

Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

On December 24, 1998, under Article 6 of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the Government of the United States requested consultations with the Government of Pakistan with respect to combed cotton yarn in Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that, if no solution is agreed upon in consultations with the Government of Pakistan, the Government of the United States reserves its right to establish a twelve-month limit of not less than 5,262,665 kilograms for the entry and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of combed cotton yarn in Category 301, produced or manufactured in Pakistan.

A summary statement of serious damage, actual threat of serious damage or the exacerbation of serious damage concerning Category 301 follows this notice.

Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding Category 301 or to comment on domestic production or availability of products included in this category is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; ATTN: Donald R. Foote. The comments received will be considered in the context of the consultations with the Government of Pakistan.

Because the exact timing of the consultations is not yet certain, comments should be submitted promptly. Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Further comments may be invited regarding particular commentary or information received from the public which the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements considers appropriate for further consideration.

The solicitation of comments regarding any aspect of the implementation of an agreement is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C.553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute "a foreign affairs function of the United States."

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning this category. Should such a solution be

reached in consultations with the Government of Pakistan, further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Information regarding the 1999 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Summary of the Statement in Support of Request for Consultations Under Article 6 of the ATC

Combed Cotton Yarn—Category 301 December 1998

Import Situation and Conclusion

The USG has determined that the increase in imports of combed cotton yarn for sale, Category 301, has caused serious damage, or actual threat thereof, to the industry in the United States producing like and/or directly competitive yarn for sale.

Imports of the subject yarn from all sources increased by 91.3 percent in January-August 1998 over January-August 1997, an increase of 9,828,000 kilograms. During this same period, domestic shipments dropped substantially, falling 14,174,000 kilograms, 14.2 percent below the January-August 1997 level. Domestic unfilled orders fell by 15.8 percent and domestic production declined 10.2 percent from January-August 1997 to January-August 1998 as inventories increased 145.9 percent.

Increasing low-valued imports put pressure on domestic prices and margins. Capacity utilization declined as shipments and production fell, causing severe margin pressure as fixed costs had to be allocated over fewer sales, which cut gross margins. Compounded with the pressure to lower prices, mills' profitability evaporated. Operating margins shrank as companies engaged in the production and sale of the subject merchandise, resulting in declining profitability in January-August 1998 compared to the same period in 1997 on the product in question. Two mills fell victim to the price squeeze and shut down. Production worker employment in the defined industry lost 340 jobs during January-August 1998.

The USG concluded that the increase in imports in 1998 has caused serious

damage to the industry as reflected in the industry's declining production and shipments, the substantial increase in inventories, the industry's deteriorating financial performance, and the significant fall in unfilled orders and employment.

The USG has also determined that serious damage to this industry is directly attributable to a sharp and substantial increase in imports of the subject yarn from Pakistan. Imports from Pakistan have increased significantly, both absolutely and relative to domestic production and world imports, thereby increasing Pakistan's share of U.S. imports and the U.S. market. Pakistan's low-valued imports adversely affected U.S. domestic prices.

U.S. imports of the subject yarn from Pakistan increased to 3,612,652 kilograms in January-August 1998, 283.2 percent above the 942,756 imported during January-August 1997. For the year-ending October 1998, imports from Pakistan surged to 4,908,094 kilograms, 164.3 percent above the 1,857,294 kilograms imported for the year-ending October 1997.

The USG further determined that increases in imports of the subject yarn from all sources constitute the actual threat of serious damage or the exacerbation of serious damage to the defined domestic industry producing a like and/or directly competitive product, and that, based on sharp and substantial increases in imports of the subject product from Pakistan, such threat is attributable to Pakistan.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Evaluation, Susan Labin, (202) 606-5000, Extension 160. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the

deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Mr. Danny Werfel, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, D.C., 20503, (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Evaluation of Literacy and Tutoring Programs.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Project Directors.

Total Respondents: Approximately 1,125.

Frequency: One time.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 563 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Description: The Corporation seeks approval of a survey form for the evaluation of the Corporation's literacy and tutoring programs that it supports through grants. It will allow for the description of delivery systems and program models including the specific literacy and monitoring activities. It will also help identify effective programs. There were no comments received during the initial 60-day public

comment period. The change in the number of respondents and burden hours is a result of a change in sampling for several of the programs. Instead of small purposive samples for several of the programs, when feasible the agency is selecting larger representative samples in order to allow for generalizations to the larger universe of agency programs, thus increasing the utility of the data.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Thomas L. Bryant,

Acting General Counsel.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Special Commission Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing and meeting for business on January 5, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

Possible Drought Emergency Declaration

Section 10.4 of the Delaware River Basin Compact provides that in the event of a drought or other condition which may cause an actual and immediate shortage of available water supply within the Basin, or within any part thereof, the Commission may, after public hearing, determine and delineate the area of such shortage and declare a water supply emergency therein. For the duration of such emergency, the Commission could limit the extent to which water users may divert or withdraw water for any purpose. The Commission is considering whether current and developing conditions of water supply and demand require the declaration of a water supply emergency.

The purpose of this hearing is to permit the public to comment on these matters and to make any suggestions or recommendations concerning possible Commission actions.

There will be a business meeting of the Commission immediately following the hearing to consider possible Commission actions relating to the drought situation.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Susan M. Weisman,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-898-000]

Allegheny Energy, Inc., and DQE, Inc.; Notice of Extension of Time

December 24, 1998.

On December 22, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Trial Staff (Commission), filed a motion for an extension of time to submit comments on the Settlement Agreement filed by Allegheny Energy, Inc., on December 10, 1998.

Staff is authorized to state that Allegheny and Chambersburg, the only parties believed to be affected by the Agreement, do not oppose this motion.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for Commission Trial Staff to file comments on the Settlement Agreement is granted to and including January 6, 1999.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-898-000]

Allegheny Energy, Inc., and DQE, Inc.; Notice of Filing

December 24, 1998.

Take notice that on December 10, 1998, Allegheny Energy, Inc., tendered for filing a Settlement Agreement entered into between Allegheny Energy, Inc., and the Borough of Chambersburg.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before January 8, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the