Patterson,
L.L.P., 100 Congress Ave, Suite 1900,
Austin, Texas 78701-4052

Admission to the proceeding as an intervenor party or as a participant will be determined by the Hearing Officer. Parties seeking to intervene with "party" status should so specify; parties seeking only "participant" status should so specify. A "participant" is person who submits written or oral recommendations for the record but is not a party. Intervention in this proceeding will be subject to the dispute resolution provisions of Section 12 of the Governing Agreement.

Briefs on Issue Number 1 and Issue Number 2 of the Disputing Parties' Agreed Statement of the Issues (below) ("the threshold procedural issues") must be filed with the Hearing Officer by close of business February 21, 1996. A prehearing conference will be held before the Hearing Officer at 9 a.m. on February 28, 1996, in the Auditorium, 911 N.E. 11th Street, Portland, Oregon. Registration for the prehearing conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Hearing Officer will act on all intervention petitions and oppositions to intervention petitions, rule on the threshold procedural issues, rule on any motions and, if necessary, establish procedures to govern this proceeding, establish a service list, establish a procedural schedule, and consolidate parties with similar interests for purposes of filing jointly sponsored testimony and briefs, and for expediting any necessary cross-examination. A notice of the dates and times of any additional hearings will be mailed to all parties of record. Objections to orders made by the Hearing Officer at the prehearing conference must be made in person or through a representative at the prehearing conference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Hansen, Public Involvement and Information Specialist-CK, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, OR 97212, (503) 230-4328 or call toll-free 1-800-622-4519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Powerex's Request is made under the NRTA Agreement. Powerex in its Request seeks firm and nonfirm Point-to-Point Transmission Service over the Northern

Intertie and the Network at a single rolled-in-rate. Powerex also seeks nondiscriminatory discounting of such rate, and to treat the points of interconnection between the FCRTS and the BC Hydro system on the United States-Canada border near Blaine, Washington and Nelway, British Columbia as Points of Integration and Points of Delivery for the Network. BPA has denied Powerex's Request and Powerex has initiated this NRTA dispute resolution proceeding.

In the previously initiated 1996 BPA transmission rate proceeding, BPA has proposed to continue separately identifying a rate for the Northern Intertie segment. Powerex has opposed this rate and has argued that the Northern Intertie facilities should no longer be treated by BPA as a separate segment. Consequently, the parties have agreed to first obtain the Hearing Officer's determination of the threshold procedural issues, i.e., whether pursuant to the criteria described in the Agreement, the substantive issues in dispute should be addressed in this proceeding or in the previously-initiated rate proceeding. The criteria for addressing the substantive issues in the arbitration proceeding explained in the "Disputing Parties' Agreed Statement of the Issues."

Disputing Parties' Agreed Statement of the Issues

BPA and Powerex are members of the Northwest Regional Transmission Association. BPA and Powerex jointly agree that the following issues ("BPA Rate Issue Dispute") arising from Powerex's September 27, 1995, request to BPA for transmission service ("Request") shall be resolved by arbitration pursuant to Section 12 of the NRTA Governing Agreement:

Issue Number 1

Whether, under Subsection 12.5.1 of the NRTA Governing Agreement, resolution of this BPA Rate Issue Dispute in a separate proceeding under Subsection 7(i) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act ("Northwest Power Act") would frustrate or unnecessarily avoid the ongoing proceedings in BPA Docket WP-96/TR-96.

Issue Number 2

Whether, under Subsection 12.5.1 of the NRTA Governing Agreement, resolution of this BPA Rate Issue Dispute in the ongoing proceedings in BPA Docket WP-96/TR-96 would not materially frustrate Powerex's need for an expeditious decision regarding its Request.

Issue Number 3

Whether Powerex's Request is a "good faith transmission request" within the meaning of Subsection 10.4.1 of the NRTA Governing Agreement, the currently applicable standards and policies of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding such requests and Section 213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

Issue Number 4

Whether the NRTA Governing Agreement, Subsection 212(i)(1)(ii) of the FPA and FERC's currently applicable standards and policies, require BPA to render firm and non-firm point-to-point service to Powerex over BPA's Northern Intertie and Network facilities, effective October 1, 1996, at rates under the PTP-96, RNF-96 and ET-96 and successor rate schedules that:

A. Reflect the roll-in of the costs of the Northern Intertie to Network revenue requirements;

B. Treat the points of interconnection between the Federal Columbia River Transmission System and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority System on the United States-Canada border near Blaine, Washington and Nelway, British Columbia as Points of Integration and Points of Delivery for the Network; and

C. Are subject to the Short Distance Discount for firm service and to nondiscriminatory discounting for nonfirm service.

Bonneville and Powerex have agreed on a qualified arbitrator who will also serve as the Hearing Officer (Hearing Officer) in the Special Proceeding to resolve such issues. Bonneville and Powerex agree to the Arbitrator deciding Issue Number 1 and Issue Number 2 at the initial prehearing conference to be scheduled in the Federal Register notice prescribed by Subsection 12.5.3.ii of the NRTA Governing Agreement (this Notice). Bonneville and Powerex further agree:

1. If the Hearing Officer at such prehearing conference makes affirmative findings with respect to both Issue Number 1 and Issue Number 2, the Hearing Officer shall also determine the procedural effect of the ruling, including but not limited to:

(a) Suspension of further arbitration procedures with respect to Issue Number 3 and Issue Number 4 until after the Administrator issues his decision in WP-96/TR-96; or

(b) Termination of this arbitration, without prejudice to Powerex pursuing such other and further rights as may be available to it under the NRTA governing agreement, and

2. That if the Arbitrator at such prehearing conference fails to make affirmative findings with respect to both Issue Number 1 and Issue Number 2, then the Arbitrator shall establish a procedural schedule for a separate proceeding under Subsection 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act to resolve Issue Number 3 and Issue Number 4.

BPA and Powerex agree that the remaining issues arising from Powerex's Request shall not be subject to arbitration at this time, without prejudice to Powerex seeking at a later date to invoke the dispute resolution provisions of the NRTA governing Agreement in the event:

1. Ongoing discussions between Bonneville and Powerex do not result in a satisfactory mutual agreement regarding available transmission capacity on the Northern Intertie; or

2. The transmission service issues raised by Powerex in the Request are not resolved to Powerex's satisfaction in BPA Docket TC-96.

If the Hearing Officer determines that the proceeding shall address the substantive issues, the relevant documents and testimony from WP/TR-96 will be identified and made available to all parties to the proceeding.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on February 7, 1996.

Sue F. Hickey,

Chief Operating Officer.

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Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center; Notice of Non-Competitive Financial Assistance Award

AGENCY: Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Determination of Non-Competitive award of a Cooperative Agreement with the Electric Power Research Institute.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center (PETC) announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i), criteria (D), it intends to award a Cooperative Agreement to the Electric Power Research Institute for "DOE/EPRI Cooperation on Indian Greenhouse Gas Pollution Prevention Project". The Electric Power Research Institute has been determined to be a unique organization with unique qualifications in accordance with 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i), criteria (D) and a competitive solicitation would be inappropriate.

ADDRESSES: U. S. Department of Energy, Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center,

Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-118, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William R. Mundorf, Contract Specialist, 412/892-4483.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Cooperative Agreement No.

DE-FC22-96PC9

Title of Effort:

DOE/EPRI Cooperation on Indian Greenhouse Gas Pollution Prevention Project

Awardee

Electric Power Research Institute

Term of Assistance Award

Five (5) Years

Cost of Assistance Effort

The total estimated project value is \$2,300,000.

Objective

The objectives of this project are to: (1) Reduce carbon dioxide emissions per kilowatt-hour generated in existing Indian coal-fired power plants, and (2) encourage Indian sugar mills to use of biomass fuels, rather than fossil fuels, year round in higher efficiency cogeneration plants. The effort will require extensive training, plant efficiency studies, and technology transfer.

Richard D. Rogus,

Contracting Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP85-221-061]

Frontier Gas Storage Company; Notice of Sale Pursuant to Settlement Agreement

February 7, 1996.

Take notice that on January 31, 1996, Frontier Gas Storage Company (Frontier), c/o Reid & Priest, Market Square, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004, in compliance with provisions of the Commission's February 13, 1985, Order in Docket No. CP82-487-000, *et al.*, submitted an executed Service Agreement under Rate Schedule LVS-1 providing for the possible sale of up to a daily quantity of 50,000 MMBtu, not to exceed 5 Bcf of Frontier's gas storage inventory on an "as metered" basis to WBI Gas Services, Company, for term ending January 31, 1997.