Section 4021 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 Conference Report. The Medicare Commission is charged with holding public meetings and publicizing the date, time, and location in the Federal Register.


Tentative Agenda:

- Members of the Commission to hear from witnesses testifying before the Commission referred to as the “Call for Solutions.”

Wednesday, September 9, 1998

Tentative date for meeting

If you have any questions, please contact the Bipartisan Medicare Commission, ph: 202–252–3380.

Authorized for publication in the Federal Register by Julie Hasler, Office Manager, National Bipartisan Medicare Commission.

I hereby authorize publication of the Medicare Commission meetings in the Federal Register.

Julie Hasler,
Office Manager, National Bipartisan Medicare Commission.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

SEND COMMENTS TO: F. Neville Withington, Acting Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 245, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to fwithing@nsf.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

For further information contact:
Ms. Withington on (703) 306–1126 x2004 or send email to fwithing@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Withington.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The 1998 Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities at Colleges and Universities conducted by NSF collected data on the status of academic science and engineering (S&E) research facilities. The proposed follow-up survey will collect additional information to supplement the original survey data, increasing its usefulness to Federal agencies, policymakers and higher education administrators. Total project construction costs which exceed $25 million per project will be reported and particular space designation measurements (gross square feet and net assignable square feet) of the building will be identified. Additional questions regarding special features or conditions which might contribute to prices beyond standard expectations are also included in the questionnaire.

Use of Information: The availability of these data will allow universities to prepare a comparison of their costs for construction with the data collected in the initial NSF Facilities survey. The follow-up study, by focusing on costs segmented by project, requiring exact space designations, and taking into account any specialized project features, thereby improving the precision of analysis of large research facility costs, will allow Federal policymakers, planners, and budget analysts, as well as academic officials and state agencies, to make more exact and, as a result, more valid judgments concerning the reasonableness of facility costs.

Burden on the Public: We estimate a total of 75 colleges and universities will be screened for the survey, and expect approximately one-half of these to be eligible for the follow-up study.

Approximately one hour will be required for each qualifying institution to respond, for a total of 38 hours of annual burden.


F. Neville Withington,
Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Privacy Act of 1974: Revisions to System of Records: New and Revised Systems

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the National Science Foundation (NSF) is providing notice of revisions to one existing system and the planned creation of one new system. The revisions to the current system NSF–66 “NSF Photo Identification System” are being made to include new routine uses and to more accurately reflect the records contained therein. The revised system is reprinted in its entirety. The new system, NSF–70 “NSF Visitor Credentials System,” covers information used to track visitors to the NSF. These systems are necessary for NSF’s building access and security programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 552a(e)(4) and (11) of Title 5 of the U.S. Code require that the public have thirty days to comment on the routine uses of systems of records. The new routine uses that are the subject of this notice will take effect on September 21, 1998, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public.

COMMENTS: Written comments should be submitted to Leslie Crawford, NSF Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Office of the General Counsel, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, VA 22230.


Leslie Crawford,
Privacy Act Officer.

NSF–66

SYSTEM NAME:

NSF Photo Identification Card System.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.
CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

1. The Department of Justice, to the extent disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected, and is relevant and necessary to litigation or anticipated litigation, in which one of the following is a party or has an interest: (a) NSF or any of its components; (b) an NSF employee in his/her official capacity; (c) an NSF employee in his/her individual capacity when the Department of Justice is representing or considering representing the employee; or (d) the United States, when NSF determines that litigation is likely to affect the Agency.

2. Contractors, experts, advisors, and other individuals who perform a service to or work on or under a contract or other arrangement with or for the Federal government, as necessary to carry out their duties.

3. Appropriate Federal, State, or local agencies responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, to disclose pertinent information when the NSF becomes aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation.

4. Representatives of the General Services Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration who are conducting records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

National Science Foundation, Division of Administrative Services, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

1. NSF Employees and NSF Contractors who work in the building and have a need for an ID pass.

2. Contractors, experts, advisors, and other individuals who perform a service to or work on or under a contract or other arrangement with or for the Federal government, as necessary to carry out their duties.

3. Appropriate Federal, State, or local agencies responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, to disclose pertinent information when the

SYSTEM NAME:

NSF Visitor Credentials System.
 partially denied a request by Illinois Power Company (the licensee) to amend Facility Operating License NPF–62 issued to the licensee for operation of the Clinton Power Station, Unit 1, located in DeWitt County, Illinois. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of the amendment was published in the Federal Register on December 20, 1995 (60 FR 65681).

The purpose of the licensee’s amendment request was to revise Technical Specification (TS) 5.2.2.e, “Unit Staff,” by revising the requirements for controls on the working hours of unit staff who perform safety related functions and by removing the requirement for monthly review of individual overtime.

The proposed changes were denied in part. The licensee’s request to remove the monthly review of individual overtime requirement was denied because this removal would result in working hours controls that would not be sufficient to assure that adequate shift coverage is maintained without routine heavy use of overtime.

The NRC staff has concluded that part of the licensee’s request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission’s partial denial of the proposed change by letter dated August 13, 1998.

By September 21, 1998, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the partial denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene. A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission’s Public Document Room, the Gelman Center, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Leah Manning Stetzner, Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, IL 62525, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 27, 1995, and (2) the Commission’s letter to the licensee dated August 13, 1998. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission’s Public Document Room and at the local public document room located at the

Vespasian Warner Public Library, 120 West Johnson Street, Clinton, IL 61727.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 13th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jon B. Hopkins,
Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate III–3, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations;
Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Fees and Charges

August 14, 1998.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), notice is hereby given that on July 22, 1998 Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (“EMCC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by EMCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change establishes a fee for EMCC’s warrants processing service.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, EMCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. EMCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.2

2 The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by EMCC.