

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 Acting 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: November 27, 1996.

Linda C. Tague,

Acting Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Recordkeeping Requirements for Institutions Participating in Student Financial Assistance Programs Authorized by Title IV, HEA.

*Frequency:* Recordkeeping.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 93,969.

Burden Hours: 753,003.

*Abstract:* The proposed rules require institutions to maintain records documenting their participation in student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Title IV, HEA Program). Regulations also include requirements for audits and repayments.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Due Diligence by Guaranty Agencies and Lenders.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 5,829.

Burden Hours: 3,398.31.

*Abstract:* The due diligence regulations assure that guaranty agencies and lenders pursue collection activities vigorously on delinquent and

defaulted loans in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart K— Cash Management/Easy Access for Students and Institutions (EASI) Package.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 14,529,654.

Burden Hours: 1,218,717.8.

*Abstract:* These regulations revise the existing provisions of the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations regarding cash management. Information collection under these regulations relates to cash management requirements and practices for institutions participating in the Title IV, Higher Education Act programs.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Guaranty Agency Cost Allocation Plan.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 25.

Burden Hours: 2,500.

*Abstract:* A guaranty agency is a state or private non-profit entity that performs certain administrative role in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program. Their reserve funds contain federal money. Some agencies are involved in separately funded non-FFEL guaranty activities. If such an agency uses personnel and resources to perform both its FFEL and other activities, it must develop and comply with a plan for allocating costs to ensure that federal funds are not used to subsidize the agency's non-FFEL guaranty activities. The agency will be required to submit its cost allocation to the Secretary upon request.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-144-000]

#### American Hunter Energy Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 27, 1996.

American Hunter Energy Inc. (American Hunter) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which American

Hunter will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. American Hunter also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, American Hunter requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by American Hunter.

On November 13, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by American Hunter 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 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, American Hunter is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves that right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of American Hunter's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 13, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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#### Burlington Resources Trading Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 29, 1996.

Burlington Resources Trading Inc. (Burlington Resources) submitted for