

invited to submit comments on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review 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, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: America Reads Pilot Sites Letter, and Request for Information from America Reads Federal Work Study and President's Coalition Members.

Abstract: Improving the teaching and learning of reading is one of the Department of Education's seven priorities. This summer, the Department will sponsor America Reads pilot sites to offer extended learning time opportunities for children to practice and further develop their reading skills. The letter to literacy leaders will assist the Department in developing and planning quality summer pilot sites. It will be sent to at least one literacy coalition in every state with priority given to those sites in E.Z.s and E.C.s, as well as those communities that have signed on to the proposed Voluntary National Test. The voluntary request for information from the America Reads Federal Work Study programs and the President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge members will be posted on the web to allow pilot sites to be able to utilize their resources.

Additional Information: In order to enable America Reads pilot sites to be prepared for their summer reading programs and take full advantage of the Department of Education's assistance and the experience of other America Reads Challenge participants, this information must be collected and posted on the world wide web as soon as possible. Therefore, ED is requesting approval by January 13, 1998.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,063.

Burden Hours: 64.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Public Hearings on a Comprehensive National Energy Strategy

AGENCY: Office of Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy is announcing a series of public hearings to solicit input from state and local officials, utility representatives, industry representatives, public interest groups and other interested parties in the development of a statutorily required national energy policy plan, hereinafter referred to as the "Comprehensive National Energy Strategy" or "Strategy". The Department also invites interested parties to submit written comments for use in developing the Strategy.

Dates and Locations:

Houston, Texas. February 12, 1998. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Venue TBD)

Davis, California. February 13, 1998. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Venue TBD)

Detroit, Michigan. February 17, 1998.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Venue TBD)

Washington, D.C. February 19, 1998.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Venue TBD)

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Policy and International Affairs, (PO-4), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, ATTN: CNES-Hearings. Written comments and input are encouraged via the INTERNET at <http://www.eren.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the public hearings, participation or written submissions, please visit the website at <http://www.eren.doe.gov> or send fax inquiries to CNES-HEARINGS at 202-586-4025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 801 of the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 requires the President to submit a National Energy Policy Plan to Congress. The President plans to submit a National Energy Policy Plan to Congress in 1998. Section 801 also states that the President shall

“seek the active participation by regional, State, and local agencies and instrumentalities and the private sector through public hearings in cities and rural communities and other appropriate means to insure that the views and proposals of all segments of the economy are taken into account in the formulation and review of such proposed Plan.”

The hearings are expected to facilitate public input on a broad range of energy issues with major regional, national and international impacts including:

- Reducing vulnerability of the U.S. economy to disruptions in energy supplies;
- Producing and using energy in efficient and environmentally responsible ways, including strategies for meeting U.S. greenhouse gas emission reductions proposed in December 1997 at Kyoto, Japan;
- Promoting international cooperation in energy use and supply to further U.S. economic, environmental, and security goals; and
- Maintaining a diverse set of energy options, particularly for the longer-term, to ensure adequate, clean energy at reasonable costs.

Participants wishing to speak at the hearings must register on-site. The speaker registry will open one-half hour before each hearing and will close one-half hour after the hearing begins. In addition, a website has been identified both to accept comments and to distribute information on the Strategy as it is developed.

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Robert W. Gee,

Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Policy

Proposed Subsequent Arrangementment

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangementment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed “subsequent arrangementment” under the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of

the United States of America and the Government of Switzerland Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy as amended and the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy Between the Government of the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM).

The subsequent arrangementment to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following: RTD/EU(SD)-1 for the retransfer of irradiated graphite, fuel spheres, composed of 32,570.88 grams of enriched uranium, containing 5,459.10 grams of the isotope U-235 (enriched to 16.76 percent) from Switzerland to Germany. The fuel has been irradiated in research experiments at the PROTEUS critical experiment facility in Switzerland and will be returned to Forschungszentrum, Julich, Germany for storage. The material was transferred from Germany to Switzerland in 1990, under RTD/SD(EU)-59.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangementment will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangementment will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

For the Department of Energy.

Cherie P. Fitzgerald,

Director, International Policy and Analysis Division Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2612]

Central Maine Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 9, 1998.

On December 28, 1995, Central Maine Power Company, licensee for the Flagstaff Project No. 2612, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2612

is located on the Dead River in Franklin and Somerset Counties, Maine.

The license for Project No. 2612 was issued for a period ending December 31, 1997. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), require's the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administration Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2612 is issued to Central Maine Power Company for a period effective January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before January 1, 1999, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless then Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Central Maine Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Flagstaff Project No. 2612 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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