

for the submission of waiver requests under sections 14401 and 1113(a)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), section 311(a) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and section 502 of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994.

Deadlines: Requests for waivers that would be implemented in the semester immediately following January 1, 1998 must be submitted no later than October 1, 1997.

Requests for waivers that would be implemented in the beginning of the 1998-99 school year must be submitted no later than April 1, 1998.

These deadlines apply only to waivers that would directly affect school-level activities. For example, the deadlines would apply to requests for waivers of the Title I targeting provisions or of the minimum poverty threshold required for implementation of a schoolwide program. However, the deadlines would not apply to waivers of requirements relating to the consolidation of administrative funds.

Waiver applicants are encouraged to submit their requests as early as possible and not wait until the deadlines to seek waivers. The requests will be reviewed upon receipt.

For purposes of this notice, the submission date is the date that the waiver request is received by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) in substantially approvable form. A waiver request is considered to be in substantially approvable form when it has adequately addressed the applicable statutory criteria governing waivers.

During the period a waiver request is under review by the Department, a waiver applicant must continue to comply with the requirement that is the subject of the waiver request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Doherty at the Department's Waiver Assistance Line, (202) 401-7801. Copies of the Department's updated waiver guidance, which provide examples of waivers and describe how to apply for a waiver, are available at this number. The guidance, along with other information on flexibility, is also available at the Department's World Wide Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/flexibility>.

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.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

Marshall S. Smith,

Acting Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Closed Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Design and Methodology Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: September 23, 1997.

TIME: 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. (closed).

LOCATION: Washington Court Hotel of Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On September 23, 1997 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. the Design and Methodology Committee will convene in a closed meeting to review preliminary cost estimates for NAEP, and to discuss the implications of these estimates for the NAEP redesign. Also, the Committee will review and comment on the draft request for proposal, (RFP) for the next NAEP competition. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial affect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to

significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Sections 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Summaries of these activities and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG97-76-000]

Zond Systems, Inc.; Notice of Amendment to Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

August 26, 1997.

On August 25, 1997, Zond Systems, Inc., 13000 Jameson Road, Tehachapi, California 93561, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an amendment to its application, previously filed June 27, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application. All such motions or comments should be filed on or before September 8, 1997 and must be served on applicant. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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