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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3507 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:

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Program Application Document.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 3,428,000.

Burden Hours: 1,484,200.

*Abstract:* These forms are the means by which a borrower applies for/promise to repay a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan and a lender verifies an eligible loan to be consolidated.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Repayment Plan Selection.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individual or households.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 525,000.

Burden Hours: 173, 250.

*Abstract:* Borrowers in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Program will use

this form to choose a repayment plan for their loan(s).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Federal Energy Management and Planning Programs; Energy Savings Performance Contract Model Solicitations

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy gives notice of changes proposed for its energy savings performance contract model solicitations. The proposed approach will make it substantially simpler and easier for the Federal Government to procure and administer energy savings performance contracts. These changes provide the flexibility to purchase energy savings through guaranteed equipment performance or energy savings calculated through measured consumption data.

**DATES:** Comments should be received no later than January 26, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments are to be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Federal Energy Management Programs, EE-92, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20595-0121. Fax and e-mail comments will be accepted at (202) 586-3000 and tanya.sadler@hq.doe.gov, respectively.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tanya Sadler, EE-92, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Federal Energy Management Programs, EE-92, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7755.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 10, 1995 (60 FR 18326), the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) published its notice of final rulemaking for energy savings performance contracts required by section 801 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287). The preamble to the rule referenced model solicitations which provide uniform formats and standardized contract provisions recommended for Federal agency use in energy savings performance contracts. DOE uses these model solicitations in training workshops for agency technical and procurement professionals.

The Department's objective is to simplify the model solicitations. The

overall goal is to streamline the energy savings performance contracting process and implement these projects. In order to accomplish these objectives, DOE recommends that the Government buy energy savings through guaranteed equipment performance. The contractor will guarantee the performance of the installed equipment; however, Federal agencies will also have the option to verify actual energy savings in order to determine contractor performance as provided by Federal Measurement and Verification Protocols. DOE has been leading an effort in close cooperation with industry to develop a national consensus industry protocol to improve consistency, reliability, and performance of energy efficiency installations. These Protocols will be available through the Department's Federal Energy Management Program Help Desk at 1-800-566-2877 in January 1996.

The model solicitations will place a new emphasis on measuring equipment performance or actual energy savings. The proposed changes include:

**Baselines.** The initial baseline condition is the reference from which the contractor's performance will be verified throughout the life of the project. Adjustments for changes in usage (e.g., occupancy, weather, etc.) generally will not be made during the payback term, when equipment performance is guaranteed.

**Guaranteed Savings.** Guaranteed savings is redefined to mean: (1) Cost savings based on guaranteed performance of energy conservation equipment and stipulated factors (e.g., hours of operation); or (2) actual cost savings which equal the measured cost of operation (pre-energy conservation measure installation) minus the measured cost of operation (post-energy conservation measure installation with baseline adjustments as required).

**Payments.** Payments to the contractor will be based on the Government's acceptance of equipment installation and continuation of the guaranteed equipment performance as specified in the contract (e.g., contractor continued compliance with measurement and verification and operations and maintenance plans).

**Technical/Price Proposal Evaluation Criteria.** The technical proposal may be weighted substantially more than the price proposal. Five technical factors should generally be considered in evaluating technical proposals:

Past Performance  
Energy Conservation Measure  
Description and Savings  
Management Approach

Measurement and Verification Plan  
Operations and Maintenance

The proposed price will generally be evaluated for completeness, reasonableness, and realism.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Department's proposed changes to the energy savings performance contracting model solicitations. Written comments should be submitted to the address indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on this 20th day of December 1995.

Christine A. Ervin,

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

[Docket No. EF96-5091-000, et al.]

**Western Area Power Administration, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

December 15, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Western Area Power Administration

[Docket No. EF96-5091-000]

Take notice that on November 2, 1995, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, by Rate Order No. WAPA-70, did confirm and approve on an interim basis, to be effective on November 1, 1995, the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) Rate Schedule BCP-F5 for firm power service from the Boulder Canyon Project.

The rate methodology in Rate Schedule BCP-F5 will be in effect pending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval on a final basis, ending September 30, 2000, or until superseded.

The Power Repayment Spreadsheet Study indicated that the existing rate methodology results in collecting revenues in excess of that allowed by law through the Rate Year. The proposed rate schedule will yield appropriate revenues.

Upon completion of the Uprating Credit Procedures and receipt of revised Uprating Credit Schedules, the FY 1996 Energy Dollar and Capacity Dollar will be adjusted by the difference between the originally projected Annual Uprating Credit Payments and the revised Annual Uprating Credit Payments and spread over the

remaining months of FY 1996 so the BCP Contractors will not pay more than the FY 1996 Annual Revenue Requirement.

The Administrator of Western certifies that the rate methodology is consistent with applicable law and provide the lowest possible rate consistent with sound business principles. The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy states that the rate schedule is submitted for confirmation and approval on a final basis for a period of November 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2000, pursuant to authority vested in FERC by Delegation Order No. 0204-108, as amended.

*Comment date:* January 2, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. NRGenerating Holdings (No. 4) B.V.

[Docket No. EG96-23-000]

On December 8, 1995, NRGenerating Holdings (No. 4) B.V. ("Applicant"), with its principal office at c/o NRG Energy, Inc., Level 50, Rialto South Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Applicant states that it holds an interest in a joint venture partnership organized under the laws of Australia, formed to acquire, own and operate an 1,450 megawatt brown coal-fired electric generating facility and adjacent brown coal open cut mine located in Victoria, Australia (the "Facility"). Electric energy produced by the Facility will be sold at wholesale to the Victoria Power Exchange. In no event will any electric energy be sold to consumers in the United States.

*Comment date:* January 2, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. The Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District v. Tucson Electric Power Company

[Docket No. EL96-22-000]

Take notice that on December 1, 1995, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (Salt River) filed a complaint under Sections 205, 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 824d & 824e, against Tucson Electric Power Company (Tucson Electric). The complaint alleges that Tucson Electric overcharged Salt River for wholesale power.

Specifically, the complaint alleges that Tucson Electric improperly included fixed, capital lease costs for coal handling facilities, which were incurred by its corporate affiliate, in Tucson Electric's fuel account. The complaint also alleges that Tucson Electric improperly included financing costs, property taxes, management fees and costs identified only as "other" in its fuel account. According to the complaint, Tucson Electric unlawfully passed these affiliate costs through to Salt River in a formula energy rate designed to track fluctuations in the price of fuel and purchased power. To remedy the alleged overcharges, the complaint seeks approximately \$3.9 million in refunds, plus interest.

*Comment date:* January 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. Answers to the complaint shall be due on or before January 16, 1996.

4. Western Systems Power Pool

[Docket No. ER91-195-022]

Take notice that on November 9, 1995, Western Systems Power Pool filed an amendment to their informational filing of October 30, 1995 in Docket No. ER91-195-000. Copies of Western Systems Power Pool's amendment are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

5. NorAm Energy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER94-1247-006]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, NorAm Energy Services, Inc. filed an amendment to their informational filing of October 20, 1995 in Docket No. ER94-1247-000. Copies of NorAm Energy Service's amendment are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

6. Calpine Power Marketing, Inc., Proven Alternatives, Inc., Gateway Energy, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER94-1545-003], ER95-473-002, ER95-1049-001 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that the following informational filings have been made with the Commission and are on file and available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room:

On December 5, 1995, Calpine Power Marketing, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's March 9, 1995, order in Docket No. ER94-1545-000.

On December 4, 1995, Proven Alternatives, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's March 29, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-473-000.