

addressing and resolving differences are the central points of issue.

The Board is of the opinion that the Department of Energy should take additional action with respect to its program for improvement of feedback and safety for defense nuclear facilities by establishing clearer lines of authority and responsibility for resolution of safety findings of its internal, independent safety organization. Towards such end, the Board recommends that the Department of Energy:

1. Establish by policy statement, directives, or other protocols, the manner in which the Secretary expects Cognizant Program Secretarial Officers (Assistant Secretaries) and Field managers to address and resolve findings of its independent internal corporate safety organization (Assistant Secretary for ES&H). In so doing, consideration should be given to direction and guidance for the following:

- Establishing authority and responsibility for conducting and responding to independent oversight, preparing and approving corrective action plans, reporting on progress toward timely and adequate closure of findings, and subsequent closure, including independent verification of closure.

- Elevating cases of inadequate or untimely response to findings to the Office of the Secretary for resolution.

- Describing the purpose and content of corrective action plans responsive to oversight findings (e.g., cause identification, actions, to correct immediate problem, lessons learned, actions to prevent recurrence).

Scheduling the time frames within which the evaluation and process activities must occur.

- Periodically reporting the status of corrective actions by the responsible entity.
- Tracking findings and corrective actions to closure with a system accessible to DOE line management and the independent oversight organization.

2. Make explicit the Secretarial Officer or designee assigned the resolution function.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

September 28, 1998.

The Honorable Bill Richardson,
Secretary of Energy,
1000 Independence Avenue, SW,
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Richardson: On September 28, 1998, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board), in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286a(a)(5), unanimously approved Recommendation 98-1, which is enclosed for your consideration. Recommendation 98-1 deals with Integrated Safety Management and the Department of Energy (DOE) facilities.

42 U.S.C. § 2286d(a) requires the Board, after receipt by you, to promptly make this recommendation available to the public in DOE's regional public reading rooms. The Board believes the recommendation contains no information which is classified or otherwise restricted. Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2161-68, as amended, please arrange to have this recommendation promptly placed on file in your regional public reading rooms.

The Board will publish this recommendation in the **Federal Register**.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr..

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments 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 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Werfel_d@al.eop.gov. 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, 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 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 Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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: October 2, 1998.

Donald Rappaport,

Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Consolidated State Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 53.

Burden Hours: 202,354.

Abstract: The reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in general, and its provision for submission of consolidated plans, in particular (see section 14301 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. Yet while nearly all States receive ESEA formula grant program funding on the basis of consolidated plans, until now the Department has still required states to report on program performance and beneficiaries on a program-by-program basis. Continuing to do so sends an inconsistent message about the value of consolidated planning and program integration as tools for increasing student achievement. This consolidated state reporting instrument would replace individual program reporting under ESEA programs and Goals 2000 for all entities that submit ESEA consolidated plans (and be an optional reporting vehicle for the other states). It

will allow state and local officials and educators to see, at one time, the full scope of their reporting (and corresponding data collection) responsibilities, and promote the Department's interest 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. In addition, the state consolidated performance report is intended as an initial step toward an optimal design to track indicators of program performance, including those the Department is required to develop under the Government Performance and Results Act. It is expected that reporting in future consolidated instruments will change as the U.S. Department of Education and the states develop their capacities to elicit and use accurate and reliable information for monitoring, reporting, and improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), I hereby certify that the renewal of the charter of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to section 101-6.1029, title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on a continuing basis to the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (EIA), including:

1. Periodic reviews of the elements of EIA information collection and analysis programs and the provision of recommendations;
2. Advice on priorities of technical and methodological issues in the planning, operation, and review of EIA statistical programs;
3. Advice on matters concerning improved energy modeling and

forecasting tools, particularly regarding their functioning, relevancy, and results.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on September 30, 1998.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-98-F]

Application To Amend Electricity Export Authorization; Western Systems Power Pool

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Western Systems Power Pool ("WSPP") has filed an application on behalf of its members to amend its electricity export authorization issued September 5, 1996, in Order EA-98-C. The application requests that five new members of WSPP be authorized to export electricity to Canada. The application also reflects name changes for six WSPP members already authorized to export electricity.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Coal & Power, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. Sec. 824a(e)).

On September 5, 1996, in Docket EA-98-C, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 42 members of the WSPP to export electric energy to Canada. On March 24, 1997, and again on May 5, 1997, FE amended the authorization issued to WSPP to add additional members. The facilities utilized for these exports are the international transmission facilities owned and operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines at Blaine,

Washington, and one 230-kV transmission line at Nelway, British Columbia, that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line, also at Nelway, connecting to West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively.

On September 11, 1998, WSPP submitted an application to amend the export authorization by adding five new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters. The new members are: Avista Energy, Inc. (Avista), El Paso Electric Company (El Paso), MIECO, Inc. (MIECO), Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC), and PP&L, Inc. In addition, the following companies currently authorized to export electric energy to Canada as part of the WSPP authorization have undergone changes in company name: (1) Citizens Power Sales, formerly Citizens Lehman Power Sales, (2) Engage Energy US, L.P., formerly Coastal Electric Service Company, (3) Koch Energy Trading, Inc., formerly Koch Power Services, Inc., (4) PanCanadian Energy Services Inc., formerly National Gas & Electric L.P., (5) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., formerly Puget Sound Power & Light Company, and (6) TransAlta Energy marketing (U.S.), Inc., formerly TransAlta Enterprises Corporation.

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with Secs. 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Michael E. Small, Esq., Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.