

Dated: February 28, 1995.  
Gloria Parker,  
*Director, Information Resources Group.*

Office of the Under Secretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Survey of Effects of Changes in Pell Grant Eligibility Rules and Survey of Why Pell Grants Are Not Used.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Reporting Burden:*

*Responses:* 1,520.

*Burden Hours:* 469.

*Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Recordkeepers:* 0.

*Burden Hours:* 0.

*Abstract:* This study will examine the effects of passage of 1992 Higher Education Amendments on (1) the educational behavior of postsecondary students, particularly those who experienced decreased Pell Grant eligibility as a result of the rule change and (2) the reasons why Pell applicants with an eligible PGI never use their awards.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Annual Report on Post-Employment Services and Annual Reviews.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Reporting Burden:*

*Responses:* 81.

*Burden Hours:* 89.

*Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Recordkeepers:* 0.

*Burden Hours:* 0.

*Abstract:* Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Form RSA-62 is used to monitor three post closure activities: (a) the provision of post employment services to help rehabilitated persons to maintain or regain employment; (b) review of ineligibility determinations to see if an applicant can benefit from VR; and (c) review of non-competitive placements to see if the client can now work in the competitive labor market. The Department will use the information to report to Congress.

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Application and Continuation Application, Reports, and Recordkeeping for the National Science Scholars Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Not-for-profit

institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Reporting Burden:*

*Responses:* 19,467.

*Burden Hours:* 266,945.

*Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Recordkeepers:* 0.

*Burden Hours:* 0.

*Abstract:* Individuals apply for Federal scholarships under the National Science Scholars Program in which the Department uses the information to make grant awards. State nominating committees use the information to evaluate the applications and nominate scholars. Institutions use the forms to apply for continuation awards for continuing scholars and to report on the status of the program.

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### Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

**DATES:** An expedited review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by April 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill, (202) 708-9915.

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 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3517) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and persons 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, Information Resources Group, publishes this notice with the attached proposed information collection request prior to submission of this request to OMB. This notice contains the following information: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., expedited; (2) Title; (3) Abstract; (4) Additional Information; (5) Frequency of collection; (6) Affected public; and (7) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. Because an expedited review is requested, a description of the information to be collected is also included as an attachment to this notice.

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Office of Bilingual and Minority Languages Affairs

*Type of Review:* Expedited.

*Title:* Verification of Title VII Funded Grant Applications.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Reporting Burden:*

*Responses:* 1,239.

*Burden Hours:* 228.

*Recordkeeping Burden:*

*Recordkeepers:* 0.

*Burden Hours:* 0.

*Abstract:* This verification task will collect information on FY 1994 Title VII funded projects. The collection will provide data on actual, as opposed to proposed, services provided. Project directors for all FY 1994 Part A and Part C Title VII funded projects will be contacted by telephone.

*Additional Information:* Clearance for this information collection is requested for April 1, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order to implement the program before the start of the new year.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Bonneville Power Administration****Proposed Wholesale Power and Transmission Rates, Pacific Northwest Coordinating Agreement Rates, and Transmission Terms and Conditions**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Additional Prehearing/Settlement Conference.

**SUMMARY:** *BPA File No:* WP-95, TR-95, TC-95. On December 28, 1994, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) published a Notice of Intent to Revise Transmission Rates, 59 F.R. 66946 and Notice of Intent to Revise Wholesale Power Rates, 59 F.R. 66947. Subsequently, BPA also published Federal Register Notices of Proposed Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment, 60 F.R. 8496 (February 14, 1995), Proposed Transmission Rate Adjustment, 60 F.R. 8505 (February 14, 1995), and Hearing and Opportunity for Public Comment Regarding Proposed Comparable Transmission Terms and Conditions, 60 F.R. 8511 (February 14, 1995). The Notices included a date for a Prehearing Conference of February 13, 1995, but were not published before the Prehearing Conference. At the Prehearing Conference held on February 13, 1995, the Hearing Officers set another Prehearing/Settlement Conference and established a schedule for interventions to these proceedings, which follows. At the March 15 Prehearing/Settlement Conference, the Hearing Officers will act on petitions to intervene.

**DATES:** The Prehearing/Settlement Conference will be held before the Hearing Officers at 9 a.m. on March 15, 1995 in the BPA Rates Hearing Room, 3rd Level, 2032 Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. Registration for the Prehearing/Settlement Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Hearing Officers will act on all intervention petitions and oppositions to intervention petitions, rule on any motions, 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 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.

The Prehearing/Settlement Conference for wholesale power and transmission rates will be held at the same time and place as the Prehearing/Settlement Conference for the Transmission Terms and Conditions. BPA's present intent is for the Hearing Officer for the Transmission Terms and Conditions Proceeding to be other than the Hearings Officer presiding over BPA's 1995 Power and Transmission Rate Proceeding. However, it also is BPA's intent to merge as much as possible the schedules and records for these two proceedings in order to address common transmission issues efficiently. At the Prehearing/Settlement conference, BPA may move to consolidate common transmission issues.

Persons wishing to become a formal "party" to the proceedings must notify BPA in writing of their intention to do so in accordance with the requirements stated in this Notice. Petitions to intervene must be received by March 6, 1995. Persons intervening in the wholesale power and transmission rate proceeding who also desire to intervene in the transmission terms and conditions proceeding may file a single petition which specifically identifies both proceedings. Petitions to intervene should be addressed as follows: Hearing Officer, c/o Francis (Jamie) Troy, Hearing Clerk—LQ, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE. 11th Ave., P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212.

In addition, a copy of the petition must be served concurrently on BPA's Office of Legal Services: Janet L. Prewitt, Bonneville Power Administration, Office of Legal Services—LQ, 905 NE. 11th Ave., P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Interventions in the Terms and Conditions Proceeding must be served concurrently on: Stephen Larson, Office of Legal Services—LP, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE. 11th Ave., P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Persons who have been denied party status in any past BPA rate proceeding shall be denied party status unless they establish a significant change of circumstances.

BPA has determined that its initial proposal should include a stable, 5-year rate for most, if not all, of its requirements service. BPA anticipates that the work necessary to assemble such a proposal will take until early April of 1995. Since such a rate would be available to purchasers for the bulk of BPA's firm sales, its impact on BPA's overall proposal is fundamental. At the same time, in order to have sufficient time to conduct a full rate proceeding for the 5-year proposal, BPA must

extend its current rates for a three month period. This extension will require a separate proceeding.

The following schedule information is provided for informational purposes. The schedule included here is BPA's proposed schedule. The parties have indicated a desire to attempt to settle some issues, which may cause this proposed schedule to change. A final schedule will be established by the Hearing Officer at the Prehearing Conference.

**SCHEDULE FOR NEW RATES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS PROCEEDING**

March 6, 1995	Deadline to Petition to Intervene.
March 9, 1995	Deadline to file Oppositions to Petitions to Intervene.
March 15, 1995.	Prehearing/Settlement Conference to set schedule and act on Petitions to Intervene; 9:00 a.m.; BPA Rates Hearing Room; 3rd Level; 2032 Lloyd Center; Portland, Oregon.
April 12, 1995	Prehearing Conference/BPA Initial Proposal available.
May 30, 1995 .	Parties file Direct Cases.
July 10, 1995 .	Litigants file Rebuttal Testimony.
July 24–August 11, 1995.	Cross Examination.
August 28, 1995.	Initial Briefs filed.
September 7–8, 1995.	Oral Argument.
September 29, 1995.	BPA Draft Rates Record of Decision; Hearing Officer Terms and Conditions Recommended Decision.
October 10, 1995.	Briefs on Exceptions.
October 30, 1995.	BPA Final Record of Decision.

**SCHEDULE FOR EXTENSION OF CURRENT RATES PROCEEDING**

March 6, 1995	Deadline to Petition to Intervene.
March 9, 1995	Deadline to file Oppositions to Petitions to Intervene.
March 15, 1995.	Prehearing/Settlement Conference to set schedule and act on Petitions to Intervene; 9:00 a.m.; BPA Rates Hearing Room; 3rd Level; 2032 Lloyd Center; Portland, Oregon.
April 12, 1995	Prehearing Conference/ BPA Initial Proposal available.
May 15, 1995 .	Parties file Direct Case.
June 8, 1995 ..	Litigants file Rebuttal testimony.
June 23, 1995	Cross Examination.
July 7, 1995 ...	Initial Briefs Filed.
July 31, 1995 .	BPA Final Record of Decision.

The schedule for extension of current rates assumes that the Administrator will waive any procedural rules relating to filing a Draft Record of Decision.

BPA also will be conducting public field hearings. A field hearing schedule will be announced at the Prehearing Conference. A notice of the dates, times, and locations of the field hearings will be made later through a Federal Register Notice, mailings, and public advertising.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments by participants must be received by June 16, 1995, to be considered in the Draft Record of Decision (ROD). Written comments should be submitted to the Manager, Corporate Communications—CK; Bonneville Power Administration; P.O. Box 12999; Portland, Oregon 97212.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Hansen, Public Involvement and Information Specialist, at the address listed immediately above, (503) 230-4328 or call toll-free 1-800-622-4519. Information also may be obtained from:

Mr. Steve Hickok; Group Vice President, Sales and Customer Service; P.O. Box 3621; Portland, OR 97232 (503-230-5356).

Mr. George Eskridge; Manager, SE Sales and Customer Service District; 1101 W. River, Suite 250; Boise, ID 83702 (208-334-9137).

Mr. Ken Hustad; Manager, NE Sales and Customer Service District; Crescent Court, Suite 500; 707 Main; Spokane, WA 99201 (509-353-2518).

Ms. Ruth Bennett; Manager, SW Sales and Customer Service District; 703 Broadway; Vancouver, WA 98660 (360-418-8600).

Ms. Marg Nelson; Manager, NW Sales and Customer Service District; 201 Queen Anne Ave. N., Suite 400; Seattle, WA 98109-1030 (206-216-4272).

**Responsible Official:** Mr. Geoff Moorman, Manager for Pricing, Marginal Cost and Ratemaking, is the official responsible for the development of BPA's rates. Mr. Dennis Metcalf, BPA Transmission Team Lead, is the official responsible for the development of BPA's transmission terms and conditions.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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I. Background

On February 13, 1995, BPA held a Prehearing Conference in its 1995

Wholesale Power Rates, Transmission Rates and Transmission Terms and Conditions Proceedings, presided over by Hearing Officers Keith Callow and Helen Edwards. At the time the Prehearing Conference was held, the Federal Register Notice announcing the Prehearing Conference had not yet been published in the Federal Register. Thus, some potential parties had not had adequate notice and opportunity to intervene, nor had parties had opportunity to file oppositions to interventions.

In addition, the noticed Prehearing Conference was intended for the Hearing Officers to set the schedule for the proceedings. At the Prehearing Conference, BPA tendered its proposed schedule, which is reprinted in this Federal Register Notice. The parties, however, believed that the schedule was inadequate. As a compromise, it was suggested that additional meetings, including an additional on-the-record Prehearing/Settlement Conference be scheduled to address both scheduling and intervention issues. The Hearing Officers endorsed this compromise, and the schedule for interventions and the March 15, 1995, Prehearing/Settlement Conference noted above is the result.

Prior to the February 13, 1995, Prehearing Conference, BPA prepared a Draft Service List for adoption by the Hearing Officers, based on interventions received by February 13. The Hearing Officers conditionally allowed interventions received by February 13, subject to objections by parties filed by March 9, 1995, as noted in the schedule above. Additional persons wishing to intervene may do so by filing a petition by March 6, 1995, with service to all parties on the Draft Service List, which may be obtained by contacting: Francis (Jamie) Troy, Hearing Clerk—LQ, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE. 11th Ave., P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212, (503) 230-4201.

In addition, the Hearing Officers adopted two procedural orders which also may be obtained from Mr. Troy, the first adopting Special Rules of Practice for the Proceedings and the second addressing Rules for Document Numbering.

To aid BPA in providing the notice required under the *ex parte* rules, the Hearing Officers have ruled that each party must provide BPA with either an internal E-mail address or a Fax number for service of notices. Additional parties planning to intervene should also provide either an internet E-mail address or Fax number for service of documents.

## II. Procedures Governing Rate Adjustments and Public Participation

Section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 839e(i), requires that BPA's rates be established according to certain procedures. These procedures include, among other things, issuance of a Federal Register Notice announcing the proposed rates; one or more hearings; the opportunity to submit written views, supporting information, questions, and arguments; and a decision by the Administrator based on the record. This proceeding will be governed by BPA's rules for general rate proceedings, § 1010.9 of BPA's Procedures, due to the importance and complexity of the issues involved. These Procedures implement the statutory section 7(i) requirements. Section 1010.7 of the Procedures prohibits *ex parte* communications.

BPA's Procedures distinguish between "participants in" and "parties to" the hearings. Apart from the formal hearing process, BPA will receive comments, views, opinions, and information from "participants," who are defined in the Procedures as any person who may express views, but who does not petition successfully to intervene as a party. Participants' written comments will be made part of the official record of the case and considered by the Administrator. The participant category gives the public the opportunity to participate and have its views considered without assuming the obligations incumbent upon "parties." Participants are not entitled to participate in the Prehearing Conference, cross-examine parties' witnesses, seek discovery, or serve or be served with documents, and are not subject to the same procedural requirements as parties.

Written comments by participants will be included in the record if they are received by June 16, 1995. This date is anticipated to follow the submission of BPA's and all other parties' direct cases. Written views, supporting information, questions, and arguments should be submitted to BPA's Manager of Corporate Communications, at the address listed in the Summary section of this Notice, above. In addition, BPA will hold several field hearings in the Pacific Northwest Region. Participants may appear at the field hearings and present oral testimony. The transcripts of these hearings will be a part of the record upon which the Administrator makes the rate decision.

The second category of interest is that of a "party" as defined in § 1010.2 and 1010.4 of BPA's Procedures. Parties may

participate in any aspect of the hearing process.

Persons wishing to become a formal "party" to BPA's rate proceeding must notify the Hearing Officer and BPA in writing of their request. Petitions to intervene shall state the name and address of the person and the person's interests in the outcome of the hearing. Petitioners may designate no more than two representatives upon whom service of documents will be made. BPA customers and customer groups whose rates are subject to revision in the hearing will be granted intervention based on a petition filed in conformance with this section. Other petitioners must explain their interests in sufficient detail to permit the Hearing Officer to determine whether they have a relevant interest in the hearing. Intervention Petitions will be available for inspection in BPA's Public Information Center; 1st Floor; 905 NE. 11th; Portland, Oregon. Any opposition to a Petition to Intervene must be filed with the Hearing Officer and served on all parties by March 9, 1995. All timely applications will be ruled on by the Hearing Officer. Late interventions are strongly disfavored and may not be accepted. Opposition to an untimely Petition to Intervene shall be filed and served within two days after service of the petition. Interventions are subject to § 1010.4 of BPA's Procedures.

Because of the complexity of the issues in this rate case, in part occasioned by continuing contract negotiations between BPA and its customers, as well as BPA's "reinvention" and Competitiveness Project, BPA anticipates that it will need to meet with customers and other interested third parties during the rate case on a very frequent, and possibly extended, basis. To comport with the rate case procedural rule prohibiting ex parte communications, BPA will provide necessary notice of meetings involving rate case issues for participation by all rate case parties. Parties should be aware, however, that such meetings may be held on very short notice and they should be prepared to devote the necessary resources to participate fully in every aspect of the rate proceeding. Consequently, parties should be prepared to attend meetings every day during the course of the rate case.

Issued in Portland, Oregon on February 24, 1995.

Randall W. Hardy,  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.  
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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP95-109-000]

### CNG Transmission Corp.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed TL-470, Extension 5 Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 27, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed by CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) for its TL-470, Extension 5 Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether or not to approve the project.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

CNG requests Commission authorization to construct and operate about 4.73 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline loop in Rotterdam Township, Schenectady County, New York.

The proposed loop would be constructed parallel and adjacent to CNG's existing facilities and would begin at a new gate station on CNG's system near Gregg Road and end at a new gate station near Burdeck Street.

CNG indicates that the proposed facility would enable it to deliver additional natural gas to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's distribution system serving the Albany, New York area.

The location of the project facility is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

CNG proposes to use a 75-foot-wide right-of-way for construction. Since CNG proposes to construct its pipeline near the edge of its existing, maintained right-of-way, only about 50 feet of additional right-of-way width would be cleared for construction. Following construction, 25 feet of the additional width would be restored and allowed to revert back to its former use. Therefore,

only about 25 feet of additional permanent right-of-way width would be required.

Additional working space would be required adjacent to the planned construction right-of-way at bored road crossings, the Delaware and Hudson Railroad crossing, stream and wetland crossings, and in agricultural areas where topsoil would be segregated.

An approximate 600-foot by 600-foot (8.3 acres) pipeyard would be used for the construction trailer and storage of pipe.

Four existing roads or farm lanes would be used as access roads.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are taken into account during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous waste
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and

<sup>1</sup> CNG's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.