

will meet in closed session on August 26–28, 1997 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will address the threat to U.S. interests posed by the growth of underground facilities in unfriendly nations. The Task Force should investigate technologies and techniques to meet the international security and military strategy challenges posed by these facilities.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 7, 1997.

**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 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708–8196.

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 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 Director of the Information Resources Management 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: July 1, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

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### Office of Postsecondary Education

**Title:** Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart E (Verification of Student Aid Application Information).

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 2,099,000.

Burden Hours: 365,833.

**Abstract:** Verification of Application Information for Title IV Student Financial Assistance Programs. Applicants, and in some cases, the applicant's parents must provide

documentation to support data listed on the Application for assistance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97–601–000]

### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment

July 1, 1997.

Take notice that on June 23, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP97–601–000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon a total of fourteen compressor units and stations, with appurtenances, located in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the compressor units and stations proposed to be abandoned in the instant application, identified in Exhibit T, are not being utilized due to changes in operating conditions which have eliminated the need for these facilities. Northern asserts that the abandonment of these facilities will not result in the abandonment of service to any of Northern's existing shippers, nor will the proposed abandonment adversely affect capacity since the compression is no longer needed to meet current firm service obligations.

Northern proposes to abandon these units and stations in-place. However, Northern indicates that it may utilize the units or parts from these units in the future at other locations on its system as the need may arise or they might be salvaged. At the time these units are utilized, Northern says it will seek any required Commission authority in order to install and operate these compressor facilities at a new location.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 22, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 and 385.211) and the