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Item	Estimated time for response in hours	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Deposited Materials	1	3,300	3,300
Depository Approval	5	1.25	0.25
Total		3,301	3,301

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 28, 2000.

Thao P. Nguyen,
Acting Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/195,159 entitled "Desalination Through Methane Hydrate" Navy Case No. 79,584.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1008.2, 4555 Overlook

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine M. Cotell, Ph.D., Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: July 26, 2000.

J.L. Roth,
Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Marine Desalination Systems, LLC

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Marine Desalination Systems, LLC, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-Owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/195,159 (Navy Case No. 79,584) entitled "Desalination Through Methane Hydrate" filed November 18, 1998.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine M. Cotell, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320; telephone (202) 767-7230.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: July 25, 2000.

J.L. Roth,
Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 October 2, 2000.

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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 31, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of the Public Charter Schools Program, Data Collection Clearance Package: Year 2 and Year 3 Submission.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 3,590; Burden Hours: 2,390.

Abstract: The evaluation of the Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP) is the first national study of federal support for charter schools. The contractor, SRI International, will gather data on charter school policies and practices at the state, charter school authorizer, and charter school levels. The study examines the use of PCSP funds at these levels, assesses the impact of flexibility provisions in states' charter school legislation, and assesses the effect of charter schools on student performance. Respondents include federal PCSP staff, state charter school coordinators, representatives of charter school authorizing agencies, charter schools, and parents.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements

should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her internet address

Jackie_Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[EL00-94-000]

Citizens Power Inc. v. FirstEnergy and FirstEnergy Operating Companies; Notice of Complaint

July 28, 2000.

Take notice that on July 26, 2000, Citizen Power Inc. filed a complaint under Section 306 of the Federal Power Act alleging that FirstEnergy System and FirstEnergy Operating Companies had failed to file a Section 203 application for the transfer of generating facilities to FirstEnergy's marketing affiliate.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 15, 2000. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before August 15, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-408-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

July 28, 2000.

Take notice that on July 19, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00-408-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct, install, and operate a 4,000 horsepower (HP) compressor unit at Columbia's existing Kenova Compressor Station in Wayne County, West Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia proposes to construct, install, and operate a 4,000 HP compressor unit at the Kenova Compressor Station to accommodate increasing receipts of natural gas from local producers upstream of the compressor station. Columbia states that Columbia Natural Resources Inc. (CNR), the operator of gathering lines upstream of the Kenova Compressor Station, would make a contribution in aid of construction to Columbia of 100 percent of the construction cost, estimated at \$3,227,000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 18, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Fredric J. George, Attorney, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, (304) 357-2359.